

**BEECH MOUNTAIN LAKES
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

November 2020

Support BML Restaurant



Residents Please Note:

Residents are responsible for maintaining their swales & culvert pipes. Swales & Culvert pipes must be free of leaves and debris.



**Congratulations to BML'S
Newest Board Members!**

Dave Davis

&

Kevin Schuetrumpf

And Thank you to Louis Aita,
Kathy DiBernardo. and James
Gurzler for running for the Board!



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Do you need to contact us?

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Ref: Newsletter GM

November 1, 2020

I am entering into my second month as you General Manager and with every week passing, I gain the privilege of absorbing a stronger pulse of Beech Mountain Lakes. It's past practices, present level, and future journey.

FYI: The Piedmont Land Holdings, LLC representing Teichos Energy, LLC who was planning the installation of a solar energy facility/field just south of BMLA (top of mountain-which we had concerns) has withdrawn their request for a zoning amendment application in Butler Township. The project has come to an end as of today, not moving forward according to our friends from Butler Township.

The Finance Committee along with administration and Board of Directors will very soon have the 2021 annual operational budget resolved, the goal, working toward no annual increase. I want to place a shout out, especially to the volunteer finance committee for all their dedicated time and efforts. The 2021 proposed budget will then be publicly on display accomplishing the thirty (30) day review in our BMLA web page.

Our current road/swale projects with Ronca Company in coordination with Aqua Water Company for 2020 has been a success and they are wrapping up, collecting their equipment, departing our community during the first two weeks in November.

We had a huge interest for a "ice rink" this winter located at our outside basketball courts. Recreation & Maintenance will make every effort to make this a success, of course mother nature holding the upper hand! Let us hope for the best.

The residence walking along our roadways for exercise and fresh air I need to remind you, due to the shadows and sun through the trees that you need to wear bright clothing. Please do not assume the operators of vehicles see you because they do not!! Wear high visibility (orange - yellow) outer clothing, along with blinking lights for you and your pets. Safety, Safety, Safety!! Along with that, all drivers please slow down for our neighbors.

Remember; Please attempt to be part of BMLA growth by volunteering and participating in our committees and events.

Respectfully,

Edward Florentino, Sr.
General Manager

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Lakeside Restaurant & Lounge Hours:



Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday ... CLOSED

Thursday... 3PM to 8PM

Friday... 3PM to 8PM

Saturday... 12PM to 8PM

Sunday ... 12PM to 8PM

Thanksgiving Day ... CLOSED

Check out our website or call for

updated weekly and monthly

food /drink specials.

Dine –in and take out

options available.

If you have a question

or if you would like place an order

Call : 570-788-3101



Daily Specials For November

***Every Thursday* - Steamed Clams, Chicken Cheesesteak ,
Chicken Bites - \$7.00**

***Every Friday* - London Broil - \$10.99**

***Every Saturday* - Baked Haddock - \$12.99**

• Every Sunday* - Kid's Menu 1/2 Price: With Adult Purchase

Check out Weekend Specials For November 6th, 7th, & 8th

On Next Page.

New Menu In Progress– Stay Tuned!



*Beech Mountain Lakes
Lakeside Restaurant & Lounge
Weekend Specials
November 6th - November 8th*

Lobster Stuffed Flounder

Choice of Two Sides , Served With Soup Or Salad.

\$16.95

Hot Roast Beef Sandwich

Served With Mashed Potatoes And Gravy.

\$8.95



11/11- Fritzi Yarnall 11/13- Bev Jones
 11/15- Jessica Spare 11/20- Carmen Vito
 11/22 - Jacqueline Dynarski
 11/25- Ellen Hicks 11/26- Brad Cromer

11/4- Francis & Don Kisacky
 11/11- Fran & Tony Romeo
 11/23- Pat & George Puttre



THERE IS
always, always,
ALWAYS
something
to be thankful for

Do you need a place to store your camper or pontoon boat? BML is now renting out spaces at the campground for residents to use for storage. The cost is \$150.00 for a pontoon boat or a camper for the fall/winter season.

ELECTRIC will be available for an additional \$25.00 (\$175.00 total).

Rec Department (570) 788-1199

Visit www.bmla.us
 To view our newsletter in full color.




Facility CLOSED on Thanksgiving
We Hope you enjoy your holiday .
Happy Thanksgiving to all !

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



Recreation Hours

Recreation hours daily are 9:30Am - 7PM

Reservations are needed to use amenities at

The clubhouse.—Call Rec @ 570-788-1199

Not to worry

We sanitize the facility routinely :

Your safety is our concern .

Masks are to be worn throughout

facility by guests and staff

and social distancing regulations apply.



Stay Safe!



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 need to sign a waiver to participate.



2020 BMLA

DUES RAFFLE

Raffle Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be available soon in the Rec Department.

Please call ahead.

The Give Away Date for the Dues Raffle will be announced Shortly .



Are You Having Guests for Thanksgiving Dinner?



If you are having guests for Thanksgiving dinner, there are several ways to have them admitted into the development by Tuesday, November 24th.. 1) You can call them in at (570) 788-5071. 2) Visit the website at www.bmla.us, click on the blue button EMAIL MY GUEST, enter your last name and your account number and validation will occur.

3) Access the process via cell phone by using the following link: <https://form.jotform.us/63613743256154> and simply fill in the required fields.

Thank you,

BML Management



The General Manager, The Recreation Department, and
The Maintenance Department

Are working together and looking into
The possibility of an ice skating rink
In our outside basketball court.

Information on updates about this project
Will be provided when possible.



Stay tuned for more info about Toys For
Tots, The Giving Tree, and other events/
activities by checking our website or con-
stant contact emails .

-BML



Congratulations to WINNERS
Of the Volunteer Committee
Scarecrow Contest 2020

1st Place : **Arlene Costello -->**



2nd Place: **Shirley Turner --->**



3rd Place: **Cara Eames --->**



Fall Themed Raffle

The Volunteer Committee is sponsoring a
fall themed raffle -

Prizes are fall themed wreaths and gift baskets.

To purchase tickets for the raffle you can stop at the
recreation office

Tickets are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for 6

Drawing and announcement of winners will be on
November 6th .

Proceeds made are being donated to the local valley



Watch for upcoming activities and events to be announced.

-BML Volunteer Committee

SEPTEMBER 2020 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

DUES COLLECTION: 92% OF BILLED. (94% at this time in 2019)
NON-OP INCOME: \$1142K WHICH IS \$3.2K UNDER BUDGET

INCLUDES: Membership Dues, Quail Hollow Reimbursement, Misc. Income, Late Fees, Interest Income, Resale Certificates, ACC Filings, CEO & ACC Fines \$ Fees, Rental Fee Income, Garbage Fees, and Over/Short.

NOTE - Collections Income is not included in this number.

NON-OP EXPENSE: \$558K WHICH IS \$12K UNDER BUDGET

INCLUDES: Unrestricted Reserve Fund, Garbage Expense, Lake/Dam/Spillway Reserve Acct, Reserve Fund, Building Replacement Fund, Property & Liability Insurance, D&O Insurance, Dam Insurance, Interest Expense, Bad Debt, and Dock ROI to Capital.

NOTE- Collection Inc to Reserve Fund and Depreciation Expense are not included in this number.

NET DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSE/(INCOME): \$410K WHICH IS \$155.6K UNDER BUDGET

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INCLUDES:	Administration:	\$120.1k	\$35.4K Under Budget
	Clubhouse:	\$77.8K	\$4.3K Under Budget
	Recreation:	\$6.0K Inc	\$41K Inc Over Budget
	Maintenance:	\$99K	\$5.7K Under Budget
	Security:	\$143K	\$16.3K Over Budget
	Campground:	\$10.5K Inc	\$3.2K Inc Over Budget
	Food & Beverage:	11.2K Inc	\$22.K Inc Over Budget
	Road Maintenance:	\$59.1K	\$70.4K Under Budget

TRANSFER FEE INCOME: \$5.4K WHICH IS \$1.9K OVER BUDGET

THE BOTTOM LINE EXCLUDING THE ABOVE MENTIONED ACCOUNTS IS A NET INCOME OF:

ACTUAL \$132.5K PLAN \$.4K

CASH IN THE BANK:		
OPERATING FUNDS	\$342,874	(OP SAVINGS & CHECKING, PETTY CASH)
CAPITAL FUNDS	\$350,738	(LONG AND SHORT TERM CAPITAL)
RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$459,767	(SPILLWAY, BUILDING REPLACEMENT)
TOTAL	\$1,153,379	TOTAL SEPT 2019 \$1,118,834

**BEECH MOUNTAIN LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OPEN SESSION
October 28, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: The open session meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

ROLL CALL: Those present for the meeting were: Kevin Walsh, Jim Gurzler, Linda Jo Robbins in person. Kevin Ferra and Lena Fowler participated via conference call. Jake Meyer was absent. Atty. Baranko and General Manager Edward Florentino were also present.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTION RESULTS: David Davis and Kevin Schuettrumpf were elected to the Board of Directors. Congratulations!

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The October 30, 2019 Annual Meeting minutes were approved. The September 30, 2020 Board Executive & Open Session minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Board approved the December 2019- August 2020 financials. The Board is reviewing the September 2020 financials.

LEGAL REPORT: No report.

QUAIL HOLLOW REPORT: No report.

MANAGER REPORTS: Ed Florentino read the GM report. Karen Amici read the Maintenance, Recreation and ACC, CEO & ROVING reports.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE: The Volunteer Committee is sponsoring a basket & wreath raffle and sponsored a scarecrow decorating contest. Decorative valances will be going up in the bar.

EAP COMMITTEE: No report.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Chris Blazic indicated that the Committee is meeting with the board again on 11/9. The Committee has reviewed 17 policies and 5 have been approved. 6 policies are awaiting approval.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Dave Davis reported that the Finance Committee has submitted their 2021 budget and capital project recommendations.

OWNER COMMENTS:

An owner complimented the Association on the great job done with the pool. An owner suggested giving gift cards for the Spooky House Contest vs. cash. An owner had a boat damaged a few weeks ago and the camera angles were not sufficient to see who may have hit his boat. An owner reported vehicles coming into the community via the back gate. The Board is addressing this with Bill Dittmar. An owner commented that the campground storage renters would like access to their campers in the winter. The GM will look into a combination lock for the gate. An owner asked why the 2021 budget is not ready yet. The Board and Administration are working on the budget and hope to have it available for owner review shortly. COVID-19 is causing issues with budgeting for 2021. An owner asked why the gate bell is no longer ringing when vehicles are entering BML. The GM will look into it. An owner asked when the audit will be available. The Board is reviewing the audit currently. An owner asked when will the political signs be coming down. Also, ads for contractor work done at homes as well. The GM will put out a communication. An owner commented that the stop sign on Lisa Lake Ct. is on the left side of the road- it should be on the right side. An owner commented that a contractor is marking the sewer lines in BML. The GM will investigate. An owner asked if AQUA will be doing mainline replacement on Trapper Springs Circle in 2021. As of now, AQUA does not have any mainline replacement work scheduled for 2021.

Board Meeting Schedule

November 18th

6:30 PM



Spooky House Contest Winners!

1st Place

Mensing Family



1st Place

202 Four Seasons Drive



2nd place

Grandzol Family



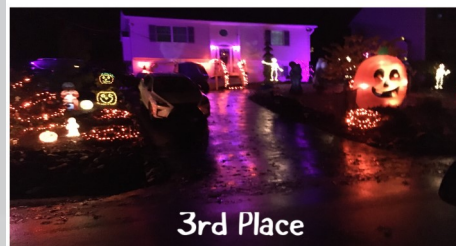
2nd Place

109 Buck Ridge Lane



3rd place

Mumaw Family



3rd Place

29 Edgerock Drive



TIPS FROM PENN STATE MASTER GARDENERS

HELLO BEECH MOUNTAIN GARDENERS!

The end of October brought the end of the growing season and the beginning of the annual chore of leaf management in Beech Mountain. The lack of gypsy moths and the warm weather this summer seems to have been ideal for our trees. Leaf size and number is the largest I have seen here in the development in more than ten years. I believe the volume of leaves is greater than ever, even though there are fewer trees. Because of that I will devote this months column to repeating information previously published on handling leaves.

DEALING WITH LEAVES

This is a chore that affects everyone in Beech Mountain. We can just ignore them. After all, no one rakes the leaves in the forest. However, some unmanaged leaves can prove a hazard as dry leaves can burn, and wet leaves can be a slippery menace that can lead to falls and sliding vehicles. Leaves left in gutters can lead to clogging, and ice damage to roofs. Matted leaves left on lawns can kill turf grasses over the winter.

We have to recognize that no matter how thorough we are with collecting and disposing of leaves, they will keep falling, and blowing around all winter. So relax, complete leaf clean-up is not possible, and not necessary.

Our trash collection system in Beech Mountain presents a challenge in leaf disposal. While the previous hauler would remove seemingly unlimited amounts of leaves, our current hauler will not pick up bags of leaves. Thus we have to find new ways of disposing of fall leaves. And frankly burning tons of leaves in over crowded landfills does not make environmental sense.

Many gardeners have been using strategies to limit leaf disposal in the past, and I will suggest some strategies That can help.



Reduce the volume of leaves. One of the best way of dealing with the fallen leaves is to grind them up and use them as mulch. Leaves can be ground up in a leaf shredder, but a rotary lawn mower can also be a good leaf shredder. The next issue is what to do with the shredded leaves. You can compost them but that will require sufficient quantities of green material like lawn clippings and vegetable waste from the kitchen to complete the process.

Shredded leaves make an excellent and free mulch. Oak leaves are very slow to break down so they make a mulch that will last throughout the winter and even through next summer. Leaf mulch helps protect your trees and shrubs by stabilizing soil temperatures, and slowing evaporation of water from the soil. Since stressed plants are more prone to disease and insect damage, using mulch can reduce the need for insecticides and fungicides. A good layer of mulch will also suppress weed growth and reduce the amount of time you need to spend weeding or applying herbicides.



Several inches of shredded leaves will keep the ground moist, and protect plants from frequent freeze/thaw cycles.

Leaves shredded with a mower can be left on the lawn. They will decompose through the winter and add organic material to your lawn soil. Just make sure you make several passes over the leaves to grind them into pieces no larger than a quarter.

BEECH MOUNTAIN COMPOST SITE

If you have no place to dump leaves on your property, BMLA has developed a composting area near the campground by the salt shed. To make this effort successful residents are asked to follow some simple rules.

- If possible shred leaves. Shredded leaves break down faster, and reduce the size of the pile.
- If you bring leaves to the compost site in containers or bags, please dump the leaves and take your containers home to reuse.
- Please bring nothing but leaves to the site; no branches, trees, or garbage. There is a garbage container there for empty bags only.

If everyone cooperates we will have a successful compost site _____



F.M. Kirby Center

Rescheduled : Almost Queen - A Tribute to Queen

with special guest Elton John Tribute—Philadelphia Freedom -

Due to social distancing restrictions, the Almost Queen performance scheduled for November 7 has been postponed to Friday, October 15, 2021.

Mohegan Sun, Pocono Downs

LIVE Harness Racing : on he following dates - Various times - November : 3rd, 7th, 10th, & 14th

Your turkey is on us ! - RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE TOWARDS YOUR THANKSGIVING TURKEY!

Certificates can be used anywhere manufactured coupons are accepted :

Saturday, November 7th at 6AM

VETERANS DAY SLOT PLAY- Wednesday, November 11th at 8:00am

FREE SLOT PLAY GIVEAWAY - Friday, November 13th at 6:00pm

14TH ANNIVERSARY FRENZY - Saturday, November 14th at 3:00pm

CORNUCOPIA OF CASH GRAND PRIZE DRAWING - Saturday, November 28th at 6:00pm

Penns Peak

Dustin Douglas - Peak Fest Live Entertainment /Peak Fest – Sunday, November 1st at 1PM

STYX Concert - Rescheduled from 03/14/2020. Original tickets will be honored :

Friday, November 13th at 8PM

John Cafferty and the Beaver Brown Band Concert:

Rescheduled from 6/13/20. Original tickets will be honored for new date -

Saturday, November 14th at 8PM



Scranton Cultural Center

Virtual Underground Microphone - November 10, 2020 @ 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Virtual Underground Microphone - November 17, 2020 @ 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Jim Brickman “Comfort & Joy at Home LIVE!” Virtually - November 29, 2020 @ 4:00 PM

Knoebles, Elysburg

Joy Through the Grove – our newest holiday experience.

Join Santa, Kozmo and friends and enjoy a drive through Christmas light display!

The drive through light display will be open nightly, which will conclude the first week of January.

Cost: \$15 per vehicle, Monday - Thursday (5:30PM-9PM).

\$20 per vehicle, Friday - Sunday (5:30PM-10PM).

\$30 per FULL SIZED vehicle (9-12 passengers) nightly.

Please, no buses or motor coaches permitted.

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