



# Sunrise Lake POA Newsletter

## Winter 2019



### President’s Message

**By: Wendy Westock, SLPOA Board President**

Welcome to 2019

Thank you to the many residents who took the time to contact me and other members of the Board with their ideas, thoughts and suggestions about the future focus of Sunrise Lake. If you have a chance please stop in the office to read the suggestion boards and feel free to add to them. As we move into the next year, these ideas will help to shape our discussions.

In 2018 Sunrise Lake had home sales of 70 properties and 5 lots were sold. Greetings to all our new neighbors! The annual budget process begins this month. There will be a **Board Meeting Wednesday, February 13** at which time I will give a preliminary report on the Board discussions. The **Budget Membership meeting** is scheduled for **Saturday, April 6** and the proposed budget will be presented at that time. This year all Board and Membership meetings will take place at the Sunrise Office. Over the past few years the attendance at these meetings has not necessitated the rental of the Parish Hall at St. Vincent’s Church so this year we are “staying home.” It would be a good problem if we needed more space than our own meeting room allows.

Sunrise is very fortunate to have highly qualified and dedicated office and maintenance staff. Working with them on a nearly daily basis has given me the chance to experience firsthand their depth of knowledge, experience and commitment to Sunrise. Thank you to Brittany, Christine, John and Cornell.

In the past few months some changes have been implemented in our security procedures in an effort to stabilize the personnel. Our present guards, Kim and Baylee, are assigned exclusively to Sunrise thus giving them and us security officers who have developed a familiarity with the specific needs of our community.

The Events Committee continues its work to offer community events nearly every month. I hope you take the time to read about these fun activities in this newsletter. The Committee, under the direction of Mike DePeri and Nicole Hammer, can always use more volunteers. I have heard discussions of upcoming events such as a possible Easter Egg Hunt, Snowman contest (kinda on hold with our weather now), Family sports day and more pool parties. If you are interested in helping please come to a meeting or call the office to volunteer. The Newsletter/Communications Committee lead by Gloria Nolan, Newsletter Editor, meets monthly. They produce our fantastic quarterly newsletters. This committee is also open to volunteers. I hope to establish other committees this year in order to give residents more opportunities to support our community. Meeting dates for all committees will be posted on the website calendar, on our Facebook page and sent out via email blast.

That reminds me, Please, Please, Please make sure your email address(es) are on file with the office for our email blast lists. This is the best way to keep up with what is going on in Sunrise. These blasts are used not only for community events but to communicate information in emergency situations. The black and white signs at the entrances and mailboxes are kept as current as possible but during the winter the need to keep the roads clear for plowing makes it difficult to have them out.

Letters are being sent to those residents who must have their septic systems inspected/pumped in 2019. The deadline to complete the job is October 31, 2019 in order to avoid a fine.

Looking forward to all we will accomplish in the New Year.

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## Committee Updates

### Communications

**Newsletter:** We hope you enjoy this Winter newsletter. Our goal is to provide a newsletter to the community 4 times a year. If you have a newsletter article idea, please contact the SLPOA office.

**Message boards:** There are message boards at the mail boxes to keep the community aware of upcoming events and committee meetings.

**E-mail blasts:** Please be sure the SLPOA office has your e-mail address to receive notice of community activities.

**SLPOA Facebook page:** The Sunrise Lake POA Facebook page is periodically updated to keep the community aware of important information

**SLPOA web-site:** Please make sure you visit the SLPOA web-site for important information.

The upcoming Communication committee meetings will focus on planning for the Spring edition of the newsletter and communications for Winter/Spring events.

The Communications committee meets monthly at the SLPOA office. The next meeting is January 23rd, 7:00PM. All are welcome or send us your story ideas!

### Events

**3rd Annual Trunk O' Treat:** The 2018 Trunk O' Treat was held on November 3, 2018. Due to the rain, it was moved to the SLPOA office area. Although delayed due to the weather, we hope all attending had a great time. It was nice to see so many enjoying the treats, food and festivities. Please see pages 3 and 4 for additional information and photos

**Tree Lighting Ceremony:** The 2018 Tree Lighting ceremony was held December 8, 2018. Santa paid a visit, while residents enjoyed caroling, Christmas music and refreshments. Thank you all for attending this event. Please see page 7 and 8 for photos.

**Holiday House Decorating Contest:** This year we had 9 participants. Although the judging was very difficult this year, you can view the winning photos on pages 10 and 11.

**Children's Holiday Coloring Contest:** This was a new event this year. You can view the winning art work on page 9.

**Upcoming events:** The upcoming Events committee meetings will focus on adding new events for the Winter/Spring.

The Events committee meets monthly at the SLPOA office. The next meeting is January 23rd, 7PM. If you are interested in helping the committee and/or have an event idea, please join us.

### Lake

The Lake committee does not meet during the winter but will be back in the spring.

**Important Lake Reminders:**

- Fishing licenses are required.
- SLPOA lakes are for SLPOA community members only.



### Rules and Regulations

Currently the Rules and Regulations committee does not have any scheduled meetings. The next meeting is to-be-determined.

## Events



### 2018 Trunk O' Treat By: Michael DePeri

This years Trunk or Treat, on November 3rd, was a resounding success. It started out wet and we couldn't use the ball field, but things worked out just as well at front of the office.

There were about 35 cars with decorated trunks and about 80-85 costumed children. The cars were in a big circle around the field with all trunks open and decorated. There was also a large pumpkin patch with 170 pumpkins and an area for children to paint them. Inside the office there were cookies, cakes and drinks for all who participated.

To begin the activities, children marched around the cars to collect their candy. Then a second march was done so that judges can evaluate the costumes for awards. The judges also evaluated all of the car trunks to see who should receive an award. See page 4 for all of the winners.

This was the 3rd annual Trunk O' Treat and was just as successful as the first two.

A good time was had by all.

#### Event staff included:

- Mike DePeri
- Nicole Hammer
- Patty Johnson
- Carmine Lisanti
- Tony Nolosco

Patty, and her husband Paul, provided hamburgers and hotdogs for the crowd.

Thank you to Brittany Wilson and Linda and Mike Haggerty for the original idea.

## Upcoming events

### January

- Currently there are no events scheduled

### February

- February 13, 2019  
**Board Meeting**  
7:00 PM  
Sunrise Lake Office

### March

- Currently there are no events scheduled

### April

- April 6, 2019  
**Budget Membership Meeting**  
Sunrise Lake Office

### May

- **Pool Opening Party**  
Memorial Day Weekend  
Details to follow
- **Community Yard Sale**

### June

- **Raffle.** Details to follow.
- **Dumpster Day.** Details to follow
- **Fishing Derby.** Details to follow
- **Meet the Candidates.**  
Details to follow.

### July

- **Membership Election Meeting.**  
Details to follow.

### August

- Currently there are no events scheduled

### September

- **Pool Closing Party**  
Labor Day weekend.  
Details to follow

### October

- **4th Annual Trunk O' Treat**  
Details to follow

If you have an idea for a SLPOA Community Event, please contact the SLPOA or come to the Events committee meeting.



# 2018 TRUNK O' TREAT PHOTOS

Photos by: Nichol Hammer and Tony Nolosco



## 2018 Holiday Food Drive

The Holiday Food Drive is coordinated by the SLPOA office staff. This year, thanks to all of our generous community donations, we actually had to make a 2nd trip back to the pantry with additional donations. A special thank you to Jon Westock for making the pantry deliveries.



**Feeding the Community**



Jon Westock loading all of the pantry items.

Photo credit: Wendy Westock

## New Board of Directors Member



Please welcome Aly Wayne to the board. Aly has been a resident of Sunrise Lake since 2014. Aly is excited to serve our community and looks forward to helping Sunrise Lakes be the best place to live.

## 2018 Holiday Toy Drive



The Holiday toy drive is coordinated by the SLPOA office staff. All gifts go to the *Pike County Children & Youth Services* and are distributed to Sunrise Lake children first. As with the food drive, thanks again to the community's generosity, Children & Youth services actually had to come back for a second pick-up. The SLPOA holiday toy drive started many years ago by Steven Amendola and his partner Lou along with Brittany at the Sunrise Lake office.

"I came from very humble beginnings. Lots of Love but not much extra when it came to Christmas. As an adult and business owner in NY I started a fundraiser along with my 30 employees to make sure needy kids would wake up to gifts under the tree.

When Lou and I decided to purchase a weekend getaway house in the Poconos some 12 years ago he suggested that we start a toy drive there as well. So with a call to Brittany at the Sunrise Lake office we got the ball rolling. Brittany was a major help in getting this fundraiser off the ground. She also makes sure that anyone in the Sunrise Lake Community in need is taken care of first which is what we originally intended. I am now retired but do what I can to continue to see that this fundraiser is still a success! You can make a difference for some child on Christmas morning.

It warms my heart to see how generous people can be!"  
-Steven Amendola

Look at all these toys!

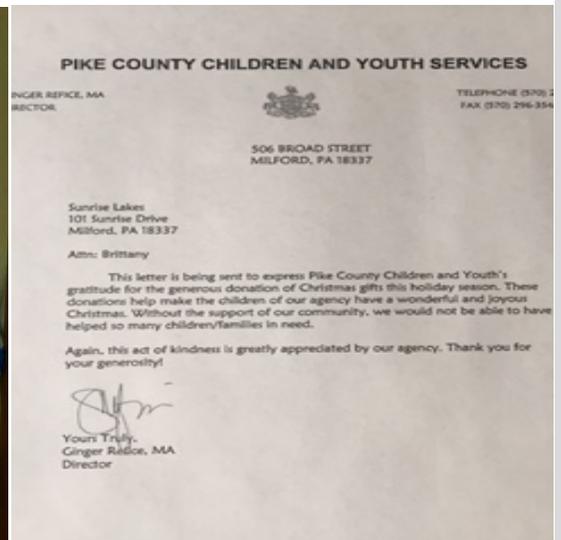


Photo by: Wendy Westock

## 2018 Tree Lighting Ceremony

The 2018 Tree lighting ceremony took place on Saturday, December 8th. The Events Committee ran this event.

Many residents came out for the festivities. This year was, by far, the most attended in all the years. Remember last year? We had over a foot of snow!

Many generous residents also took this opportunity to bring new, unwrapped toys for the 2018 Toy Drive (coordinated by the SLPOA office). Everyone enjoyed their hot choco-

late, cookies and treats while Christmas music filled the air and carols were beautifully sung in anticipation of the lighting of this year's Christmas tree.

All cheered as the Christmas tree was lit. The tree was bright and beautifully decorated.

We had a very special guest, Santa, who stopped by to visit and take photos with the chil-

dren and their families. A special thank you to jolly Rick Nolan for jingling his Santa bells and Mike Brummet for wardrobe.

The evening left everyone in the holiday spirit with vision of sugar plum fairies dancing in their heads.



# 2018 Tree Lighting Ceremony

Photo Credit: Tony Nolosco



## 2018 Sunrise Lake Children's Holiday Coloring Contest

This was a new event (ran by the Events Committee) this year. All children in the community were invited to participate. The judging ended the week of December 16th. We thank all of the children who participated and look forward to this becoming an annual event. Congratulations to this year's winners of a \$10 gift card:

- **Age 6 to 12: Madeline Struble**
- **Under age 5: Phillip Schaffer Jr.**



## 2018 Holiday House Decorating Contest

This year's holiday house decorating contest (ran by the Events Committee) ended with judging the week of December 16th. This year, we had 9 participants. We thank all of the residents for their hard work and hope all of your neighbors had the chance to ride around and see all of the fabulously decorated homes.

It was a tough decision this year for our 8 judges! A special note from the judges: While driving through the community, they observed many other beautifully decorated homes not registered for the contest. Everyone is encouraged to participate.



### Honorable mentions:

- 172 Wild Meadow Drive
- 103 Hawk View Court
- 115 Upper Spruce Court
- 158 Buck Run Drive
- 106 Slate Court
- 100 Washington Court



- 1st Place Winner of the \$25 Gift Card & Cookie Platter: 100 Fairview Rd.

## 2018 Holiday House Decorating Contest



- 2nd Place Winner of the \$20 Gift Card & Cookie Platter: 207 Spruce Lake Dr.



- 3rd Place Winner of the \$15 Gift Card & Cookie Platter: 206 Spruce Lake Dr.

## Gypsy Moths

By: Madeline Bednar

There's another hunting season open! Gypsy Moths! No limit! Winter is a great time to hunt for Gypsy Moth egg masses. You will find them about a couple feet up on the trunk of trees. If left unchecked, they can be devastating. I will never forget the invasion in the '70's. The egg masses will survive all winter with no problem. Do not simply scrape them off the tree on the ground or into the garbage. They will hatch in the spring.

- Save a tin can - vegetable can or even an old plastic bowl (maybe take out?). Any waterproof container.
- Scrape them into the container,
- Add water and at least 2 tablespoons of liquid soap. Any liquid soap will do - hand soap, dish liquid, laundry detergent, etc.
- Mix well.
- Let stand for at least a week.
- Stir once a day.
- Then you can throw it out. The eggs will no longer be viable.

You can hunt all winter and even into the Spring before they hatch. They are most likely found on oak trees (their favorite food, so when the eggs hatch they already have a buffet of leaves waiting for them) but will lay their eggs anywhere. So head out and get some fresh air and sunshine.



## Recipes



Italian Ricotta Cookies

**Ingredients:**

¼ lb. Butter at room temp  
¼ Cup Ricotta Cheese  
1 tsp. Vanilla  
1 Cup Sugar  
1 Egg  
2 Cups sifted flour  
½ tsp. Baking Soda  
½ tsp. Salt

**Directions:**

Mix butter, ricotta and vanilla until creamy, gradually add sugar until blended, then add the egg.  
In another bowl combine the flour, baking soda and salt. A little at a time, add the dry ingredients to the ricotta mixture and mix well.  
Roll into 36 balls. Spray cookie pan with cooking spray or grease pan and place the cookies in pan. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven for approximately 8 - 10 minutes. Start checking them at 8 minutes to be sure they are lightly brown underneath and cooked through. Frost with confectioners' sugar mixed with milk and anise extract, then add candy sprinkles and place on wax paper to dry thoroughly. You can use lemon, almond or any other flavor extract if you wish.

Recipe submitted by: Nicole Hammer



Hot Chocolate Pudding Shots

**Ingredients**

1 pkg instant chocolate pudding mix  
1 pkg hot cocoa mix  
2/3 c. milk  
2/3 c. Bailey's Irish Cream  
1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract  
Whipped cream, cocoa powder and marshmallow bits, for serving

**Directions:**

- In a large bowl, combine chocolate pudding and cocoa mix with milk. Whisk until fully incorporated.
- Add Baileys and vanilla and whisk again.
- Pour into cups and refrigerate until thickened, 2 hour
- Top with whipped cream, a sprinkle of cocoa powder and marshmallow bits.

Recipe courtesy of Delish.com. Submitted by: Patty Wisneski-Johnson

## Preventing Lost Pets

By: Animal Humane Society



There are several steps you can take to keep your pets safe and reduce the likelihood that they'll become lost or stolen.

- **Your pet should wear a collar and ID tags at all times.** Include an up-to-date telephone number where you can be reached. ID tags may be available at each Animal Humane Society facility. Check with your local facility.
- **Have your pet microchipped.** Microchips are an implanted form of identification equipped to access your contact information when scanned at a veterinary clinic or shelter.
- **Spay/neuter your pet.** Studies have shown that sterilized animals are less likely to roam
- **Keep them safe when you're out and about.** Animals love the outdoors but it is our responsibility to protect them. Always leash your animals when outside. Keep them close to home and away from traffic, unfamiliar animals and those who may not concern themselves with your pet's best interests.
- **Leave them comfortable at home.** Never leave your dog leashed outside a store or unattended in the car, even if it's locked or the windows are rolled down.

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**For security dispatch contact: United American Security  
(570)-689-4722 x7**

**As the situation warrants, 911 is always an option.  
Please contact the SLPOA if you need more information on security procedures**

**Parking restriction: Effective until April 1st. No parking on any street or easement (5 feet from edge of road). This does not apply during bus stop drop-offs or pick-ups.**

**Communications/Events  
Committee**

Gloria Nolan, Newsletter Editor and  
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**Gloria and Richard Nolan's  
Lake Side Wedding  
October 13, 2018**