

Beech Mountain Lakes Association

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BMLA Property Owners

Feb. 1, 2021

Well, the ugly covid-19 challenges continued to infringe in our daily family and professional affairs. Is anyone else tired of this? \Box

Let's talk "Restaurant-Bar".... If you have not heard, BMLA has a wonderful Restaurant & Bar just off our beautiful lake, and even though we are adhering to the state governed restrictions, plenty of room is available. The Lakeside Restaurant & Lounge is now offering "Pizza" and "Rotisserie Chicken" and may I say, it's good!!! Every weekend your Lakeside restaurant offers specials, and they are delicious as well!

Just like any other club or lounge if members choose not to participate it will weaken. I challenge all property owners to give your Lakeside Restaurant & Lounge a chance and bring your family and friends, I bet you'll enjoy the experience. Winter hours are as followed: Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sunday 3pm to 8pm.

Reminder: BOD's are seeking volunteers to fill the following committees; Financial, Volunteer, Advisory, Security, Appeals, Recreation, Restaurant, and Architectural. If interested, please forward an email to **generalmanager@bmla.us** or drop off a short letter of interest at the administration office.

Edward Florentino, GM BMLA POA



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Homeowners & Guests

When allowing a guest to use the facility, The homeowner must be

present when a Guest Card is being issued, or the guest will be



turned away.

Thank You - BML Management



BML YOGA

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

Saturday mornings at 8:45 AM to 9:45 AM. 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. Until further notice,

due to Covid-19,

Limited capacity and the

wearing of face masks is still

required here at BML.



We hope everyone stays safe and healthy !



Beech Mountain Lakes Clubhouse

Recreation Hours



Sunday through Saturday 9:30 AM - 7 PM

Reservation times differ for each amenity.

Check with the Recreation Attendant for an available reservation time slot.

Before using each amenity you must present your membership card,

wear a mask, and be ready to have your temperature taken.

570-788-1199

If you need to speak with someone in Administration, please call the office and speak to them regarding setting up an appointment.

570-788 1010

Thank you !

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Recreation

Ice Rink Update

Maintenance has blocked the drain so that the area will maintain water.

When it is full and freezes and we have the okay

From Management, the rink will be open to use.

- Recreation & Maintenance -







Thank You

February Raffle & Food Drive

All proceeds and donations were donated

to the local Valley Food Pantry.

Winners were notified.

Thank you to all who participated, made monetary

donations, and food donations for the Valley Food Pantry.

Also, congratulations to all the winners! Stay tuned for upcoming raffles and events.



Meeting

We will be having a meeting on

Tuesday, February 9th.



The meeting will be held at

6:30PM in the community room.

Please join us-

Volunteers needed!

Help your community today





Monthly Board Update

Happy New Year from Jo Robbins, Kevin Schuetrumpf, and Dave Davis.

We have been working to prioritize our visions for the community. We are very anxious to get moving.

The restaurant has a great chef and assistant. The restaurant could be brightened up a bit and (maybe) even get the loft ready to use. We would like to see more residents take advantage of the good food and reasonable prices that are offered. The Bar is open! The chef added Rotisserie Chicken and just introduced pizza. Regardless of what we do, the restaurant can only succeed if the residents patronize it.

Security is definitely an issue. We are looking at other options that may work. The residents will be consulted before any new options are put in place.

To get more residents involved in the BMLA operation; we are trying to resurrect some committees that existed in the past. We encourage you to get involved. The Committees are: Advisory: makes suggestions for rules updates and is working on a user-friendly website among other things. Appeals: Hears appeals for fines and citations from the residents. Architectural: Issues permits and follows up to ensure the job the permit was issued for is completed to standards and help CEO to check for violations of BMLA's rules and covenants. Finance: Reviews the monthly expenditures and income as well as helps develop the budget for the following year. Recreation: Assist the recreation department in planning events and help make them happen. Restaurant: Working with Damar and Gina to create a friendly and appealing atmosphere and menu suggestions. Damar has the final say on any menu or décor changes. Security and Public Safety: Be on the lookout for possible danger within BMLA and work to improve the security operation. The Volunteer Committee: Special events planning in addition to what Recreation is doing. Flower Sales, Basket Raffles, etc. The money raised is either donated or used to pay for any events that are held.

Please email (<u>generalmanager@bmla.us</u>) or call the Administration Office (570-788-1010) and leave your name and the committee(s) you are interested in. The next step will be to set up a meeting day and time for those interested to find out more about the committee and review the mission statement. Also, at this meeting, a chairperson will be elected, and a monthly date and time will be decided.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, Kevin and Dave for issues that you are concerned about within our Community. An email will be available shortly and we each have a mailbox in the Admin Office.

Our first meeting as new board members with Quail Hollow went very well with good participation from both sides. A nice way to start a new year.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world, indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. Margaret Mead

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OPERATING FUNDS	\$140,656 (OP SAVINGS & CHECKING, PETTY CASH)
CAPITAL FUNDS	\$228,483 (LONG AND SHORT TERM CAPITAL)
RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$460,075 (SPILLWAY, BUILDING REPLACEMENT)
TOTAL	\$829,214 TOTAL DEC 2019 \$705,517

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We get it — sometimes love sucks. So instead of feeling down that love may not last forever, why not put a twist on Valentine's Day and name a cricket after your ex!

Make a \$5 donation today to name one of our feeder crickets. We will then post weekly Facebook videos up until Valentine's Day with all of the previous week's named crickets being fed to some of our ambassador animals, as well as educational information about the animals who are being fed! Our animals get a tasty meal, and you get some animal knowledge and the ability

Gardeníng Corner

TIPS FROM PENN STATE MASTER GARDENERS



HELLO BEECH MOUNTAIN GARDENERS!

Late winter is the best time to assess your deciduous trees and shrubs and take steps to correct problems. The fact that there are no leaves allows you to visualize the structure of your trees and determine where suckers and unhealthy branching are occurring. Now is the right time to prune unless you're your plant is a spring bloomer. Those plants like forsythia, rhododendron, crab apple and cherry should be pruned just after they are done blooming. You may remove dead or broken branches from these trees or shrubs.

How you prune your tree during its first few years will affect its shape, strength, and life span. Proper pruning will save you money and give you safer, healthier, easier-tomaintain, and more beautiful trees.

KEYS TO GOOD PRUNING

Two major types of pruners are available on the market. They are anvil and bypass pruners. Anvil Pruners have one sharpened blade that cuts against a flat "anvil" like a knife



on a cutting board. Bypass pruners have a sharpened blade that slides past an unsharpened "hook" like the blades on a pair of scissors. While both tools have their uses, if you're getting your first pruner, or only have one, make it a bypass.

Prune early in the tree's life so pruning wounds are small, but do not start until the third year or so. A new transplant needs its leaves to produce for new growth.

Leave branches on during first year, unless broken. Cut off suckers growing from roots or base of trunk.

After a tree has been in the ground for 3 years you can start pruning. Identify the best leader and lateral branches before you begin pruning and remove any defective parts before pruning to form. Try to find and use lateral branches that form "10 0'clock" or "2 0'clock" angles with the trunk. Branches with such angles will have greater strength than those with sharper angles. As you prune, remember that the branches do not move up the trunk as the tree grows. A branch 5 feet from the ground now will be 5 feet off the ground in 10 years — only thicker and longer than it is now. Try to visualize what a particular branch will look like later, and remove any branches that will cause an obvious problem, Prune shade trees as lightly as possible and only when there is a good reason to prune. Never remove more than one-fourth of a tree's crown in a season. Prune off water sprouts in the crown.



When removing heavier side branches follow the diagram above for three cut pruning in making cuts.

Be sure to cut close to the swollen branch collar, That structure will close the wound over time. If you cut too far from the branch collar you will leave a dead stump and the wound will not close. If you cut too close to the stem the branch collar will be destroyed and the wound will take much longer to close.

Avoid topping large trees to reduce size. That encourages the formation of weakly attached water sprouts that will grow quickly increasing the height of the tree again.

For comprehensive information on pruning, including reasons to prune and techniques used to prune, you can download a Free University of Minnesota Extension Guide "Pruning Trees and Shrubs." The guide is available at <u>https://extension.umn.edu/planting-and-growing-guides/</u> pruning-trees-and-shrubs

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