Beech Mountain Lakes Community Newsletter

December 2022



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Guests coming in for Christmas must be called in by Friday December 23rd The Clubhouse & Restaurant will be Closed Saturday December 24th and Sunday December 25th.

Merry Christmas



You Must Keep All Vehicles Off Of The Roads During
The Winter For Plow Access!

See "Winter Do's & Don'ts" on Page 5



Do you need to contact us?

Administration - 570-788-1010

<u>Restaurant</u> - 570-788-3101



Recreation - 570-788-1199
Security - 570-788-5071



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Lakeside Restaurant & Lounge Hours:



Restaurant Hours:

Wed-4PM-8:00PM

Thurs-4PM-8:00PM

Fri- 4PM-9:00PM

Sat- 4PM -9:00PM

Sun- 4PM-8:00PM

Lounge Hours:

Wed- 4PM-9:00PM

Thurs-4PM-9:00PM

Fri- 4PM-10:00PM

Sat- 4PM-10:00PM

Sun- 4PM-9:00PM

* Hours Subject to Change*



Check out our website or call for

updated weekly and monthly food /drink specials.

& specials for the month of December!

Dine -in & Take Out available.

If you have a question

or if you would like place an order

Call: 570-788-3101

New restaurant Facebook Page is now available

@ Lakeside Restaurant and Lounge

December Entertainment

Strums N' Drums
6PM-9PM

Saturday, December 10th
Acoustic Guys
7Pm-10PM

Friday, December 16th
ALV Karaoke
7PM-10PM

Shameless Trio
9PM-12AM



Buy \$50 worth of Gift Cards and get a

\$10 Bonus Card for Free!

**Gift Cards can be of any denomination to equal \$50 **



Restaurant News



New Years Eve Party



Live Music by Shameless Trio from 9PM-12AM



Classic Rock Band playing music from the 60's thru the 2000s!

Food and Drink Specials! Restaurant Hours: 4PM-9PM Lounge Hours Starting at 4PM!

Saturday December 31st, 2022!

Reservations Encouraged, Limited Seating!

RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!

Neighbors 4



12/8 - Brittany Eigenbord

12/11 - Dawn Ange

12/12 - Mike Warnitsky

12/17 - Jerry Robak

12/26 - Frank Symbula

12/30 - Cruz Finnicum



Security Is Requesting That Residents Call-In Guests For Christmas By December 23rd And For New Years Eve By December 29th.

You Can Also Have Them Admitted Using Our Web Site Link At <u>www.bmla.us</u>

Administration Office will be open regular business hours on Monday, December 26th.



12/6 - William & Jacqueline Dynarski



Would You Like To Have Your Special Announcement Posted In The Newsletter? Call (570) 788-1199











Winter "Do's & "Don'ts" Remember:

When the snowflakes start flying, please keep in mind a few do's and don'ts:

- -Do keep access to your mailbox cleared for postal service; this is the responsibility of the resident.
- -Do not shovel or snow plow onto the road.
- -Do not park on the street during snow removal time.



Mailboxes:

The Beech Mountain Lakes Association Inc. Snow Plow Contractor will only repair or replace mailboxes or posts that are actually struck by the plow blade. Usually a paint mark or tire tracks from the truck will be evidence of the mailbox or post actually being hit by the plow. Have a picture of your mailbox standing up straight for your records to show if your mailbox does fall down from the snowplow.

The Beech Mountain Lakes Association Inc. Snow Plow Contractor will not repair or replace mailboxes or posts that are damaged or fall over from the force of plowed snow and are not directly hit by the plow.

Mailboxes and supporting posts must be strong enough and installed in such a way to withstand the weight and force of snow removal including the force of snow pushed from the streets onto the side of the road.

Contact the Beech Mountain Lakes Association Inc. Administration office if you have a damaged mailbox.

Cars Parked on Roads -

Beech Mountain Lakes Association Inc. has the responsibility of clearing the Associations roads of snow and ice from winter storms. Beech Mountain Lakes Association Inc. takes this responsibility seriously since it is for the safety and welfare of our residents and children.

In order to assist the Snow Plowing Contractor during snow removal, we suggest the following:

Do not park in the street The snow plows are unable to perform their jobs properly with a vehicle in their way.

Do not shovel or plow snow from your driveway or walkway into the street, this creates a hazardous condition for all vehicles.

If your vehicle should become stuck in the snow, do not abandon it in the roadway. Please contact a tow truck company.

When following a salt truck, keep a safe distance. Expect trucks to make sudden stops or turns while in the operation of snow removal.

During Snow Storms, Please Drive Safely. Make sure to leave early and give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination, so that you can take your time during winter conditions.

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Recreation Hours



9:30AM - 10:00AM Adult Laps 7 Days/ Week

10:00AM - 11:00AM Adult Water Aerobics Monday -> Friday

10:00AM - 11:00AM Adult Swim Saturday & Sunday

11:00AM - 5:00PM Open Swim (Including Quail Hollow Guests) 7 Days/ Week

5:00PM - 7:30 PM Open Swim for BML Residents & QHV Owners Only 7 Days/ Week

Showering: It is PA Sate Law to Shower before using a public pool. Unfortunately, there have been issues with guests not showering before pool use which has been causing issues with the chemicals in the pool. Please remember to shower before swimming to help limit pool closings. Thank you!

The Gym, Indoor Courts, and Arcade are open any time from 9:30AM - 7:30 PM

Remember: In order to use the amenities you need to check in at the Recreation Office and have your 2022 Membership Card with you at check in .

If you need a new Membership card you can contact Administration @ 570-788-1010

If you would like to book the community room for a private party you can do so by contacting Recreation.

***The entire Clubhouse will be closed Christmas Eve & Christmas Day so that our staff can spend this time with their families. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Merry Christmas To All!!***

We will be open regular business hours on Monday, December 26th from 9:30AM-8:00PM

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON!



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Holíday House Decorating Contest



Make Sure To Turn On Your Holiday Lights
Thursday December 22nd starting at 6PM for BML'
Annual House Decorating Contest.
Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place.

Winners will be notified!

Toys For Tots

DROP OFF BOX IS LOCATED AT

THE REC OFFICE.

PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR NEW

UNWRAPPED TOY BY

DECEMBER 10th!





Giving Tree

Gifts need to be returned by Tuesday, December 6th. We would like to thank everyone who took tags and generously purchased gifts for the children of our area.

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!



Ice Skating Rink

The Ice Skating rink will be set up for this coming winter in the outdoor basketball court. Updates regarding opening and other details will be announced when available. So get your ice skates and ice skating safety gear ready!





BML YOGA



Peaceful & Serene~ Won't you join us for Yoga?

<u>Saturday mornings at 8:45 AM to 9:45 AM.</u>

Yoga is open to all Beech Mountain Lake & Quail Hollow Residents in good standing. Feel free to bring a guest! You must bring your own mat, water, and towel.

You will also to need to sign a waiver to participate.

Recreation 8



Kids Movie and Craft Night!

When: Friday, December 23rd

Time: 5:00pm

Ages: 2-13

Movie: Elf Pets Santa's Reindeer Rescue

It's almost Christmas and Santa's test flights have run into trouble. Can The Elf on the Shelf, a crew of adorable Elf Pets Reindeer and Santa's gang of trusted Scout Elf friends help him find the answer before it's too late? Join Santa's cast of whimsical characters in this animated Christmas Special full of toe-tapping humor and heart, as they work together to save the holiday season and discover the power of love.

Please call (570) 788–1199 or stop in Recreation to register your child. Refreshments will be provided. Children under 5 must have an adult present.





Thanksgiving Kids Craft And Story



We read a story called, Turkey Trouble, made a craft to disguise their very own turkeys, had a bit of snacks and drinks, and some fun!

Thank you to all who participated, hope to see you again next time. Congratulations to the winners - Rosalie C., Bruce F., & Lilah S.











Tricky Trays



Tricky Trays will be pulled Sunday December 4th. Winners will be called and can pick up their baskets in Recreation. Thank you for helping us to raise money for Valley Regional Fire and Rescue.

Tree Lighting

Our tree lighting is Saturday December 3rd. Activities start at 4:00pm. The tree will be lit at 5:00pm. Refreshments, crafts, live music and Santa will be there.

Valley Food Pantry

We are collecting food for the Valley Food Pantry. You can drop off your donations at the Recreation Office. Thank you for your generosity.

Brandon's Forever Home

We will be collected gently used and new children's coats. Hats, gloves, scarves and boots until Valentines Day.

Community Service Hours

The Volunteer Committee is still offering community service hours to students and scouts who need them. Call Recreation and leave your name and number and a member of the committee will get back to you to arrange your service.

We hope everyone has a Happy Holiday and a Safe and Happy New Year.



Next Volunteer Committee Meeting will be December 6th at 5:30PM and will be held in the community room.

Gardening Corner 1

TIPS FROM PENN STATE MASTER GARDENERS

HELLO BEECH MOUNTAIN GARDENERS!

December is a month when most Beech Mountain Gardeners move their gardening interest indoors. Believe it or not, a cactus, of all things, is one of those plants that have come to represent the holidays and feature in the regular rotation of holiday houseplants. Then again, maybe it isn't so strange amongst its peers poinsettia, amaryllis or the daffodil like paperwhite narcissus that have musky odor so strong it makes some people nauseous.

WHAT IS A CHRISTMAS CACTUS?

The cacti that make their debut at the holidays are suffering under a case of mistaken identity. What you typically buy as a Christmas cactus is not a Christmas cactus at all. It is actually a Thanksgiving cactus. Now this wouldn't be such a big deal, except that there is such a thing as a "Christmas cactus" — but you won't find one on store shelves. No, it is hard to even find one in garden catalogs.

How did we end up ignoring the beautiful Christmas cactus in favor of its holiday cousin? It all comes down to timing and how we buy things for the holidays. It seems that, as the shopping and holiday seasons creep ever upward on the calendar, retailers have little love for a cactus that is actually programmed to bloom at Christmas. They need something that blooms earlier so that it can be on the store shelves as early as possible.

The most easily recognized difference between the three cacti is found in the shape of the leaves. The Thanksgiving cactus (Schlumgera truncata) has very pointed and claw shaped projections on the edges of the leaf. The Christmas cactus (Schlumgera bridgesti) has leaf projections which are more scalloped or tear drop shaped. The Easter cactus (Rhipsalidopsis gaertnerrii) has very rounded edges which are centralized on the leaf.



All of these three cacti are known as short day plants. So in order to induce the plant into bloom it must have 12-24 hours of darkness and cool temperatures. If you have over summered your plant outdoors or purchased it from a florist or nursery the plant should be kept in a cool location and in a dark area until it sets buds. A seldom used bedroom or lower level is the ideal place.

The Christmas and Thanksgiving cactus require approximately 6 weeks of short days in order to bloom whereas the Easter cactus requires 8-12 weeks of short days to bloom hence the name Easter cactus. When the buds appear it can be brought into a warmer area for your enjoyment. Sometimes a plant might start to drop buds at this time. That could be due to drafts, too-warm temperatures, too much water or direct sunlight. The plants enjoy bright light but not direct sunlight. The

plant's soil should be dry to one inch below the surface before watering and not fertilized or repotted while blooming. The plants seem to do the best when root bound.

The Christmas and Thanksgiving cactus may re-bloom again for you in the spring but not as profusely as holiday time

bloom. If you want to encourage spring time blooms, simply return the plant to its short day conditions.

These plants are relatively disease free unless over watered. If the plant turns reddish in color it is an indication of too much sun, lack of phosphorus or lack of water. There are reports of plants being handed down from generation to generation and being over one hundred years old. Enjoy these carefree holiday plants and start a new gardening tradition.

Wishing a wonderful holiday season for all you Beech

Mountain Gardeners, your friends and families



Dave Orbin

*TIPS from Master Gardeners is an educational outreach from the Penn State Extension. Master Gardener volunteers utilize research-based information to provide education on best practices in horticulture and environmental stewardship.



Local Events



Mohegan Sun Arena, Wilkes-Barre

PENGINS VS, ISLANDERS-Saturday, December 3rd @ 6:05 pm

PENGUINS VS. MONSTERS, - Friday, December 9th @ 7:05 pm

PENGUINS VS. BEARS - Friday, December 16th @ 7:05 pm

PENGUINS VS. BEARS - Saturday December 17th @6:05pm

PENGUINS VS. BEARS - Tuesday, December 27th @ 7:05 pm

PENGUINS VS. BRUINS - Monday, December 30th @ 7:05 pm



Mohegan Sun Casino, Poconos

Joey Vega with Terri Garnham & Albert Davis - Friday, December 2nd @ 9:00pm & Saturday, December 3rd @9:00pm

Greg Stone with Elle Orlando and Jarrod Micale - Saturday, December 3rd @ 9:00 pm Forever Motown A Holiday Celebration — Sunday, December 4th @ 4:00pm Karen Rontowski with Sonya Kind and Rebecca Wiggins - Friday, December 9th @ 9:00pm

Berwick Christmas Boulevard, Berwick

Celebrating its 75th year!

Opening day is Tuesday, December 6th @ 6pm and last day is Saturday, December 31st

<u>Light The Night - Sugarloaf Golf Club, Sugarloaf</u>

Join us for the area's only Walk-Thru Animated Christmas Light Display with fun activities for every age! **Hours (Opening Night Friday November 18th)**

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays in December 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and New Years Eve and New Years day

Stone Hedge Golf Club—Festival of Lights, Tunkhannock

Opening Night - November 19th & Closing Night -December 31st **Open Every Night Except Christmas Eve** Sunday through Thursday 5:00pm - 9:00pm Friday & Saturday 5:00pm - 10:00pm





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Penn's Peak, Jim Thorpe





Mauch Chunk Opera House, Jim Thorpe

<u>Twelve Twenty-Four (TSO Christmas Show)</u> - Friday, December 2nd & Saturday, December 3rd @ 8:00pm

<u>Rock This Town (Holiday Show featuring the music of Brian Setzer Orchestra)</u>- Friday, December 9th

@ 8:00pm

<u>Craig Thatcher Christmas Concert</u> - Saturday, December 10th @ 8:00pm

<u>Peek-A-Boo Revue Holiday Spectacular</u> - Friday, December 16th @ 8:00pm

<u>Rubix Kube (The 80s Show)</u> - Saturday, December 17th @ 9:30pm

<u>The Laugh Pack - Variety Xmas Event - Sunday, December 18th @ 5:00pm

<u>B-Street Band (Bruce Springsteen Tribute) - Friday, December 23rd @ 8:00pm

Mystery City (Classic Rock Hits) - Thursday, December 29th @ 7:30pm</u></u>

F.M. Kirby Center, Wilkes -Barre

Steve O (18+ Event)- Friday, December 2rd @ 7:00 pm
Christian Guardino- Saturday, December 3rd @ 8:00pm
Chelsea Handler- Sunday, December 4th @ 7:00pm
A Very Electric Christmas - Tuesday, December 6th @ 7:00pm
Art Garfunkel- Thursday, December 8th @ 8:00pm
Jerry Seinfeld- Friday, December 9th @ 7:00pm & 9:30pm
Northeast Pennsylvania Philharmonic- Saturday, December 10 @ 7:00pm
State Ballet Theater of Ukraine- Sunday, December 11th @ 5:00pm
White Christmas- Friday December 16th @ 1:00pm & 7:30pm
The Badlees- Friday, December 23rd @ 7:30pm
Joe Gatto- Monday, December 26th @ 7:00pm
Get the Led Out- Friday, December 30th @ 8:00pm





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Knoebles, Elysburg



Joy Through The Grove

Joy Through the Grove – our newest holiday experience. Join Santa, Kozmo and friends and enjoy a drive through Christmas light display!

Friday, November 25th thru Saturday, December 31st from 5:30PM-9:00PM

Koziars Christmas Village

Koziar's is a park and walk vintage Christmas lights experience. Our village has paved and lighted walkways and is wheel chair and stroller friendly (we have a limited number of free rentals of wheel chairs). Your tour is unguided so you can walk and enjoy at your own pace, and usually takes 60 – 90 minutes. Please dress appropriate to the conditions as there are both outdoor and indoor displays

November 5th thur Thanksgiving Day (Open weekends only), Thanksgiving thru January 1st (Open every night including Holidays)

Scranton Cultural Center

<u>Legally Blonde</u>—Friday, December 2nd @ 8:00pm

Legally Blonde- Saturday, December 3rd @ 2:00pm & 8:00pm

<u>Legally Blonde</u> – Sunday, December 4th @ 1:00pm

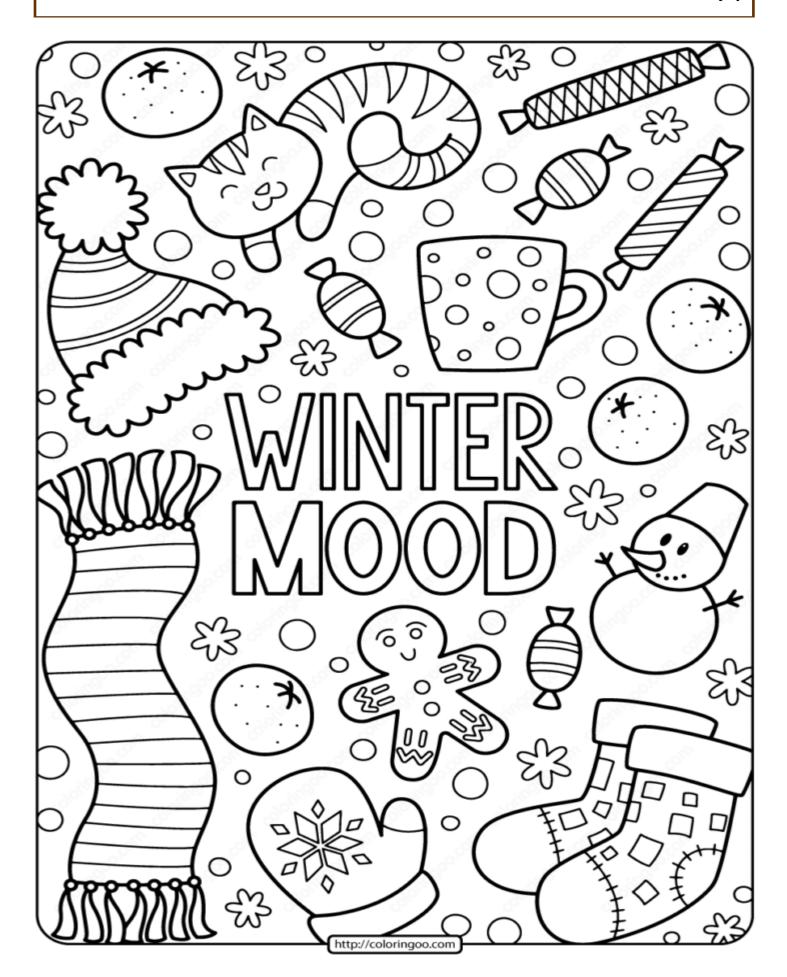
Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic - Friday, December 9th @ 7:00pm

Breakfast with Santa-Sunday, December 18th @ 11:00am

Good Shepherd Church

Good Shepherd Church will host a Breakfast with Santa Clause on Sunday, December 4th from 8-11am in the parish hall. The menu incudes bacon, sausage, eggs (any style), home fries, toast, pancakes pastries, juice, coffee and milk. The cost is \$8.00/adult and \$4.00/children aged 4-12.







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