

The 2022 Annual Meeting

The WHP annual meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2022 at 10 AM. The purpose of the meeting is to elect directors and discuss our WHP business. The directors running for re-election are Bob Fraley, Kristy Piccolotti and Joe Fazio. If you are interested in serving as a director, please submit your letter of intention by May 7th to P.O. Box 36 White Haven, Pa 18661 or by email to info@whp-hoa.com. Directors are elected to serve a three-year term.

The Board is hopeful that we have emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic and will not have to implement any restrictions this season. The BOD will continue to evaluate the PA Department of Health recommendations at the monthly board meetings and provide updates via the WHP website www.whp-hoa.com, and www.facebook.com/whitehavenpoconosownersassociation, and the bulletin board on the bathhouse.

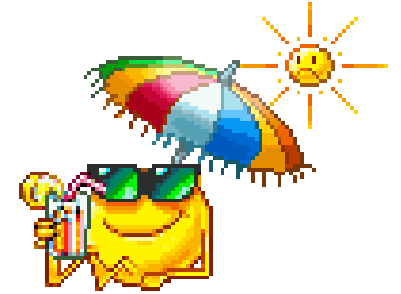
Current Board Members

The WHP Board is a volunteer position. These men and women freely give their time to meet, maintain, plan upgrades and oversee operations of our Lake and Beach area. Thank you!!

- Bob Fraley President
- Joe Paskill Vice President 570-443-2347
- Joe Fazio 570-401-6441
- Rich Rogan 570-401-9946
- Kristy Piccolotti
- Rich Kresge
- Pete Daly replacing resigned Paul Smith
- Steve Solarek
- Ron Pierce

Welcome New Members

- Melanie Febbo 4142 Paper Birch Lane
- Brian Murphy Lot 510 Paper Birch Lane
- Cally Shrader 4208 Paper Birch Lane
- Tyler Herbinko 231 Old Ford Rd.
- Phillip & Darlya Wind 301 Old Ford Rd.
- Andre Lee 473 Old Ford Rd.
- Morning Dew Holdings Lots 1014 – 1017 Old Ford Rd.
- Jarod Munk Lot 228 Fern Ridge Rd.
- Janelle Insogna Lot 402 Fern Ridge Rd,
- Connie Blakeslee Lot 403 Fern Ridge Rd,
- Scott Klein 5051 Azalea Trail
- Joe & Nancy Nisula 2042 Mountain Ash Lane
- Elizabeth Olarte Lot 802 Mountain Ash Lane
- Vidal Estates LLC. Lots 1100 Azalea Trail & 1125 – 1126 Bech Rd.



Beach News

Pavilion Reservations

To reserve the pavilion, call Rich – 303-550-5869 or Kristy - 303-519-2507 **any time after the beach clean-up on May 14th**. A \$50 deposit is required in addition to the \$25 rental fee. A rental agreement will be provided to the renter, the signed agreement and payment must be received within 7 days or the reservation will be cancelled. The deposit will be returned if the renter complies with the terms of the rental agreement. To reserve the pavilion, please contact Rich at 303-550-5869 or Kristy at 303-519-2507. **Lifeguards:**

This year's lifeguard is Kayla Kresge. We are in need of a second lifeguard. The position pays \$12 an hour.

Beach Hours:

The official opening of the beach is Memorial Day weekend, weekends only, through the second or third week in June. The beach will open daily after the end of the school year subject to the availability of lifeguards.

Water Safety Testing:

Will be performed weekly throughout the summer months. Results will be posted on the bulletin board at the bathhouse.

Lake and Beach Water Treatment

We continue to utilize Ecological Solutions, Inc. to manage various lake and beach weeds as needed throughout the season.

Last year we began to treat the swimming area with Muckaway in order to reduce the buildup of detritus (muck) and brown sediment on the sand in the swimming area. We saw a reduction in muck throughout the season but, unfortunately the dam for the lake upstream of ours was breached late in the summer forcing a load of silt into our lake. We will continue to treat for muck throughout this year.

Wristbands

Anyone using the beach or lake is required to display a wristband to identify themselves as an active member of WHP or the guest of an active member. This is an effort to prevent the unauthorized use of our facilities. Wristbands, three per family, will be distributed to active members at the general meeting or can be obtained from any Board member. Active members are those who have paid the current year's dues and have no balance past due. **Wristbands are YELLOW for the 2022-2023 season.**

Fish Stocking

There was a successful spring trout stocking at Sunrise Lake, with 230 fish that measured between 10 – 12 inches, 25 fish that were 15 inches long, and 5 fish at 20 inches long. As always, catch and release is encouraged with a two fish per day limit. All members and guests fishing at the lake will be required to have proper identification for lake access. Watch the website for updates on stocking dates.



Annual Beach Clean Up

Our Annual Beach Clean-up Day is Saturday May 14, starting at 10:00

a.m. There are number of projects which must be completed. We request that you and your family join us to help with the following tasks. In case of rain, please check the web site for a rain date.

- ✚ Leaf and Brush Removal – rakes, blowers and tarps are needed
- ✚ Inspect and repair picnic tables – hammer, saw, screw gun and hardware are needed.
- ✚ Clean grills and distribute around beach
- ✚ Inspect and repair playground equipment.
- ✚ Clean bath house – supplies provided by WHP

The better the turnout the shorter the workday! Kids are welcome to participate. Any help is appreciated.

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served at Noon. Next year's Beach Clean Up date is May 13, 2023 with a rain date of May 20, 2023.

State of White Haven Poconos 2022

WHP is getting older. The dam and lake are nearly 60 years old. With increasing age comes increasing maintenance and expenses. This year we have had to repair the masonry structure of the entrance sign that was deteriorating. We have implemented an increased regimen of weed treatment at the lake and beach area in the hopes of postponing the need to empty and dredge the lake.

Significant projects and expenses for the upcoming season include the need to repair the dock structure for the dam's gate valve. This is an issue that had been cited by the DEP in a previous inspection. After a long process and several false starts we have finally found a contractor to complete this project. We are also going to have the same contractor replace the two boat docks, one of which is severely listing into the lake. We are hoping to begin the project soon.

We plan to replace the vinyl sign at the entrance and make additional repairs to Sunrise Lake Drive this year. Other concerns on the table include repairing or replacing the floating dock that has sustained some damage over the last year or two.

When looking at all these projects as well as the increasing cost of basic services, the need for new and additional services, and the decreasing number of volunteers, the current budget has been under stress. This year we have been operating in the red, tapping into the funds meant for emergencies. Unfortunately, an annual dues increase of \$50 is needed to rectify this situation. Such an increase was proposed and discussed at our last Annual Meeting in May 2021.

We do not take raising dues lightly. Last year a reserve study was done that showed a need of an additional \$22,000 to \$47,000 per year for 10+ years just to maintain the facilities that we have now. The lower amount does not include dredging the lake or repaving the entirety of Sunrise Lake Drive. This amount does not factor in any increase in costs for repairs and services. Nor does it account for any new projects or improvements.

We hope everyone understands the necessity of this increase and we look forward to another fun and enjoyable summer season at White Haven Poconos.

Truly,

The WHP Board of Directors



Please Be Courteous

Please be courteous to your neighbors. Bear Creek Township has leash laws for dogs. Please keep your furry friend always leashed. We have many children playing as well as people walking and running through our beautiful neighborhood. Please be courteous and keep your dog on a leash so no one gets hurt. Also, please be kind and do not allow your dog to bark early in the morning or late at night or even all day long. We have many retirees attempting to “sleep in” as well as young ones that need to get to bed early for school and those of us who need to get up early for work the next day!! Thank you!!

Dog Warden - Jim Spencer - 570-350-9392
SPCA of Luzerne County - 570-825-4111 ext. 103 to report the situation



Boats

Boats were required to be removed from the beach for the winter as of 10/15/2019. Any that remained have been put in

storage. If one of these boats belong to you, please contact a White Haven Poconos Board member and they will provide access for a \$25 moving and storage fee. Please remember that when boats are returned to the lake, they must be labeled with your name and address.

Burn Ordinance

There is a burning ordinance in Bear Creek Township. Burning is only allowed in an enclosed area such as a burn barrel or fire pit. Please do not burn Styrofoam, plastics or building supplies such as plywood and laminates. Burning such items causes toxic fumes. Please be considerate of your neighbors. When in doubt, you can go to the Bear Creek township website at www.bearcreektownship.org



White Haven Poconos Website

Remember to access the White Haven Poconos Association website for updates and current information about association activities. Remember, the website is yours to use. To contact the webmaster (a current board member) send an e-mail with your comments, questions, or concerns to info@whp-hoa.com. The website is www.whp-hoa.com.

Outstanding Dues

Please be advised that all property owners and renters are responsible to have their dues paid up to date. We are requesting all delinquent payments be submitted with this year's dues payment. Our fiscal year starts June 1st and any member not in good standing will be denied access to WHP Association amenities.

Members that remain in arrears after August 31st may be turned over to a collection agency and processed for legal action, if need be. **Remember, the annual dues are a requirement of your property deed whether you use the facilities of White Haven Poconos or not!** Thank you in advance for your timely payment. **Please mail your Association dues to our PO Box 36 White Haven, Pa 18661.**



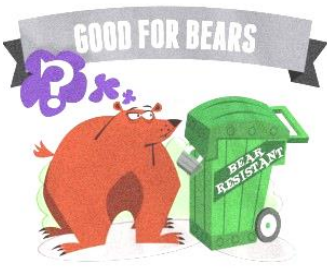
Snow and Road Maintenance

As many of you know, our roads are maintained, and snow removal is done by Bear Creek Township. The number to reach the Bear Creek Municipal Building is 570-825-9077.



County Waste Disposal Service

Mountain Top, PA 1-800-832-1332 will pick up regular recycling items curbside!!! They also have a good price for trash pick- up.



We Have Bears

There are bears in White Haven Poconos. They love the neighborhood trash that you may put out the night before for your trash pickup. Please be mindful that they may get into your trash and drag it across the street or into someone else's yard. **Please clean up your trash if this happens. Thank you!**



Disabled Motor Vehicles

Bear Creek Township has an Ordinance Prohibiting the storage of Disabled Motor Vehicles. Any motor vehicle possessing one or more of the following characteristics is in violation of this ordinance and is subject to removal:

- A. It is inoperable and has been stored in a residentially zoned area within Bear Creek Township for more than seven days.
- B. It lacks an engine, one or more tires or other essential part.
- C. It is kept in such a condition as to become a haven for vermin.
- D. It is maintained in a precarious or dangerous position of location.
- E. It has broken glass or other sharp edges.
- F. It presents a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.

Newsletter

If you have births or deaths, you would like acknowledged in the newsletter or any information you would like included in the next newsletter, please contact Gerri Rogan at 570-436-5477, or submit them to: WHP Owners Assoc., P.O. Box 36, White Haven, PA 18661 or by email to info@whp-hoa.com.

*Thank You,
Thank You,*



On behalf of the association, we would like to extend a special thanks to all the people who volunteered to help get things done. We do not want to mention names in fear we will forget someone. Sooooo, **THANK YOU** to:

- Those who did beach clean-up this year!!
- Those who ran and helped with the picnic and made it a success.
- Those who pick up the trash around the neighborhood, the lake, and the entrance road.
- Those who helped with the fish stocking and patrolling the lake.
- Those who do neighborhood watch.
- Thanks to the directors for their time and to all those who are more than willing to help when asked.
- Those who donate the coffee pot for the annual meeting!
- Thank you to any one we forgot!!



Volunteers Needed

A volunteer entrance road clean-up is scheduled for June 4, 2022. Please help us keep our neighborhood beautiful! The road belongs to you as does the whole neighborhood!! Start time for clean-up is 10:00 a.m. Hope to see you there.



REMEMBER STOP SIGNS ARE THERE FOR A REASON! ALSO, PLEASE ABIDE BY THE POSTED SPEED LIMITS. IT'S THE LAW!

- ✚ Remember, bus stops may be at each corner. Please watch for children, especially early in the morning.
- ✚ **No unregistered motorized vehicles such as ATV's, dirt bikes, snowmobiles, golf carts or scooters are permitted on association property. This includes Sunrise Lake road, Sunrise Lake Beach or Sunrise Lake Parking lot and property adjacent to the lake!! According to Pennsylvania state law, these vehicles are not permitted on neighborhood roads as well. If you see someone violating this, please call the Pennsylvania state police.**
- ✚ There has been a large amount of garbage dumping on the entrance road. Please take your garbage with you or get a garbage service.
- ✚ Volunteer Entrance Road clean-up is scheduled for June 4, 2022. Please help us keep our neighborhood beautiful! The road belongs to you as does the whole neighborhood!!
- ✚ If you see someone speeding, talk to your neighbor or contact a board member with the license number!
- ✚ Please be aware the dumpster and trash cans at the lake are **NOT** for household trash. Anybody caught breaking WHPHOA rules will lose association privileges for the year.



Recycling

For information on what and where, reference the following websites:

<https://search.earth911.com/>

<https://www.recyclingcenternear.me/>

<https://bearcreektownship.org/recycling/>

<https://www.luzernecounty.org/324/Recycling-Department>

RECYCLING CENTER FOR BEAR CREEK TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY – per the BCT Website

Single Stream Recycling

Location: Recreation Road by the Township Salt Shed

Hours: Every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until the dumpster are full

Important Township Phone Numbers

Garage Phone: 570-825-9077

Road Crew: John Krumsky (Road master & Foreman)

Road Crew: Robert Kachinko

Road Crew: Robert Suchocki

E-Mail: roadmaster@bearcreektownship.org

Fire Department, Ambulance, Police 911

Board of Supervisors – Verified per BCT website

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| Chairman | Ruth Ann Koval | |
| Vice Chair | Jeffrey Pople | |
| Board Member | Jason Krumsky | |
| Board Member | Mark Petlock | |
| Board Member | Robert Suchocki | |
| Solicitor | William E. Vinsko, Jr. | |
| Secretary | Paula Weihbrecht | 570-822-2260 |
| Tax Collector | Berkheimer | 570-824-2409 |
| Tax Collector | Tracey O'Day | 570-704-4664 |

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| Dog Warden - Jim Spencer | 570-350-9392 |
| SPCA of Luzerne County - 570-825-4111 ext. 103 | |
| County Waste Disposal Service | 800-832-1332 |
| Waste Management | 800-222-2028 |
| J.P. Mascaro | 800-243-7575 |
| State Police, Non-Emergency | 570- 697-2000 |
| Sewage Enforcement - Steve Egenski | 570-239-7086 |
| Metrocast Cable Service | 800-633-8578 |
| PADCNR Turn in the poacher (TIP) program | |
| | 1-888-PGC-8001 |

