



The Escape Community Spring-Summer Newsletter

May 2026



HELLO, SUNSHINE SEASON!

It's time to soak up the warm weather and new growth that Spring offers our neighborhood, plus all the splashing, exploring, and joy that Summer has in store.

POOL TIME

Pool Bracelets are ready and available to pick up at the office.
*You must have a zero balance on your account to obtain bracelets

Pool Hours

Marina 11am-8pm daily
Southerton 11am 8pm daily starting June 11th, weather permitting.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

2026 Stickers:

All vehicles, Golf Carts, ATV's, Jet Ski's, Boats, etc should have 2026 stickers

Speed Limit

With the warm weather approaching, kids will be home from school. Please be mindful of the speed limit and make sure to inform any contractors, delivery services and guests of the 15mph speed limit throughout the Escape.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the dates! Exciting activities are coming up for all ages!

July 4th Golf Cart Parade 10am.
Golf carts participating in the parade, line up at 9:30 at the Marina.
Decorate those patriotic golf carts! 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners!

July 4th Community Picnic 11-4 at the Marina. Come out to this fun event and celebrate America's 250th anniversary of independence. Great Music, games, food and so much more!

August 15th-Super bingo with DJ Matt 7pm at the marina. doors open at 6:30.

October 10th-Spaghetti Dinner

*Stay tuned for more events added

Manager's Message:



The nice weather is finally here, and we are excited to kick off the summer season!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kennish, winners of the 2026 Dues Raffle. We hold monthly raffles, so please check the website and Facebook page to see what's coming up next. All proceeds go back into recreation.

A reminder to all homeowners: EPOA stickers must be displayed on your vehicles, and all guests must have a yellow guest tag. Homeowners with dock slips or jet ski spots must have the proper stickers before placing them in the slips. All golf carts and ATVs must also have an EPOA sticker and a flag. Flags are available for \$15 at the office if needed. Numerous citations have been issued, so please make sure you are in compliance.

The speed limit in the community is 15 mph. Homeowners are responsible for the conduct of their renters, guests, and contractors.

This fall, there will be four open seats on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving, please let us know.

Please check your culverts to make sure they are clear of leaves and debris. If they are clogged, it is your responsibility to clean them. Also, please inspect your property for tall grass, dead trees, and general untidiness. This includes vacant lots, which must also be maintained.

We have new cameras installed at both entrances and throughout all common areas. Littering has become a concern at the basketball courts and playground area. Trash cans are provided, so please use them. Please note that littering carries a \$300 fine.

The Marina Pool is now open for the season, and the Southerton Pool will be open full time beginning June 11. Pool hours are 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., weather permitting.

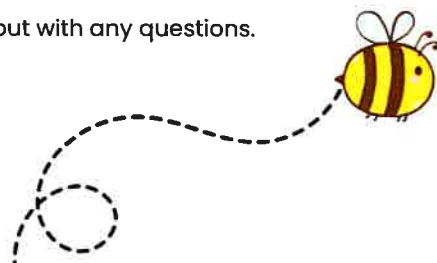
We are especially excited for this year's community picnic. We'll honor the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, originally signed on July 4, 1776. Please join us on July 4 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the marina for a fun-filled afternoon with our favorite DJ, Matt from Soundscape, along with food, music, games, and more. You won't want to miss it! We will have the Golf Cart parade at 10 am. Carts participating, line up at 9:30 at the Marina.

We also have Super Bingo and a spaghetti dinner planned. Please check the website and Facebook page for additional events and updates.:3

We would love to offer even more community events, and to do that, we need your help. We are looking for volunteers to join the recreation committee and assist with planning and event support. Our current volunteers do a wonderful job, but they are spread thin. If you are interested in helping, please reach out with any questions.

Thank you, and let's have a great summer!

Ann Marie Miller
Property Manager





ESCAPE NEWS

Notary:

Celeste is back and she's working on getting her notary credentials again. We will keep you posted on when this will be available.

EMAILS:

we have new office email addresses:

Property Manager: Annmarie@theescapepoa.com

Administrator: Melissa@theescapepoa.com

Collections: Celeste@theescapepoa.com

Payment portal:

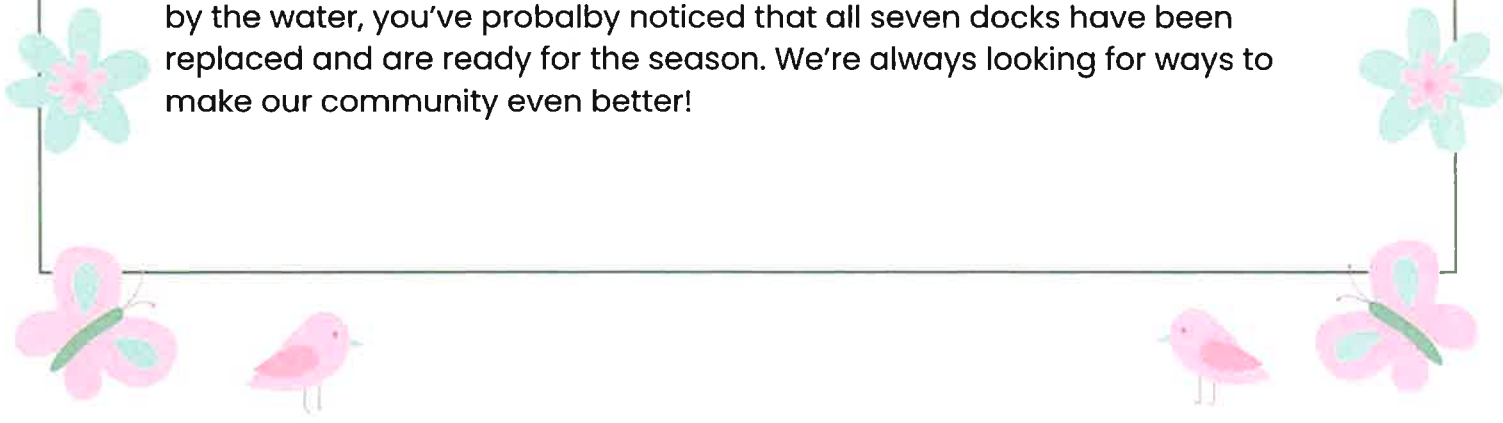
If you'd prefer to make your dues payments online the site to do that is:
<https://engage.goenumerate.com>

Lake Drawdown (boaters)

2026 is the scheduled year for the 5 year drawdown for Lake Wallenpaupack. The lake is lowered an extra 5 feet in elevation for FERC-mandated testing and maintenance at the dam. They will lower a foot each week starting the week of 9/8/26 and ending the week of 10/4/26, weather permitting. *Because of this drawdown, All boats will have to be out of the docks by 9/15/26.*

Community Improvements Underway!

This summer we'll be installing new blue street signs that are much easier to see and read. We've also upgraded the playground. If you've been down by the water, you've probably noticed that all seven docks have been replaced and are ready for the season. We're always looking for ways to make our community even better!



Waste Treatment Plan Update



Nine years ago, the EPOA initiated efforts to replace the community's aging waste treatment plant, which has been in operation since 1972. Recognizing that the project would impose a substantial financial burden on the community, the EPOA pursued external funding sources. At the outset, the project was estimated to cost approximately \$2 million, a sum the Escape could not sustain independently. Because the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development program supports initiatives of this nature, the EPOA entered into discussions with the USDA and received approval in 2023. Since that time, however, the estimated cost of the new plant has increased to more than \$5 million. Following nine years of planning and coordination with various state environmental agencies, the Escape has now secured the permits and approvals necessary to begin construction. As the plant is located in Palmyra Township, the project must also comply with township zoning and construction requirements. The EPOA has submitted Land Development and Conditional Use applications, both of which are scheduled to appear on the township planning commission agenda on June 22nd.



Notes from your Treasurer

The EPOA concluded 2025 with a modest surplus that carried over to 2026. Besides the day-to-day operational administrative and maintenance elements, the Marina pool received significant improvement. Underground damaged plumbing was replaced, the existing rubberized surface was removed, and a new concrete surface was installed.

Both Walnut and Oak wells received upgraded controls and monitoring systems, and the administrative building (roundhouse) received new siding, windows and doors. The new facade has a significantly improved exterior appearance.

Also, in 2025 the community approved an increase in monthly maintenance fees to ensure the Escape has sufficient funding to maintain the communities' assets and infrastructure and fund personnel related expenses. This also allowed for an increase to the Escape's Capital Improvement fund for future repairs or modifications.

Notes from Recreation



It's beginning to look like Summer at the lake. The recreation committee has begun planning activities. Of course there will be an old favorite, the annual July 4th parade and the community picnic, which will be held on July 4th. Come join us and celebrate the 250th birthday of America. The big event this year will be the Super Cash Bingo on August 15th at 7:00 pm. This is a fun-filled, prize-winning night. Every month there is a raffle. Tickets are available at the office. Stop in the office to see what great prizes you can win. As "Lake Time" will be starting please continue to check at the office for fliers of upcoming events. If you are interested in Joining the Recreation Committee, or would like to VOLUNTEER to help with activities or have ideas or suggestions about activities you would like to have in the Escape please contact me at joannedibiasi@gmail.com

Have a safe and happy summer!

Get Your Escape Gear !

Show your community spirit with Escape apparel!
Sweatshirts and T-shirts are available for purchase. Whether you are looking for something cozy for cool evenings or a comfortable T-shirt for summer, we've got you covered.

Stop by the office for an order form or email
Melissa at melissa@theescapepoa.com

Thank you to the
Shuler family for
sharing this
amazing picture
of their beautiful
girls sporting their
very own
Escape apparel.



Easy, kid friendly summer recipes

RAINBOW YOGURT PARFAITS (MAKES 4)

- A variety of chopped mixed color fruit. Strawberries, Blueberries, Mandarin Oranges, Purple Grapes, Kiwi, etc...
- 2 C Greek Yogurt
- 1 Tbsp Honey or Maple Syrup
- 1 Tsp Vanilla Extract (optional)

Mix Yogurt, Honey or Maple Syrup and Vanilla together. Layer 2-3 Tbsp Yogurt mixture alternating with fruit. Refrigerate until ready to eat.



PIZZA BAGELS

- 2 Bagels, split
- Marinara sauce
- Mozzarella Cheese
- Toppings of choice



Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Spread each side of the bagels with marinara sauce, then top with cheese and toppings. Bake 8-10 minutes, until cheese is melted.

POPCORN CHICKEN

- 1/2 C. Buttermilk
- 1 Lg. Egg
- 1 Tbsp Hot Sauce
- 1 Tsp Kosher Salt
- 3 Boneless Chicken breast, cut in 1/2" pieces



- 1 3/4 C. Flour
- 3/4 C. Cornstarch
- 2 Tbsp Seasoned Salt
- 1 Tsp Mustard
- 1 Tsp Black Pepper
- Veg Oil for frying

Combine buttermilk, egg, hot sauce & kosher salt. Add the chicken and coat all pieces in the mixture. In a large ziploc bag combine flour, cornstarch, seasoned salt, mustard powder and pepper. In a large pot add oil until it's about 1 1/2 in deep. Heat oil over medium heat until a thermometer reaches 400*. Add 1/2 of the chicken pieces to the bag of flour mixture and shake until it's coated. Spread and separate them on a baking sheet. Repeat with the remaining chicken pieces. Fry 8-10 pieces at a time for about 3-4 minutes, until golden brown and cooked through. Place on a towel lined plate.

SMORES BARS

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 (14.4 oz) box Graham Crackers
- 1 C. Salted butter, melted
- 1/4 C. packed Light brown sugar
- 2 C. Milk Chocolate chips
- 1 (14oz) can Sweetened condensed milk
- 1 (10oz) bag mini marshmallows



Preheat oven to 325*. Line a 13x9" pan with foil, coat with nonstick spray. In a food processor, pulse the graham crackers until finely ground. Remove 1/4 C crumbs for topping. Add butter to the remaining crumbs and pulse until combined. Press mixture into the pan, packing tightly. Bake 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for 30 minutes. In a medium heatproof bowl, combine condensed milk with chocolate. Heat, stirring constantly until melted. Pour over crust. Immediately scatter marshmallows over the chocolate. Heat the oven to broil. Place the pan in the oven and heat 1-2 minutes or until marshmallows are toasted. Sprinkle with remaining graham cracker crumbs. Place in freezer 20 minutes to set.