



# WLE COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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*It may have taken longer than expected ...  
but Spring has finally Sprung!*



## **PRESIDENTS LETTER** *by Ted Couillou*

Spring is here! The snow removal and ice seemed to go flawlessly this winter and there are so many new and exciting things going on in WLE.

~ Kasper Lodge is scheduled to open this Spring and it will be a wonderful recreation area for our families. Terry Cucciniello and her group of volunteer pre-teen and teens have already submitted proposed rules for using our new family center. Thank you for your hard work. Watch for the ribbon cutting ceremony date!

~ Our new fitness center behind the indoor pool will be in operation by this summer. This will be a great asset to the existing pool and sauna.

~ We plan to install six new wave runner / jet ski slips in our Marina which will be located on docks A, A1 and B. A yearly lottery for property owners will be available for seasonal rentals.

~ We will house a Fire Truck in our Maintenance bay as a sub-station for the Lakeville Volunteer Fire Department. We have six volunteers from our community, two of whom have already been certified to man the truck at this time.

~ A new regulation size ball-field will be staked out this Spring in section 7 in addition to the existing one in front of Kasper Lodge.

~ The area in front of Deer Beach will be dedicated to Vic Navarra, the founder of the WLE Labor Day Games. Sadly, he passed away last winter.

~ There will be a new aluminum dock placed at the Main Beach Area for all to enjoy.

Due to the wonderful job done by our staff under the direction of our General Manager, John Carney, we have a well synchronized community! We thank our Office Staff, Maintenance, Security and Sewer and Water for jobs well done! Our community is run with the help of all the volunteers who seem to get the same good feeling that I get by getting involved. We also have hard-working committees. Recreation organizes many events that we all enjoy. The By-laws Committee has reviewed our by-laws and has submitted their recommendations. The Finance/Budget Committee meets periodically and reviews our investments. The Advisory Board Committee is an important tool for communication between you the property owners and the Board of Directors. Let's not forget the Women's Luncheon Club

and, of course, Neighborhood Watch who keeps an eye on the safety of our community. Thank you to all!

The Board of Directors would like to thank Paula Whitney for her services and energy. We wish her luck! I would also like to thank my fellow board members, Steve Sollenne, Elvin Quinones, Jerry Beskovoyne, Gina Florio and Conrad Zabransky for their hard work and commitment along with George McMullen, who attends our meetings as liaison to the Advisory Board Committee.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Spring and Summer and hope to see you all enjoying what WLE has to offer!



## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** *by John Carney*

It's that time of the year that we really start looking forward to the warmer weather and the activities that it brings. It was a more difficult winter than we have seen in quite some time in regards to snow removal operations. Many were nuisance storms, but they still take many man-hours and anti-skid material.

I had an opportunity to read the President's Letter before writing my article, so I do not want to duplicate the same topics, but I do want to express my thoughts on the many new facilities that will be available for the coming season and for many years to come. Kasper Lodge and the Fitness Center have been two projects talked about for many years and both are a great addition to our present amenities. Both buildings have vast potential for structured activities that will not only provide enjoyment, but serve as a learning opportunity so as to improve one's skills, start a new hobby or begin an exercise program. The new aluminum docks that will be placed at the "Main Beach Area" below the Main Clubhouse will be a welcomed replacement of the old wood docks. With the recent added stairway and cleaning up of the water front, this area has become a very desirable area for many property owners. The lake front property is a nice place for a cookout, to relax and read a book or just enjoy Lake Wallenpaupack. Please remember, the docks are for temporary boat parking only. The wave runner slips at Kemp Marina were suggested as an idea from a property owner and we have received a lot of interest in availability. There is a good possibility we will be expanding on the number of docks for wave runners in the future.

One of the tasks the Board of Directors is presently working on is the review of the By-Law revisions submitted by the By-Law Review Committee. After the

Board's initial review, they forwarded the suggested revisions to our legal counsel and we have already received a response. A rough copy of the By-Laws has been drafted to include the suggested revisions. The Board will be reviewing it at their April meeting. Once evaluated, it will be resubmitted to our legal council and finalized for presentation to property owners for their approval. This has been a time consuming task, not only for the committee and the Board, but our legal council as well. When a document such as the By-Laws is revised, it is an ideal time for our attorney to amend any and all portions of the By-Laws that may be due for modifications and/or updates pertaining to non-profit corporate law and State statutes. We hope to complete the revisions and include them in the Annual Meeting packet. However, we must be completely satisfied that it is precise. The By-Laws are a very important document to any Association and it would be mistake to call for a vote until it has been thoroughly refined.

We are anxious for the coming Summer season. We plan to add more water and electric sites at the campgrounds and add new picnic tables at all sites. Beaver Lodge is slated for painting and a new deck. Roads will be swept shortly to remove a winter's worth of cinders and we will be starting road work again in April. We are also in the planning stages of drawing a set of plans in hopes of eventually replacing the Laundromat and Craft Shop area. The building is part of an original structure dating back before the Association was formed. It is in need of modernizing and enlarging.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime. I will also be available at the Annual Meeting to address any of your concerns. Have a happy and safe Spring.



**WATER & SEWER REPORT**  
*by Brian Schan*

Sewer Plant & System

The treatment plant had a few problems over the winter months. We had to lower Basin #1 to repair a broken return activated sludge line, repair some blown fuses in the PLC main control and replace a broken limit switch on the decant system. All these problems were fixed and the plant is operating fine. The new garage at the treatment plant is ¾ complete and is housing the two portable generators which have been sanded and primed. We will be painting the generators when the weather permits an outside paint day. The upgraded blowers are working out extremely well and the wireless communications between the sewer pump stations were installed. When the weather permits, we will be installing the antennas and then they will be put on line.

Water System

The water system has been average for this time of year. Unfortunately, there have been too many homes that froze and flooded causing extensive damage and the loss of hundreds of thousands of gallons of water. This, in turn, has cost us many man hours locating and turning off the leaks. The Sewer and Water Department would like to emphasize to property owners to take more actions to protect their homes. **\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*** *There is an enforced mandate taking place, all Property Owner curb valves will need to be visible, marked and functioning. A dead line will be set on this issue. The Sewer and Water Dept. will do whatever it can to help POs with this mandate. But remember the water curb valves are the PO's responsibility. The cost of getting the water curb valves to the required state will be at the cost of the property owner.* Some main reasons they need to be visible and working are to prevent extensive damage when a leak occurs in a home and this valve needs to be turned off. We have had many emergencies where we could not find the shut off or it did not operate causing more damage than has already occurred. Also water leaks that take place between the water curb valve and the home will be able to be turned off helping to prevent the extensive loss of water.

**Please remember to protect your home. Turn you water off when leaving your home more then 24 hrs.**



**B.C.O. REPORT**  
*by Larry Milliken*

Winter is giving up grudgingly, but signs of Spring are beginning to pop through. As I drive around WLE each day, I keep looking for the first leaves to bud. They are bad for my allergies but good for my mental health! When you come up this spring to open your houses, or if you're already here and waiting for those leaves like me, take a few minutes to survey the trees on your property. As with all winters, we have had a number of trees break off this year or tip over with their root ball due to winds. It is much safer and cheaper to have diseased or damaged trees taken down than to let nature take them down onto your house or car. I see lots of trees with woodpecker holes in them which is a sure sign that they are dead or dying and need to be taken down. If you think some of your trees may need to be removed, give me a call and I will be glad to assist you in checking them out and providing a list of local tree services to help you.

The major drainage improvements we have made over the last two years seem to be working very well, but we still get some local ditches overflowing with heavy rain and snow melt. The enemy is leaves! Those very critters

I am so eagerly waiting to see. They are beautiful on the trees but a nightmare in our drainage ditches. I am always amazed at how two sticks can back up 5,000 leaves at a driveway culvert and make a dam that will hold back a torrent. You can all help with this problem by raking the leaves out of your drainage ditches periodically and especially after they come off the trees next Fall. Also be sure your drain pipes are open and not plugged inside. Please do not rake or blow leaves into the ditches in front of the house!! Nature does not remove them, she just stuffs them into the nearest culvert pipe. Thanks for your help and enjoy the Spring.



### MAINTENANCE REPORT by Charlie Gioe

The past couple of months we've been working on the new Kasper Lodge painting walls, installing cabinets and bathroom fixtures and putting up the trim. Now that the carpet is down and the furniture and games are in, it has really come together. The combination of Kasper Lodge, playground, skate park and baseball field has made it a great kids' campus and I hope everyone enjoys and respects it.

The busy season is now coming up for Maintenance. We will be installing the Marina docks, removing the cinders from the roads, landscaping the amenity areas and spring cleaning the buildings and all outdoor areas. Once the new Fitness Center is completed, we will perform additional landscaping in the surrounding area and install block walls.

With the increase of the community's population and subsequent new amenities, Maintenance is growing as well. We now have a new part time employee to help Fran with maintaining the buildings and landscape. We need to keep the standards of WLE as they should be. Top rated! Maintenance is working on a few things at Beaver Pool including adding additional parking.

Just a reminder, while doing your outside clean-up, please don't forget to clear the ditch in your yard. Good drainage prevents road and property damage.



### W.L.E. PUBLIC SAFETY DEPT. by Chief N.R. Kizer

Spring is back once again and as the Chief of Public Safety, I would like to write to you about a few safety issues we all need to think about for the good of everyone.

#### SMOKE ALARMS

Having a smoke alarm in your home can reduce the risk of fatalities. If your home is not equipped with them,

now is the time to install them on every level of your home as well as in each bedroom. If possible, choose one with a 10-year lithium battery and if it uses regular batteries, remember to replace them *every year*. Test your smoke alarms monthly, and be sure that your kids are familiar with the sound. Almost 60% of all fatal residential fires occur in homes that don't have smoke alarms, so this may be the single most important thing you can do to keep your family safe. Because smoke rises, the detectors should always be placed on ceilings or up high on your walls. Should your smoke detector near a kitchen go off while you're cooking, ***do not take the battery out of it***; you may forget to put them back in. Open the doors and windows instead. You might consider installing a rate-of-rise heat detector for places like the kitchen where smoke or steam from cooking are likely to cause false alarms. These alarms can sense when the temperature reaches a set critical point or when it rises by more than a certain number of degrees a minute.

#### PLAN AN ESCAPE ROUTE

Planned escape routes are a necessity, especially if a fire were to occur during the night. Go through each room in your house and think about the possible exits. You should have two escape routes from each room, in case one is blocked by fire. Check the room to make sure that furniture and other objects are not blocking doorways and windows. Make sure that the windows in every room are easy to open and are not painted over or nailed shut. Remember, these may be your only way out in a fire. Be sure to let the baby sitter know what to do in case of a fire.

#### PRACTICE FIRE DRILLS

Kids have fire drills at school and adults have them at work. Why shouldn't you have them at home, too? Fires are frightening and can cause people to panic. By rehearsing different scenarios, your family will be less likely to waste precious time trying to figure out what to do. Discuss and rehearse the escape routes you've planned for each room of your home. Designate a meeting place outside your house that is a safe distance away from the home where everyone can be accounted for after they escape. Then, every so often, let everyone know it's time for a fire drill, set off the smoke detector by pushing the button. See if everyone can evacuate your home and gather outside within 3 minutes the time it can take for an entire home to go up in flames. Being prepared is the best way to protect your family from a fire so make sure your kids know what to do in case of a fire. A few minutes of planning now may save lives later on. **LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR LOVED ONE'S SAFETY.**

#### MEDICAL & FIRE EMERGENCY - DIAL 911 FIRST

The Emergency phone is for Fire, Police, and Medical calls only. It is not for barking or loose dogs, opening buildings, power outages, or any other none life threatening situations. It's for **Emergency Calls only**.

We have an answering machine which is checked every half hour when there is no one in the office, but that is a rare occasion now. We have Communication Officers in the office part-time after hours taking all the emergency and non-emergency calls. They will dispatch a Patrol Officer to take care of any problems.

Have a list of your medications in case you ever need an ambulance or a disaster emergency occurs. This is very important and will save time. This information should be kept on the refrigerator door or inside in a jar.

### **PHONE NUMBERS**

You need to update your phone numbers that you have listed in the office. Many times in emergency situations we have needed to contact a property owner and have no phone numbers listed or have numbers that are no longer in service. This is very important.

### **SCHOOL BUS LAW**

The State's School Bus Stopping Law requires all motor vehicles to stop in either direction whenever they approach a school bus and must wait until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm has been withdrawn and all children have reached a place of safety. Violators will receive a 60-day driver's license suspension, five points on their driving record and a \$250 fine. Wallenpaupack Lake Estates requires ALL vehicles to comply with the state laws as well. Anyone not following these rules will be fined \$250. **This includes all Recreational Vehicles as well.**

### **HOME ALARM SYSTEMS**

Having an alarm system in your home is a very good idea, especially if your home is only for weekend or summer use. The Public Safety Department patrols the roads and amenity areas of W.L.E. 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Although we are on constant patrol, with the 18 miles of roads, over 20 amenity areas and 1300 homes in Wallenpaupack Lake Estates, it is still a good idea to alarm your home. I will list a few. We use Northeastern Security Systems, 570-613-5025 or 1-800-439-0087 for our buildings. There is also ADT Alarm System, 1-866-562-9052 and Radio Shack Alarm System, 570-689-3433, Vector Security, 689-2646. If you need any further help you can contact me at XLT6000@aol.com.

### **FEEDING THE DEER**

*FEEDING DEER IN WLE IS AGAINST THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND YOU WILL BE FINED.*

Problems with feeding deer include transmission of diseases, such as Lyme disease, Tuberculosis and CWD – Chronic Wasting Disease. The common deer and

human conflicts in communities include more vehicles hitting deer and damages to property owner's gardens and their landscaping. It is clear that the negative consequences of feeding the deer outweigh the benefits. You are doing a lot more harm than good.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

I want to thank the leader of Neighborhood Watch, Mick Henry, and the other members as well for their help and support this year. **LET'S TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME, JOIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH.**

### **HOME SENSOR LIGHTS**

Since it is a fact that criminals don't like bright areas, let's illuminate our homes at night with motion sensor lights. Be sure to point them down so they don't disturb your neighbors.

### **DRUGS AND ALCOHOL**

The use of Drugs and Alcohol in Wallenpaupack Lake Estates will not be tolerated by anyone. The State Police will be brought in and charges filed on anyone caught using illegal drugs. The use of alcohol by any Juvenile in the State of Pennsylvania is illegal and charges will be filed with the State Police. If you are under the age of 21 and are charged with underage drinking, you will be fined \$500 or more. You can lose your driver's license even if you're no where near a vehicle.

### **THE FACT IS YOU WERE DRINKING ALCOHOL & IT'S AGAINST THE LAW IN PENNSYLVANIA. THINK ABOUT IT, IS IT REALLY WORTH IT ?**

#### **What parents should know:**

As a parent, you cannot give alcohol to your teen's friends under the age of 21 under any circumstance, even in your own home, even with their parent's permission. You cannot knowingly allow a person under 21, other than your own child, to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcohol.

#### **If you break the law:**

You can face a maximum sentence of one year in jail and / or a \$2,500 fine. Others can sue you if you give alcohol to anyone under 21, and they, in turn, hurt someone, hurt themselves or damage property. Officers can take any alcohol, money or property used in committing the offense.

#### **SPEED LIMIT:**

The speed limit for all vehicles in WLE. is 20 mph or less. The Patrol Officers will be out there enforcing this law.

#### **DOGS:**

You must keep your dog on a leash, if your dog is caught running loose off of your property, you will be fined \$100 1<sup>st</sup> time, \$200. 2<sup>nd</sup> time and so forth for

each offense. A dog that is constantly barking will be fined \$25 1<sup>ST</sup> time, \$50 2<sup>nd</sup> time and so forth for each offense. Dog licenses must be purchased on or before January 1st of each year, and dogs must have a current Rabies inoculation. I have requested Dog Enforcement Officers to come into WLE on a regular basis again this year. *Your neighbors and friends do not want to be inconvenienced by your pets.*

#### **PARKING:**

Parking on the side of the road is not permitted in WLE. It causes a hazardous condition for vehicles passing by, maintenance plowing snow and for emergency vehicles. Let's keep our roads safe for all.

#### **STOP SIGNS:**

Stop signs are for your safety as well as the safety of others. Be a role model for your children as it could save their lives. The stop signs means stop and the Officers will be out enforcing this law for your safety.

#### **PATROL OFFICERS:**

The Patrol Officers here at WLE are out there trying to keep you, your children and WLE safe from harm. The Rules and Regulations are for the safety and well being of all. The Public Safety Officers are just doing their jobs, they do not make the Rules and Regulations, they only enforce the law, so please don't take your hostility out on them. My door is always open if you have a problem, or I can be reached at [XLT6000@AOL.COM](mailto:XLT6000@AOL.COM).

### **RV Course**

The courses for 2008 are on the following dates:

May 31	June 28	July 19
August 23	September 20	October 18

All exams will be held at the Main Club House Parking Lot. You must pre-register at the office to take the exam.

Proof of age (birth certificate or passport) must be presented at time of registration along with a \$20.00 fee. Children ages 12 – 17 are required to take this exam in order to operate a standard golf cart. Reservations are limited, so please register early.

**PLEASE BE ON TIME – IF YOU ARE LATE YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TAKE THE TEST!**

Call the office for more detailed information.

**CAMPGROUNDS OPEN**  
**May 15, 2008**

### **\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\* FROM NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**



*Neighborhood watch is here for you. If the time arises that you or a loved one becomes injured, and you find that you are in need of medical equipment, WLE can help you. Our Emergency Room contains wheel chairs, walkers, canes, crutches, shower*

*seats and a medical toilet seat. Neighborhood Watch will be more than happy to lend you whatever you would require at your time of need. All we ask is that you return the item(s) when you are done with it so that we have it for the next person.*

*We also gladly accept donations of medical equipment that you no longer need, provided that they are in working order. If you would like to contribute a monetary donation, those are accepted and appreciated as well.*

*Call the office at 689-4721 or me (Mick Henry) directly at 689-3027 to make arrangements for borrowing or donating supplies.*

*Neighborhood Watch, neighbors helping neighbors.*

*Mick Henry  
Chairman*

*George McMullen  
Vice Chairman*



Pictured here are a few of the WLE Safety Patrol Officers. Next time you see them out and about wave and say hello! From left to right: Officer Donald Smith, Officer Wayne Seeley, Investigator Bob Vladika, Officer Kevin Appel & Cpl. Roger Dowdell.

**WALLENPAUPACK LAKE ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
March 24, 2007**

The March 15, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors was opened at 8:08AM with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Vice President, Steve Sollenne, presiding, Secretary, Elvin Quinones, members Ted Couillou, and Jerry Beskovoyne. Also in attendance were General Manager John Carney and George McMullin representing the Advisory Board. Treasurer, Gina Florio and member Conrad Zabransky were excused.

First order of business was to discuss Paula Whitney's letter of resignation from the Board of Directors. The Board regrettably accepted Paula Whitney's resignation.

Board members discussed appointing a new President of the Board. Vice President, Steve Sollenne recused himself from the position of Board President. Jerry Beskovoyne nominated Ted Couillou for President; seconded by Steve Sollenne. Conrad Zabransky & Gina Florio were contacted by telephone for their vote. The motion was unanimously approved.

Board President Ted Couillou presided the meeting.

The minutes of the February 23, 2008 were reviewed.

**A motion was made by Steve Sollenne, second by Jerry Beskovoyne, to accept the minutes as read.** The motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – John Carney  
Treasurer's report was reviewed. Collections are at 99.8%. Back dues collected for the month, 10,257.92. Dues reminders have been mailed, 16 final notices mailed. One Sheriff's sale of personal property was initiated. One CD in the capital reserve funds matured and rolled over. The finance committee has two proposals submitted by Smith Barney and New England Financial brokerage firms respectively. A proposal from UBS is still pending. The Finance Committee will discuss the proposals and our current investments. They will then submit its recommendations to the board.

General Manager's Report - John Carney

1. Kasper Lodge is completed; Certificate of Occupancy (CO) will be requested upon completion of parking lot. April will be the earliest that Kasper Lodge can be open and operating. Another ad has been placed for an attendant.

2. A commitment letter between WLE and Lakeville Volunteer Fire Department was presented to the Board and signed by Board President Ted Couillou. WLE agreed to have suitable housing for fire engine as part of the LVFD/WLE Substation. The engine will be garaged in the maintenance bay.
3. Our attorney, Howard Terreri has submitted his preliminary study and recommendations regarding the proposed the revisions to the by-laws. Board members will be reviewing Howard's recommendations with intentions of presenting the revisions to the membership for a vote in the June Annual meeting.
4. Our attorney, Howard Terreri has submitted his findings regarding the Reda lot/sewage and water request. Based on Howard's findings, the Board stands firm on its offer to Reda.
5. Howard is waiting for Spillane and his attorney to set up a meeting in reference to the development of section 6. Representatives of the Sewer Treatment Plant Expansion Committee are expected to attend.

Buildings and Grounds – Ted Couillou  
There are no meetings until the spring, 2008. Home permits to date: 1,303.

Security – Elvin Quinones  
The Board reviewed the public safety report submitted by Chief Rocky Kizer for the month of February 29, 2008. A total of 68 calls were received: 16 emergency calls, 44 non emergency calls, 6 hang-ups, and 2 wrong numbers. Total calls year to date; 48 emergency calls and 100 non-emergency calls. There were few incidents for the month of February, one ambulance call, one structure fire and three acts of vandalism.

Rocky is pursuing live feed from surveillance cameras to the communications center. The Board wants the feed to be on a Virtual Private Network (VPN).

Security has acquired a fourth vehicle. The security fleet is currently 4 vehicles.

The fine index will be reviewed and updated in the near future.

No CRC meeting in February. The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2008.

Maintenance and Marina – Jerry Beskovoyne

A comprehensive report from Maintenance was reviewed. The bulk of the new replacement docks for the marina are completed. Picnic tables have been built and will be placed at the campgrounds. Six Wave Runner docks have been ordered and will be located on A, A1 and B docks. A yearly lottery for property owners in good standing will be afforded for seasonal rentals of the Wave Runner docks. Maintenance has done all the communications wiring for the new Fitness Center. The aluminum dock for the main Beach has been ordered.

Recreation – Elvin Quinones

The February Recreation meeting was an unofficial meeting. Members present did not make the required quorum. The St. Patty's Dinner/Dance was a success.

The next Recreation Meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2008 at 10:30 am at the Adult Lodge.

Sewer & Water - Steve Sollenne

A comprehensive report from Sewer and Water was reviewed. S/W is having difficulties locating curb shut off valves which is costing us time and manpower. Property owners are urged to mark where the curb shut off vales are located and also test the valves by turning them off and on. Property owners are reminded that in the 2005 Winter Community Bulletin states *"The water and sewer department will be enforcing the regulations on both pressure regulators and curb valves. Property owners will have until October 31, 2006 to comply, making sure they have a pressure regulator and that their outside main curb water valve is visibly marked and functional"*

All property owners are expected to be in compliance. S/W is looking into improving electrical back-up system for pumping stations located at the MCH and Beaver Lodge. During power outages, portable generators are brought to the pumping stations so that water flow goes uninterrupted. By placing a permanent generator at each pumping station that activates automatically when electrical power is lost would be more efficient. A new pickup truck for W/S has been ordered to replace the current truck.

Advisory Board – George McMullin  
There are no meetings until the spring, 2008.

First Right of Refusal The board reviewed the first right of refusals for the period ending March 15, 2008.

Correspondence

Letter from Howard Terreri in reference to the Reda lot/Sewerage & Water service request.

Email from Howard Terreri, regarding the Bylaw reformation and recommendations.

Letter of appreciation from PO Dolores Flynn addressed to Chief N.R. Kiser, praising Rocky and the security staff.

Old Business

Development of section 7: The new ball field will be staked out in the spring.

Lakeville Sub-Station: The maintenance bay is completed, kudos to maintenance for a job well done. Engine 1 is scheduled to arrive sometime in April. WLE has two

certified drivers. Four other volunteers are currently in training for driver certification.

Deer Control, next survey scheduled for March, 2008.

Fitness Center construction coming along very well.

New Business

Adult Lodge –

**A motion was made by Steve Solenne and second by Jerry Beskovoyne to have the Adult Lodge revert back to 21 years old and over with the exception that a person 18 years and over must be accompanied by an immediate family member of a property owner at least 21**

**years old and in good standing.** The motion passed unanimously.

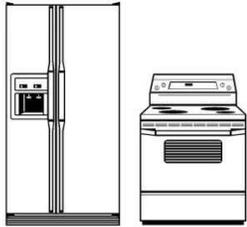
Dedication plaque at Deer Beach naming the area the VIC NAVARRA WAY in honor of Vic Navarro, founder of the WLE Labor Day games.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for April 19, 2008.

A motion was made at 11:45 AM by Steve Solenne and second by Jerry Beskovoyne to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elvin Quinones  
Secretary



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**Did You Know ... there are Grades of Pure Pennsylvania Maple Syrup**

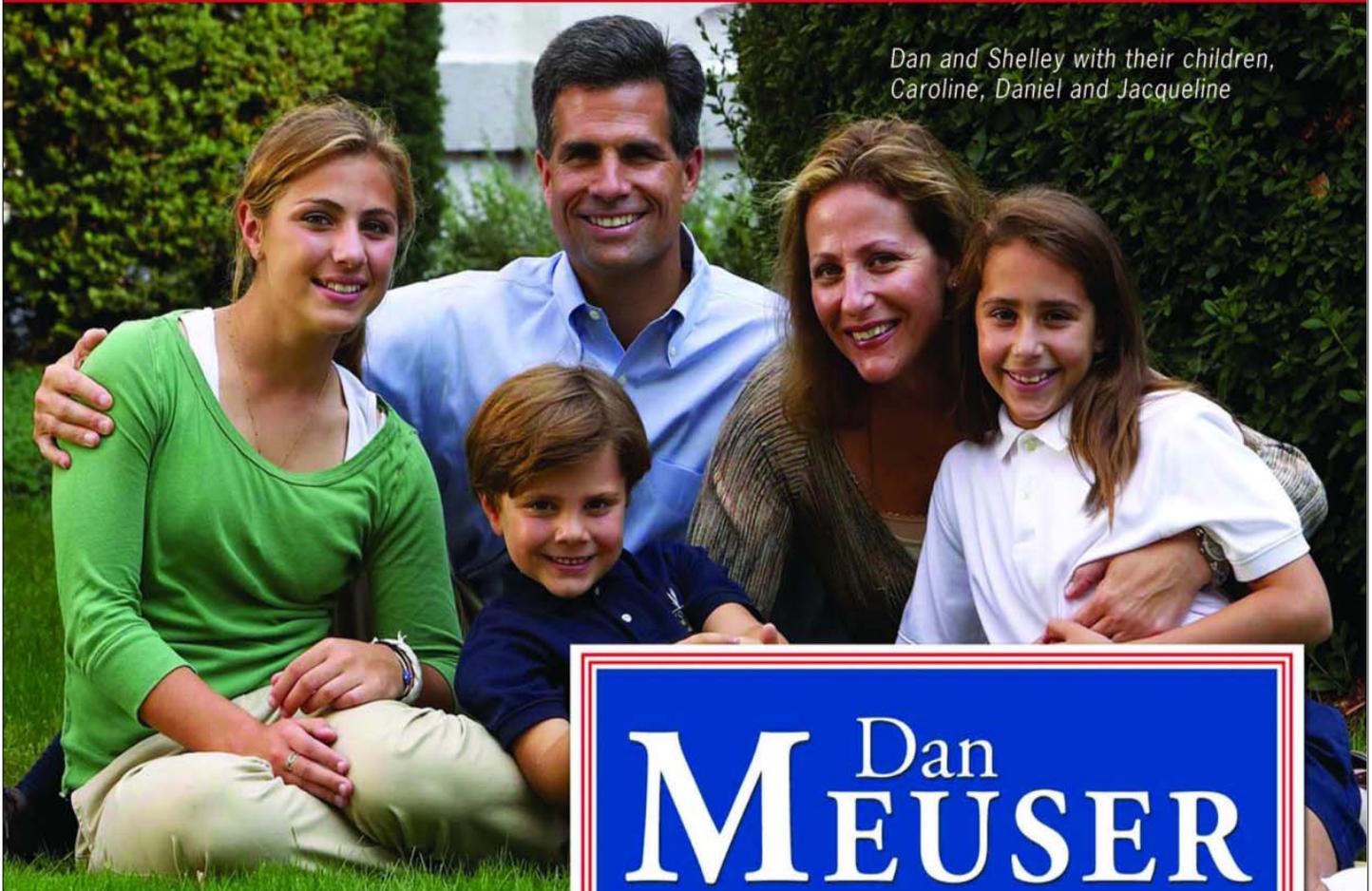
**Grade A Light Amber** is very light in color and has a sweet mild maple flavor. This grade of syrup is usually made earlier in the season when the weather in northeast Pennsylvania is still cold. This is the best grade for making maple cream and maple candy.

**Grade A Medium Amber** is just a slight bit darker and has a little more maple flavor. This grade of syrup is usually made as the weather in north eastern Pennsylvania warms up a bit.

**Grade A Dark Amber** is the darker of the grade A pure maple syrup. It has a stronger maple flavor. This grade of syrup is usually made later in the season when the days get longer and warmer.

**Grade B** is sometimes called cooking syrup. This syrup is made late in the season and is darker than grade A. Grade B syrup has a strong maple flavor as well as some caramel flavor. Some people enjoy the flavor of this grade served at breakfast because of the strong flavoring.

# Active in **Our** Community



*Dan and Shelley with their children, Caroline, Daniel and Jacqueline*



**Dan Meuser** is President of Pride Mobility USA, a successful business employing more than 1000 people in our region. Dan's business experience has prepared him well to deal with the challenges facing our district and nation. Dan is very active and involved in our community.

## **Our Conservative Republican Values**

**Dan Meuser** will work to place the values of Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania at the top of his congressional agenda.

- Misericordia University Board of Trustees
- Boy Scouts of America
- United Way
- Life member of the NRA
- Make a Wish Foundation
- Multiple Sclerosis Society
- St. Jude Hospital
- St. Joseph's Hospital
- American Red Cross
- American Cancer Society
- American Heart Association
- Active in his family's church
- YMCA
- Advocate for our seniors
- Conservationist

Paid for by Meuser for Congress

On Tuesday, April 22, Please vote for **Dan Meuser** for Congress

## 2008 Resumes of Candidates for the Board of Directors

All resumes are listed in the order they were received by the office



**Jerry Besko**  
**"Beskovoyne" Jr.**

I am pleased to say that I am a 27 year resident of WLE, 26 of which were full time. I spent the majority of my childhood growing up here and have been a proud homeowner for the last 10 years. I have met a lot of good people in the community and have witnessed how incredibly fast WLE is growing. It's nice to see new faces and make new friends as the development grows.

I attended school at Wallenpaupack Area. After High School, I took classes at both Penn State and East Stroudsburg University's during which I built the advertising business I now own and operate in the Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey areas. My business has prospered and thankfully continues to grow.

I believe that my tenure in the Estates, extensive knowledge of the surrounding area and years of business experience would benefit the community. I have proudly served on the Board of Directors for the past year and found it to be an enriching experience. I would like to continue to serve in this capacity and I am proud to be able to state the following:

- was a member of the WLE Swim Team growing up and can now enjoy watching my daughter compete for our team.
- have witnessed the extensive growth of the community.
- very familiar with the WLE grounds as well as the neighboring property owners & developments.
- worked on our Maintenance staff for several years.
- have a good working relationship with our community manager and other Board Members.

If you have any questions or concerns about community goings on and/or my intensions as a Board Member please feel free to contact me at [jbesko@yahoo.com](mailto:jbesko@yahoo.com).

Thank You.



**Joy Pfeifer**

Well here I go again ... retirement just isn't for me. So, with careful thought, I decided to be a candidate for the Board of Directors. Below you will find my accomplishments:

1. 1973 – Purchased our property
2. 1974 – Home completed and was enjoyed on weekends only (with no water or sewer)
3. 1975 -1977 – Served on the Advisory Board from its date of inception as secretary.
4. 1978 – 1980 – Served as chairperson of the Recreation Committee.
5. 1977 – 1986 - Served on the Board of Directors as secretary and Vice President.
6. 1978 – Moved to W.L.E. permanently with entire family and at that time I acted as temporary General Manager of W.L.E. until we could hire someone to take this position.
7. 1978 – 1986 – Contracted by the Board to do collections as the Community was in dire need of funds to keep W.L.E. up and running.
8. 1986 – 2007 – Employed by W.L.E. as Collections Administrator, Paralegal and Building Coordinator.
9. Completed the State of Pennsylvania Sewer Enforcement Officer courses in 1979
10. 1990 – 2007 – Served on the Paupack Township Planning Commission.

I am well qualified to serve on the Board of Directors and the only way I can do that is by receiving your vote.

Thank You.



*Steve Sollenne*

WLE has been a major part of my life since I was 5 years old and I have always enjoyed the community.

Nine years ago, my wife Kathy and I along with our two children Tabitha & Justin decided to make the move to full time residents. I have always been very active within WLE. I am currently a member of CERT, Recreation, our Swim Team and enjoyed being a part of the Wally World Players. In addition I have served on the Main Clubhouse Committee and various Ad Hoc Committees whose purpose was to suggest rules and regulations for the personal use of both the Main Clubhouse and Beaver Lodge. Recently, I have donated my time to work with Sewer and Water to install the rough plumbing in the new Kasper Lodge and helped them construct their garage at the plant. I also volunteered to oversee and coordinate the early stages of the construction of Kasper Lodge.

In January 2008 I was elected to serve on the Paupack Township planning board. I consider this an honor and enjoy the opportunity to have a growing involvement with our surrounding area.

What I have to offer WLE is simply myself and my time. I own and operate my own company and feel that this has afforded me a business knowledge that has helped and can continue to help our Association.

For the past 3 years I have served on the WLE Board of Directors. When I first ran for a position on the Board, I stated that change is inevitable and I hoped to ensure that the changes that occur do so smoothly and in the best interest of our community. Today, more then ever, that still holds true. Being on the Board of Directors is not an easy job, but I still welcome the opportunity to serve all the members of Wallenpaupack Lake Estates to the best of my ability. If elected again, I look forward to the next three years.

For the better part of 35 years, I have enjoyed all of what WLE has to offer and I ask for your support so I can continue to give back to my community and insure that we remain "one of the best communities in north east PA"

I welcome any questions that you may have and would enjoy speaking with you, so please feel free to contact me at [contrac344@aol.com](mailto:contrac344@aol.com) or call 570 499-0062.



*Alan Cucciniello*

My name is Alan Cucciniello. I currently own a home on Comanche Circle with my wife, Terry and my two daughters, Lisa and Alison. I have been a part time resident since 1994. We have met many great friends and neighbors and look forward to returning to WLE as much as possible.

My family and I have been actively involved in WLE. I am currently serving on the Building Committee and am an active member of the Recreation Committee. I was Chairman for the WLE Labor Day Games this past year and have assisted for the past several years. I have volunteered and attended various functions and activities over the years as well.

My wife has been involved with the Swim Team as well as the Coordinator for the Summer Recreation Program. My daughters have both been lifeguards and my daughter, Alison is presently a head lifeguard.

I am a self-employed licensed electrical contractor in New Jersey and have been in business for the past 23 years. I am also the president of the Union County Electrical Contractors Association and have been a member of the executive board for the past 8 years. I am knowledgeable in the financial aspects of owning a business, dealing with employees and customers in addition to various types of construction.

Since 1994, I have recognized the ongoing changes that have occurred in WLE having gone from a small community to over 1300 homes. I would like to help guide it as the community continues to grow. I understand that we face various issues such as money, security, roads and amenities to mention a few.

I feel that I can bring a great deal of knowledge to the BOD with the dealings I have acquired through my business and personal life. I am willing to listen to the concerns of the residents and hopefully come to an amicable conclusion. I believe it is important for a candidate to be actively involved in the community in order to run for the Board of Directors. My points of view for the future of WLE comes from my true concern for our community and not from words written from a fancy speech.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful amenities and the tranquility of WLE and look forward to many more years with my family. I would appreciate your voting for me as a member of the Board of Directors.



*Daniel G. Braun*

Most people in the community know me as Dan. My wife and I bought our home in WLE in the summer of 2003 and were only occasional visitors because we lived outside Washington, DC until we became full-time residents in 2005. Since that time, I have served the community as a member of the By-Laws Reformation Committee, supported the Labor Day Games, and currently serve as the Recording Secretary of the Finance and Budget Committee. Due to the handicaps from which my wife suffers, we only occasionally attend social functions but I have made the time to volunteer in the construction of the new Kasper Lodge and the children's playground.

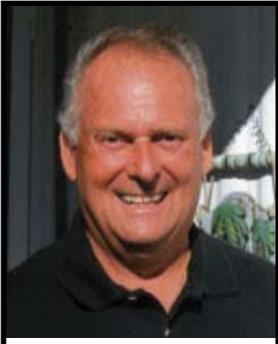
Since we are all a product of our experiences and the lessons we have learned and since I'm not a well-known, "old-timer" in the community, I want to tell you a bit about myself. I grew up on a small farm in North Dakota in a family of very modest means where I learned the value of hard work and that an education is a most valued investment in the future.

Hard work and a passionate ambition for a formal education led me to West Point, where I learned the values of "duty, honor, and country" and embraced the ethical standard that "I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those that do" before I graduated. Twenty six years in the Army uniform took me to all parts of the world, exposing me to many nations, religions, and cultures and giving me many experiences and lessons learned. I received a great deal of training and graduated from a variety of additional schools including the US Naval Postgraduate School. I developed new courses and instructed Army officers at the graduate level in management and organizational effectiveness. I commanded on three occasions, during which I was responsible for all aspects of units of up to 490 personnel. I was chosen as the staff officer responsible for command, control, communications and computers on the staff of GEN Schwartzkopf in the Central Command Theater at the end of Operation Desert Storm. I was responsible for planning the Army's telecommunications architectures and for budgeting programs totaling \$269 million. Of the many lessons that I learned during my military career, service to others over self for the benefit of all seems to be the most fundamental.

When I hung up my uniform, I transitioned to a second career in the Washington, DC area, initially with a small company specializing in highly classified support to the federal government and subsequently working for a large company, Electronics Data Systems. In my initial position, I was responsible for managing up to thirty concurrent contract orders supporting 21 Department of Defense customers in the National Capital Region with annual revenue of approximately \$50 million. My successes led to a position for which I was responsible for the pursuit of contracts totaling more than \$28 billion. After 9-11-01, my military and industry experience, together with a current security clearance, were instrumental in my designation as the Corporate Representative to the National Coordinating Center for Telecommunications, which, in part, advised the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense on issues of government-industry policy, information sharing, and collaboration pertaining to securing and defending the nation's critical infrastructure. While there are certainly justifications for classifying information, I have reaffirmed the principal in my military and industry experience that freely sharing information with the represented needs to be preeminent.

Upon retiring from industry and becoming a full-time WLE resident, I engaged myself as a part-time management consultant with clients including the federal government and fortune 100 companies. My formal education in engineering, law, finance, and management and my experiences as a manager and senior executive in government and industry have benefited me greatly since my modest beginnings. Applying my education and experiences via public service to others is my way of sharing my good fortune.

I have academic, professional, and patriotic credentials too numerous to mention in a single page biography. In my life's experiences, I have learned to value and believe that you listen first, research the evidence, speak minimally, and write only when you are sure that what you put in writing will be valued and never change over time. I ask you to let me support the WLE community as a member of the Board of Directors by voting for me in the up coming election.



*Conrad Zabransky*

Having served on the Board of Directors this past year as an appointed member, I am once again asking for the opportunity to function as your representative helping WLE to meet the needs of today and anticipating the challenges of tomorrow. Whatever those challenges might be, I'm sure I can make a difference in the decision process.

Maryann, my wife of 40 years, and I were first introduced to WLE in the year 2000. Shortly thereafter, we purchased our property and had our home built. We are both retired and WLE is our full time residence. Maryann was a Social Worker and I, a Contract Manager with an Aerospace Defense Company on Long Island. We have one son, Craig, who is engaged to be married, this year. We look forward to someday sharing all that WLE has to offer and with our future grandchildren.

My background includes meaningful hands-on experience in marketing, sales and finance as well as communication skills necessary to direct projects from idea to implementation.

In addition to my serving on the Board this past year, I am an active member of the Recreation Committee, you may remember me as the "Duke" in our fifties dance in January! I also enjoyed playing Santa for the WLE food pantry drive and currently serve as a volunteer fire fighter for the Lakeville Volunteer Fire Department. I enjoy community involvement and will work tirelessly towards goals for our community.

WLE made remarkable strides this past year. It was a genuine pleasure to share in that growth. Some accomplishments were; completion of Kasper Lodge, a revamped security force, LVFD - Sub Station, restoration of the Finance Committee, construction of a new gym, refurbishing our drainage system, the attainment of a scholarship program and the planning of a new official size ball field (late this spring).

I have a genuine interest in WLE and ask for your support so that I may continue to work diligently on your behalf.



*Gerald "Jerry"  
LaStella*

Married to Barbara with two children, one who is enrolled in WAHS and the other in college and a 94 year old mother. I served 26 years as a Police Captain in New Jersey and the next 10 years as Chief Police Instructor at the Ocean County Police Academy. Currently employed as an agent with Coldwell Banker Lifestyles Realty and I ran two years ago for the Board and lost by a few votes. I am a member of the Security Advisory Committee.

I asked a question once of why our dues keep increasing so much. The answer "everything goes up". Wow, no kidding. In these hard times maybe we should be operating on a zero based budget in order to have better control of our funds.

For those of us who combined their lots there should be an allowance for extra badges at no extra charge. We should no longer be billed as two separate lots because we are legally one according to the County and Paupack Twp.

Are you satisfied that you are made aware of all the spending before it's spent? When we as a community vote to NOT build a facility for "x" amount of dollars we shouldn't be building two because each one stayed under the dollar amount approved. Example, if an approval is needed by membership for any spending over a certain dollar amount. for an item, such as road work, it should not be broken down into smaller numbers per contract to satisfy membership and "make it look right". I'm not saying this is happening just that it could. We shouldn't be on a mystery tour.

As I said before, I probably don't have a "snowball's chance" of getting enough votes to be elected to serve as YOUR representative on the BOD. But if I am chosen I will listen and learn so that I may try to stop the unnecessary over burdensome rules and mandates that just take up everyone's time, but this year it's a little warmer.

The above is not to offend any of our current BOD or current employees but you get tired of hearing people saying they feel helpless, especially those who have a second home here. We "all of us" should know how our money is spent not after the fact but before. We have that right and the BOD has an obligation to us. I always have represented not only the underdog, but all my constituents fairly and OPENLY. Don't waste your vote by not voting. Vote for someone and stop complaining. Please.....

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## Pike County History

*Pike County, created on March 26, 1814 from part of Wayne County, Pennsylvania, was named for General Zebulon Pike. Milford, Pennsylvania, the county seat, was incorporated in 1874 and named for Milford Haven of Wales.*

*At the time of European contact, the inhabitants were the Leni Lenape, later known as the Delaware Indians. The first European to visit to the region was Captain Arent Schuyler in 1694, sent by Governor Benjamin Fletcher of the colony of New York to determine whether the French were trying to enlist the Indians against the English. In 1696, governor*

*Fletcher authorized a number of citizens of Ulster County to buy land from the Indians near New York. Descendants of those settlers became the first Europeans to settle in Pike County.*

*Early settlers included Nicholas Depui in 1725, Thomas Quick, who settled on the site of Milford in 1733, and Andrew Dingman in 1735, at what would become Dingmans Ferry. Settlers had good relations with the Indians at first; but as more settlers moved into the area, land disputes developed. The famous Walking Purchase of 1737 took in more than half of the present day Pike County and led to violence.*

*In the early 1800s, coal was discovered nearby in the area of present-day Carbondale, but an economical means of transporting the coal to New York was needed. A combination of a gravity railroad from Carbondale to Honesdale, and canal from Honesdale to New York was proposed. In 1823 the state of New York approved the building of the Delaware and Hudson Canal, a 108-mile (174 km) waterway between Honesdale and the Hudson River terminus near present day Kingston, New York. Work on the canal began in 1825 and was completed in 1828. The canal system proved profitable except where the barges crossed the Delaware. John Roebling proposed running the canal right over the river on an innovative suspension bridge/aqueduct, built in 1848; the suspension design called for only three piers (instead of the normal five), which allowed more room for ice floes and timber rafts to pass underneath. Three other suspension aqueducts were built for the canal.*

*The canal and aqueduct carried coal boats over the Delaware for the next fifty-one years. Then New York and Erie Railroad proved cheaper and had the advantage of running in the winter when the canal froze over. By 1898 the canal was abandoned. Roebling's Delaware Aqueduct, possibly the oldest suspension bridge in America, is a National Historic Landmark.*

*In 1926, the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company built a dam on Wallenpaupack creek at Wilsonville for an electric generating plant. Construction of the dam required a crew of 2,700 men and took two years to complete at a cost of \$1,026,000. Nearly a hundred landowners were bought out and farms, barns, and homes were razed or moved along with 17 miles (27 km) of roads and telephone lines and a cemetery. This project created the largest artificial lake in Pennsylvania, Lake Wallenpaupack.*

*Pike County had the fastest population growth of any Pennsylvania county between 1990 and 2000. Between 1990 and 2000, the county grew by 65.2%, and between 2000 and 2004, it grew 16.9%. Local leaders attribute the trend to the relatively low state and county taxes, affordable housing, and the ease of commute to New York City's northern suburbs via Interstate 80 and Interstate 84.*

*The current Pike County Commissioners, all successfully reelected in 2007, are Chairman Richard Caridi (R), Vice-Chairman Harry Forbes (R), and Commissioner Karl A. Wagner, JR (D).*

***Did you know: ~ Pike County has over 500 waterfalls ~ One of the five American Flags that hung in the Presidential Box at Ford's Theater is hanging in the Pike County, Pa. Historical Society in Milford. The flag, used to cradle Lincoln's head, carries the bloodstains to this day, and is reported to have been the flag that John Wilkes Booth caught his foot on as he lept from the box.***

***More information about the flag on page #24***

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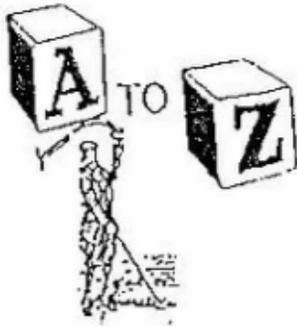
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The following are awards and honors that she received. District Band for three years; Region Band for two years; District Orchestra for one year; Region Orchestra for one year; and was Lettered in Cross Country.

After graduation, Ericka will attend a college or university and major in music education.

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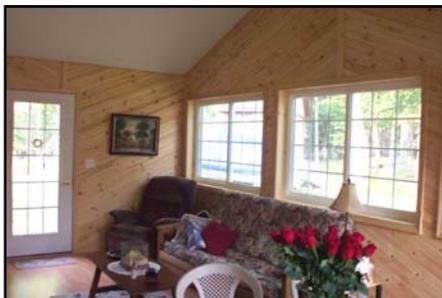
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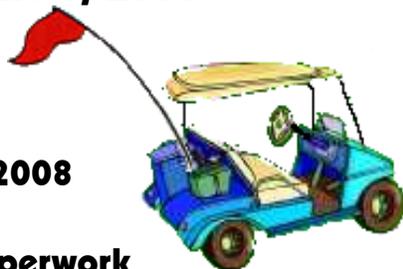
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**The office will start giving them out May 1, 2008 provided that all corresponding paperwork has been handed in and paid for.**



The Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management District Board of Directors met on January 16, 2008 to discuss the lake monitoring data and the TMDL (total maximum daily load) of pollutants that is permitted within the watershed. Pictured left to right is William Manner, DEP; Barbara Lathrop, DEP; Karen Mandeville, District Administrator of the Watershed District; and Dr. Eugenia Skirta, East Stroudsburg University Statistician. (Photo by Alex Zidock)

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\*Pictured are the WCA elected officers for 2008. From left to right are Charlie Bergemann, Vice President, Fran Dommeleers, Secretary/Treasurer and John Carney, President



**FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

This display is fired near the shores of Lake Wallenpaupack, next to the High School, and will begin at approximately 9:00 pm July 4<sup>th</sup>. Parking will be available in the High School parking lots, and the bleachers will be open to spectators at approximately 7 pm. Rain date July 5<sup>th</sup>

**ANNUAL MEETING**

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June 14, 2008  
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### The Lincoln Flag

*In 1996, Joseph E. Garrera, current president of the Lincoln Group of New York, an organization dedicated to studying the life and times of Abraham Lincoln, concluded an independent year-long study regarding the authenticity of a bloodstained, 36 star, American flag which played an important role in the events at Ford's Theatre on the night President Lincoln was assassinated in 1865. His findings and conclusions, subsequently published in a 125 page research document, THE LINCOLN FLAG OF THE PIKE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, declare the flag "authentic."*

*Nationally recognized and highly respected Lincoln scholars such as Dr. Wayne Temple, Chief Deputy Director of the Illinois State Archives;*

*Michael Maione, the Historian at Ford's Theatre; Dr. Edward Steers, Jr., the Lincoln assassination expert; and Frank J. Williams, Chairman of the Lincoln Forum; and others; have since concurred with and confirmed Mr. Garrera's findings.*

*Mr. Garrera's research traces the events from that fateful night in 1865 to the present. On April 14, 1865, Thomas Gourlay was the part-time stage manager and an actor at Ford's Theatre in Washington. He was also the father of Jeannie Gourlay who had a lead part in the play, "Our American Cousin," which was presented on stage that night. After President Lincoln was shot in the back of the head by John Wilkes Booth, those ministering to him noted that Gourlay was present with them in the presidential box. Laura Keene, the star of the evening performance, was also in the box, and cradled Lincoln's head in her lap as he lay on the floor, mortally wounded. When doctors laid Lincoln on the floor, so that he could rest more comfortably, Gourlay, according to Garrera's research, "pulled the large flag which had been draped over the balustrade and placed it partially under Lincoln's head."*

*After Lincoln was moved to Petersen House across the street from the theatre, Gourlay took the flag and kept it until, before his death in the 1880's, he gave it to his daughter, Jeannie Gourlay Struthers. She moved to Milford, in Pike County, Pennsylvania, in 1888. Jeannie Gourlay Struthers then passed on the flag to her only son, V. Paul Struthers. In 1954, Struthers donated the flag to the Pike County Historical Society. He also donated other artifacts from the Civil War era, including clothing that belonged to his famous mother and an oral history which provided details of an unbroken chain of family ownership of the flag dating back to April 14, 1865,*

*Subsequently, the Society has had the blood stains on the flag tested on two occasions. Both times, the tests confirmed that the stains on the flag are human blood. Garrera's research into forensic issues documented the fact that the blood stains are "contact stains," consistent with a bleeding wound coming into direct contact with the flag. His research into other areas - such as the materials used in manufacture of the flag, the chain of custody of the flag, government policies on the use of American flags for ceremonial purposes, the disposition of all of the flags which were in Ford's Theatre on April 14, 1865 - all serve to confirm the authenticity of the "Lincoln flag."*

*George F. Cahill, CAE, Founder of the Pittsburgh-based National Flag Foundation, stated, "Pike County's flag could become the most revered single flag of our day, similar in importance to Francis Scott Key's 'Star Spangled Banner,' 'Betsy Ross' creation, and the ensign raised atop Iwo Jima in World War II."*

*Today, Jeannie Gourlay Struthers rests peacefully in Milford Cemetery, her place in American history as an eyewitness to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln indelibly etched on the Ford's Theatre playbill for April 14, 1865. The flag which she protected and preserved is on permanent display at The Columns, the museum of the Pike County Historical Society. (This article was printed in our WLE Newsletter before the Times Tribune printed another article on the Flag - however, I left it in for those that do not get that newspaper and do not live here.)*



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**Name That Baby Picture**

Congratulations to Mick Henry who guessed 15 of the 18 baby pictures featured in Issue #106. The names are as follows in the order that they appeared - Bob Vladika, Donna Fenstermaker, Fran Raimo, Doug Bagnall, Rocky Kizer, Evert Albeht, Sandy Aleckna, Kathy Sollenne, Larry Milliken, Paul Kuhn, Nancy Settepani, Ken Moran, Debbie Devine, Chuck Fenstermaker, John Carney, Brian Schan, Charlie Gioe and Bob Christman.

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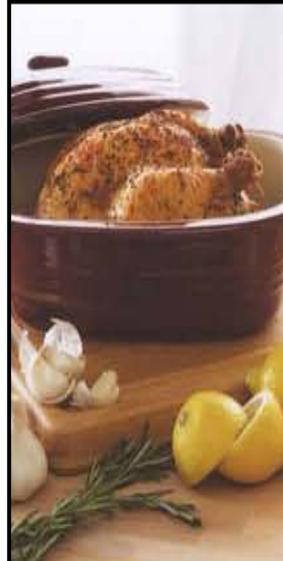
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## Swim Team News

By Sharon Haley



Nancy and I have been busy chipping the ice off the top of Beaver Pool and presenting offerings to the gods of summer along with requests for sunny, cloudless skies at each practice and swim meet. We hope that you have had a healthy winter and a successful academic year.

Swim practices will start at the end of June at Beaver Pool. We will post the date on the WLE website and activity sheet. As we did last year, we are dividing practices into three sessions: Session I - 8:30-9:30, Session II - 9:30-10:30, Session III - 10:30-Noon. The coaches will assign swimmers to practice sessions. Assignments will not be based on age. For the first practice, we ask swimmers 8 years old and under to attend Session I, ages 9-12 to attend Session II and swimmers ages 13 and up to attend Session III.

We are changing our swim suits this year. We noticed that last year's suits wore thin quickly. This year's suits will not have the WLE logo. They will be blue and have a design. We will post prices, sizes and order forms on the WLE website as soon as we have all the information.

We are looking for coaches. If you know anyone with competitive swim experience who is at least going into their senior year of high school, please ask them to contact John Carney, Nancy or me.

Our league is having a meeting at the end of April to finalize the swim meet schedule for the season. As soon as we have that, we will post it on the WLE website.

Please check the WLE website in early May for parent permission slips, schedules and other details about this year's program.

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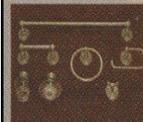
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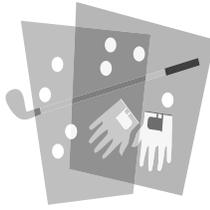


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