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Dear Members-

We are pleased to share this issue of THE PAPOOSE with you and your families.

This special issue is largely dedicated to the Annual Meeting which will take place on Saturday, November 7. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

The Board, Management and several of our Members have spent the past two years developing a Strategic Plan for our Community. The full LMCC Strategic Plan is on the LMCC website and in the office, readily available for all to read.

Our primary objective continues to be-

"Protect and enhance the value of LMCC and Members' investments in their properties."

The Strategic Plan has four basic strategies designed to achieve the objective:

• The first will eliminate all the remaining vestiges of the Great Recession on the appearance of the Club's infrastructure and financial condition so the Club has a solid base for the future. It includes plans for the Lakes, Roads, Food & Beverage Operations, Clubhouse and Other Properties, Parking Lot, reducing delinquent dues, and reducing the impact of unkempt properties on neighbors.

• The second will protect the Club and its Members from the next down-turn in the economy by ensuring that adequate funds will always be available in a Capital Reserve Fund to maintain the Club in good condition. The establishment of the Fund and the amendment to the By-Laws will be addressed in this coming election.

• The third is designed to ensure that LMCC Members receive all of the essential municipal services provided by Sparta and Byram to all other taxpayers, thereby relieving LMCC of the financial burden of performing those services and making those resources available for other purposes.

• The last is designed to inform a much wider market that Lake Mohawk exists and offers an outstanding lake-style community experience, thereby attracting homebuyers who are willing to pay a premium for this lifestyle once they are aware it exists.

The Strategic Plan does not impose additional heavy financial burdens on the Club's Members. Most of the on-going and planned improvements can be paid from current funding sources so a general common area maintenance (CAM) charge increase or substantial assessment is not required. Indeed, one theme of the Strategic Plan is to increase the Club's financial resources with “non-Members’ money”, for example, funds earned from non-Members at the Tiki Bar, Boardwalk Club, catering events and a Pay Parking Lot. At the same time to continue with voluntary funds from Members who buy more restaurant meals or make House Committee donations.

The only additional Club Charges being specifically proposed in this Strategic Plan are two modest annual assessments of $140 in 2016 and up to $140 in 2017 to “top up” the proposed $2 million initial balance of the Capital Reserve Fund.

The establishment of the Capital Reserve Fund and the strategy behind such, is explained in this issue. Please read the letter submitted by Phil Marcellus, Chair of the Reserve Study Task Force, and the comments from several other Members. We greatly appreciate the work accomplished by all of those involved in this important Strategic Plan initiative.

We strongly encourage you to attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person. If your plans take you elsewhere that day, we are pleased to offer both absentee ballots and electronic voting this year. Profiles of the Trustee candidates for the Board are featured in the issue too. We are pleased to have six Members express interest in taking a leadership position.

Enjoy this issue and thanks for your continued support.

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Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5:00pm
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Submissions must be received by the 5th of the Month.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
OCTOBER 12
Office Closed - Columbus Day

OCTOBER 19, 7:30PM
Trustees Meeting

NOVEMBER 7
Annual Meeting - Registration 8:30 am - Meeting 9:30 am

NOVEMBER 26
Office Open until 12:00 pm

NOVEMBER 27, 28, 29
Office Will be Closed

GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKET
It’s easy to see why the Lake Mohawk German Christmas Market is ranked as “One of the Top Ten Things to Do in December in the State” – it’s simply at the top of the “to do” list for getting in the Christmas spirit! Looking ahead, the 2015 Market will be held on Saturday, December 5th and Sunday December 6th.

Please scan the code below or visit our website at lakemohawkgermanchristmasmarket.com to stay updated on this spectacular event!

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October 1 - PAC meeting 7:00 pm.

October 1 - BWC Lunch, Happy Hour and Dinner.

October 2 - BWC Lunch, Happy Hour and Dinner.

October 3 - Sleepy Lagoon Oktoberfest.

October 3 - BWC Closed.

October 4 - BWC Lunch ONLY.

October 7 - BWC Lunch, Happy Hour and Dinner.

October 8 - BWC Lunch, Happy Hour and Dinner.

October 9 - Boardwalk Club Wine and Cheese 7:00pm $40 tax & gratuity included. Reservations Required.

October 9 - Powerboat Club Bi-Annual Business Meeting in the East Lounge of LMCC.

October 10 - Alpine Beach Oktoberfest at 7pm. Adults Only. Look for details on www.alpinepool.org or on Facebook.com/AlpineBeachLakeMohawk.

October 10 - BWC Lunch, Happy Hour and Dinner.

October 10 - Beach 4 Oktoberfest, cost $5 per person for brats and hotdogs. Bring a German style beer for the the beer pot luck plus a side dish to share. RSVP by October 7.

October 11 - Membership Informational Meeting 3pm to 6pm at Lake Mohawk Country Club.

October 11 - BWC Lunch Only.

October 12 - Office Closed - Columbus Day.

October 14 - BWC Lunch, Happy Hour and Dinner.

October 15 - Power Boat Club fall business meeting in the East Lounge at Lake Mohawk Country Club at 7pm. Planning for upcoming year will take place, try to attend.

October 15 - BWC Lunch, Happy Hour and Dinner.

October 16 - BWC Lunch, Happy Hour and Dinner.

October 17 - Yacht Club Annual Meeting.

October 17 - BWC Lunch, Happy Hour and Dinner.

October 17 - Alpine Beach meeting at 10am to discuss plans for 2016 season.

October 17 - Beach 4 Dock Day at 8am.

October 17 & 18 - Alpine Beach Clean-up.

October 17 & 18 - Century Doubles Tournament - Clubmembers only $10 per participant.
October 18 - BWC Lunch ONLY.

October 18 - Membership Informational Meeting 1pm to 4pm.

October 18 - Yacht Club last day of racing.

October 18 - Membership Informational Meeting 1:00pm at Lake Mohawk Country Club.

October 18 - Yacht Club Last Day of Racing.

October 19 - Trustees Meeting 7:30pm.

October 21 - BWC Lunch, Happy Hour and Dinner.

October 22 - Membership Informational Meeting 7:00pm to 10pm at Lake Mohawk Country Club.

October 22 - BWC Lunch, Happy Hour and Dinner.

October 23 - Beach 6 all boats need to be out of the water.

October 23 - BWC Lunch, Happy Hour and Dinner.

October 24 - Beach 6 Dock Day at 8am rain or shine. Mandatory for all boat slip owners.

October 24 - BWC Lunch, Happy Hour and Dinner.

October 25 - BWC Lunch ONLY.

October 26 - Finance Meeting 7pm.

October 28 - Preservation Foundation Meeting 7pm.

October 28 - BWC Lunch, Happy Hour and Dinner.

October 29 - BWC Lunch, Happy Hour and Dinner.

October 30 - Annual Parade of Jack-O-Lanterns and Contest at the Clubhouse.

Pumpkin drop-off 4:30 - 6:00pm
Viewing Parade 7:30 - 10:00pm.
Prizes awarded at the end of the parade.

October 30 - BWC CLOSED.

Please submit information for the calendar by the 5th of each month. We do not take responsibility for any misprints or errors on the calendar.

Please respect the NO SMOKING policy on the Boardwalk and the surrounding areas. Let’s all enjoy the fresh air!
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ANGUS BEEF SLIDERS (3) – $7
2 ounce Black Angus sliders on petite brioche rolls served with a deli pickle spear / American, Cheddar or Gruyere cheeses

GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH – $7
Herb-grilled chicken breast with lettuce, tomato, Gruyere cheese and lemon-herb pesto aioli on a challah roll

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Thumman’s beef Frankfurter on a soft bun served with a deli pickle spear

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LMCC ANNUAL MEETING
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• 9:30AM MEETING
• 8:30AM - 12PM INFORMATIONAL DISPLAY IN OUR NEW PAPOOSE MEMBERS’ ROOM

BULLETIN BOARD

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The Office will be closed Saturday, November 7, 2015, for the Lake Mohawk Country Club Annual Meeting.

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• Meet the Candidates for the Board
• Learn about the By Laws Amendments
• Learn More about the Strategic Plan
• Learn More about the Capital Reserve Fund
• Learn More about Voting Options

Please join us for one of these meetings in the Mohawk Room in the Clubhouse.

Date: **October 11, 2015**  |  Time: **3pm**
Date: **October 18, 2015**  |  Time: **3pm**
Date: **October 22, 2015**  |  Time: **3pm**

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Although we have not had any twins since the O’Leary’s and Aldrich’s, we do have triplets, Dan, Evan and Jackie Barnett. Mark Donahue, our Head Lifeguard for the past two seasons, follows his brother Bill and brought on his younger brother Jack.

Julia Keenan is the youngest and last of the Keenan clan following her brother, Jeff and sister, Jenna. Christine Galley also follows her older brothers, Mike and Matt.

The O’Grady and McHugh tradition continued with the addition of Brendan O’Grady following his sisters, Jillian, Tara and Haley, while Sean McHugh came on board after his sister, Shannon and brother, Will.

Johanna and Harry Margalotti followed their three older siblings, Lexi, Chelsea and Max.

Ryan and Shawn Martin, Peter and Andrew Lopuch and of course, the Rivera sisters, Chelsea, Brittany and Kaeli round out the sibling team.

On Sunday, August 2nd, we had Sibling Sunday where we assigned all the siblings to the same beaches to work together. It worked great.

But it is not just our siblings that make up our Lifeguarding team. All of our Lifeguards have become very close and are one big family. They not only work and train well together with a great attitude, but they socialize outside the beaches as well. They all get along great! Many of them team up to go waterskiing, go down the Shore, bowling, movies and even skydiving.

Applications for the 2016 season will be available in March 2016. You do not have to be related! However, you must be at least 16 years old and possess certification in Waterfront Lifeguarding, CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid.
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½ cup of fine diced red bell pepper
1 cup of sweet corn kernels
1.5 cups medium diced red potatoes
¼ lb. shrimp (peeled & deveined, tail off)
7 cups chicken stock
¾ cup heavy cream
¼ cup of salted whole butter
½ cup all-purpose flour
2 tsp. of chopped garlic
1 bay leaf
Salt and pepper (to taste)

PREPARATION:
Poach shrimp in seafood stock. Shock with ice immediately. Once cooled, chop shrimp into small pieces and set aside. Place a 7-9 quart sauce pot on the stove at medium heat. Add butter, celery and onion. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onions are slightly translucent. Add garlic and bay leaf. Saute for another minute or two. Do not allow onions or garlic to brown. At the same time, in a separate pot, bring the chicken stock to a heavy simmer. Add the flour and mix thoroughly with other ingredients; continue to cook for another 2 minutes. Add the pre-heated chicken stock and bring mixture to a boil. Whisk briskly until well incorporated. Once the soup reaches a boil, turn down to a simmer. Add red peppers, potatoes and corn; continue to cook for app. 30 minutes. Stir occasionally. Soup is done when the potatoes are fork tender. Turn off heat. Finish the soup by adding heavy cream, shrimp. Season with salt and pepper. Combine the last ingredients so all flavors are incorporated evenly. Serve immediately or prepare a day ahead for your dinner party!

Created by Chef de Cuisine Sean “Hutch” Hutchinson and prepared by the team at the Boardwalk Club Restaurant.
BEACHES

The big screen up and running at movie night!

BEACH 4
Submitted by Christina Repka

Well, it is official. The kids are back to school, the weather is getting colder, and our sunny days and fun filled nights at the beach must be put to rest for another season.

But beach 4 is not ready to give up all the good times- we will have one more event before we pack up! Oktoberfest will be held on October 10th. Cost will be $5 per person for brats and hotdogs. Please bring a German style beer for the beer pot luck, plus a side dish to share. Please RSVP by October 7th.

Remember to check your email or join our Facebook group for info on events and important dates. If anyone is interested in participating in one of our events, has an idea for a summer event they would like to see at the beach or to be added to our email list, please contact Kathy or Christina at lmbeach4@gmail.com.

See you at the beach!

BEACH 6
Submitted Carol Naylor

This year we had a great turnout for the Family Picnic! The kids had so much fun, hula hooping, donut eating, dancing and getting tattoos! Thanks go out to Breanne Petrucelli and her amazing team that put it all together. A lot of work goes into this one and we really do appreciate it!

Sadly, all boats need to be out of the water by October 23rd and Dock Day is October 24th. It begins at 8 am, rain or shine. This is a mandatory event for all boat
slip owners. Contact Steve Chase at chase61@yahoo.com or 973 903-2275.

Fall is a great season to be down at the beach, do not let it end yet! Thanks for reading.

ALPINE BEACH
Submitted Julie Knapp

The air is getting cooler as we officially wrap up the 2015 season at Alpine Beach. We hope you enjoyed the 2015 season, cannot wait to see you again next year!

Join us for our last party of the season: Oktoberfest, on Saturday, October 10th at 7 pm, adults only, come on out and join us by the fire on the beach. As always, details can be found on www.alpinepool.org or on Facebook.com/AlpineBeachLakeMohawk

We will have a general beach meeting on Saturday, October 17th at 10 am, come on out and discuss plans for the 2016 season and stick around to help clean up the beach. Our all beach clean-up will be Saturday and Sunday, October 17th and 18th. Please stop by and help out, all members welcome, the more volunteers we have the better prepared we can be for a fantastic 2016 season.

If you are interested in becoming an Alpine Beach Trustee, please contact us at alpinebeachtrustee@gmail.com. It is a great way to get involved in the beach activities and meet your neighbors. We are always looking for volunteers to help keep Alpine Beach the place to be all summer long.

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The Golf Tournament was a big success! Thank you Mike Rennie for being the organizer extraordinaire, also to his daughter, Jamie, for snapping pictures and to the forty-four golfers including teams from Alpine Beach and Beach 6 who played that day at Ballyowen.

Sleepy Lagoon won the President’s Cup and looks forward to seeing teams from every beach participate next year. “It can only get better!” Thank you to the Lake Mohawk Country Club for advertising the event as well.

Stay tuned for further information on this year’s Octoberfest. Last year the beach supplied some rather unique domestic and international beer samples and everyone brought a dish to share. As details are finalized please stay tuned to your email and signboard. The same applies to the football fans planning to watch a game in the new Member’s Room, stay tuned.

Also, there are several meetings planned at the Clubhouse throughout October for members to learn more about the Annual Meeting agenda and voting items.

We welcome new members and new kayakers, McGraw, Gorvan, Conklin and Cramer. The second rack Mike built is full. Mike and the beach officers met with the LMCC to rebuild a new launching pad and even got some hydroraking done; more details to come as this develops.

Thank you to these SLB families for submitting dues, Brauer, Stark, Grano, Hotchkiss, and Schaberg/Rosenberg with a $100 donation. It is never too late to support your beach.

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The purpose of Annual Meetings and when necessary, Special Meetings, is to guarantee LMCC members are knowledgeable of the administration and management of the Club and to ensure their participation in the important decision making processes involving Trustee elections, financial issues, By-Laws amendments and other important determinations. In accordance with the LMCC By-Laws Article VI Privileges, Section 4 VOTING, Regular and Honorary Members, in good standing, are entitled to vote by Absentee Ballot for each dues paying property owned by them.

- To apply for an Absentee Ballot(s), Members must contact the LMCC office via phone (973-729-6156), email (office@lakemohawkcountryclub.com) or in person to request an application (refer to sample of application).
- The completed application must be received by the LMCC Absentee Ballot Coordinator at least 7 business days prior to the scheduled meeting. Applications are to be mailed or delivered to LMCC at: Lake Mohawk Country Club, Attention: Absentee Ballot Coordinator, 21 The Boardwalk, Sparta, New Jersey 07871. Applications may also be received by the LMCC Absentee Ballot Coordinator via email (office@lakemohawkcountryclub.com) or fax (973-729-0331) at least 7 business days prior to the scheduled meeting.
- Each Member will receive an Absentee Ballot for each dues paying property owned by him/her upon approval of the application.
- If the application is incomplete or the Member is not in good standing, the Club reserves the right to deny the applicants’ request for an Absentee Ballot(s) and the Member will be notified of the denial by the LMCC General Manager.
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- If an application is requested less than 7 business days before the meeting, the Absentee Ballot Coordinator will inform the member that he/she is responsible for submitting the Absentee Ballots(s) by the deadline, whether by mail, email, fax or in person.
- Any Absentee Ballot received after the submittal deadline will remain unopened and will not be counted at the Annual or Special Meeting.
- Applications for absentee ballots available on the club website, in the office or the September issue of the Papoose.
- Electronic voting will be available this year. Check the website for more information.
New flagpole in the plaza. Many thanks to our friends at Lakeland Bank.

14th Annual Christmas Market

Weihnachtsmarkt at the Lake Mohawk Country Club Boardwalk - Sparta, New Jersey
Saturday & Sunday, December 5 & 6, 2015

Preview night for Club members only - Friday, December 4 - In conjunction with tree lighting

Come enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of an authentic German Christmas Market featuring Gifts, Entertainment, Food & Festivity!

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CAPITAL RESERVE FUND:
A PLAN TO PROTECT OUR VALUE

By Phil Marcellus

Dear Fellow LMCC Members,

Over the past two years, a key initiative of the Board of Trustees has been the development of a comprehensive Strategic Plan for LMCC. As a major component of the plan, the Board has first focused on creating a long overdue Capital Reserve Fund for LMCC. While not mandated by regulation for our community, any planned unit development established today, would be required to maintain a segregated Capital Reserve Fund designated for the replacement and maintenance of the commonly-owned elements. Once established, such a fund greatly reduces the need for unexpected assessments and enhances the quality of life within the community, while protecting the individual property values of the residents. Following is a summary of the progress to date in establishing a Capital Reserve Fund for LMCC.

With the guidance and encouragement of LMCC’s current accounting and auditing firm, Wilken & Guttenplan, in the spring of 2014 serious work commenced to create a Capital Reserve Fund for LMCC. The Board’s first step was to commission a Capital Reserve Study, which provided a professional opinion regarding the amount of money LMCC should spend on an annual basis for the replacement of commonly-owned elements. After considering proposals from 12 firms, The Falcon Group was selected to conduct the study and the final report was presented to the Board in July of 2014 and to the Membership at the 2014 Annual Meeting. The Falcon Group Capital Reserve Study provides a detailed schedule of anticipated annual expenses and required contributions for the next 30 years through 2045. Further, the study establishes initial and estimated annual replenishment funding requirements necessary for the Capital Reserve Fund to maintain an adequate balance to complete the scheduled replacements. The initial funding threshold recommended by the Falcon Group is $2,000,000. The annual Projected Contribution varies in the $425,000-$550,000 range over the 30 year life of the analysis.

Faced with the challenge of analyzing and implementing the Capital Reserve Study, in September 2014, the Board adopted a resolution creating a Reserve Study Task Force comprised of non-Board LMCC Members tasked with making recommendations to the Board by May 1, 2015 regarding four major items:

1. How to best fund the required $2,000,000 Capital Reserve Fund initial balance.
2. How to best fund the annual replenishment Projected Contributions.
3. How to oversee the implementation and management of the Capital Reserve Fund.

In creating the Reserve Study Task Force, the Board sought to obtain guidance from a cross-section of LMCC community Members who could work with them to achieve a workable plan in an open and transparent environment.
While the members of the task force received historical and regulatory guidance from many Board members and LMCC General Manager, Mark Musilli, we were encouraged and allowed to work independently in our analysis and development of recommendations regarding the Capital Reserve Study. Your fellow Members who served with me on the Reserve Study Task Force were:

Jim Fernandez, Deborah Graybill, Dick Majors, Eric Takach and Pam Vreeland

Thanks to all of them for their efforts and contributions.

Following several months of meetings, on May 4, 2015, the Reserve Study Task Force presented the following recommendations to the LMCC Board of Trustees:

1. In considering how best to fund the initial $2,000,000 contribution to establish the Capital Reserve Fund, the group considered several options.

First, we discussed simply dividing that amount by the approximate 2,700 property owners within the reservation and recommending a $740-750.00 special assessment spread over two years, 2016 and 2017. Despite the fact that timely replacement of LMCC infrastructure benefits all property owners, the group felt placing the entire burden on the Members was unfair, so this option was quickly rejected.

Secondly, asking the Members to approve a $2,000,000 loan was considered. With potential interest costs of $450-500,000 over the life of the loan, this option was rejected based on cost.

Lastly, the Task Force considered alternate methods of funding which would allow the burden to be shared by LMCC and the Members. In consulting with the Board and LMCC management, we determined that LMCC currently owns significant land within the reservation, which could be sold and developed into new home sites.

Four tracts of land were identified as the most marketable and could be sold with minimal impact on the current amenities of the community. Two of the tracts are raw land and two are used for basketball and volleyball courts. The basketball and volleyball courts could be relocated to a site closer to the Clubhouse, which would provide greater access and parking for all Members. The sale of these parcels is expected to raise a minimum of $1,250,000. As an added benefit, LMCC would no longer be paying approximately $9,000 a year in property taxes for these properties, plus would realize additional income from the Registration Fees and dues from the new Members. To fund the balance of the $2,000,000 goal, the Membership will be asked to approve a Special Capital Reserve Fund Assessment. In 2016, the assessment will be $140. In 2017, the assessment will be no more than $140 and probably less based on the funds to be realized from the sale of the properties.

This dual option was recommended by the Task Force and adopted by the Board of Trustees. LMCC By-Laws allow the Board to authorize the sale of the identified properties, however, the Membership will be asked to approve the Special Capital Reserve Fund Assessment at the Annual Meeting on November 7th. The threshold for Membership approval for the assessment is simple majority.

As an aside regarding this issue and to quell the LMCC rumor mill, let me clearly state that neither the Reserve Study Task Force, nor the Board ever discussed or considered the sale of LMCC owned boardwalk property adjacent to the Clubhouse or any of the beach properties within the Reservation.

2. To maintain an adequate balance in the Capital Reserve Fund as capital expenses are incurred, the Capital Reserve Study mandates an annual replenishment contribution as mentioned earlier. That amount will vary over the next 30 years, but is projected to remain in the $425,000-550,000 range each year.
The Task Force recommends the majority of this funding comes from LMCC Registration Fees, approximately $300,000-450,000 annually and the profits from the Food and Beverage operations, approximately $150,000-200,000 annually. Also, the Capital Reserve Fund will earn interest, providing additional funds. Lastly, the Board in creating the Strategic Plan for LMCC, has identified other potential income opportunities, which would contribute to the annual requirement. If, in any given year, there is still a shortfall, a formula has been created by the Task Force that would allow for a Capital Reserve Fund Assessment. This formula will be presented to the Membership as a proposed By-Law amendment and will require a two-thirds majority for adoption.

3. To ensure success implementing and managing a Capital Reserve Fund, the Task Force believes two things are essential. First, the Capital Reserve Fund must be maintained in segregated accounts and never comingled with the operating funds of LMCC. Secondly, we recommend a Capital Reserve Fund Review Committee be established to manage the application of the reserve funds and create and implement appropriate policies and procedures controlling the funds. At least every three years, this committee would be required to consult with a qualified outside third party to update the Capital Reserve Study. Finally, we recommend the majority of committee members should be non-Board LMCC Members.

4. To provide adequate structure for the creation and management of a Capital Reserve Fund, the Task Force recommends the LMCC By-Laws be amended to address several topics. The amendment should, define the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund, mandate the segregation of fund proceeds, create and define the responsibilities of a Capital Reserve Fund Review Committee and define the procedure and formula for calculating the amount of the Annual Replenishment Contribution.

A proposed By-Law Amendment encompassing all of these topics will be presented to the Membership for approval at the LMCC Annual Meeting. Again, the threshold for membership approval will be a two-thirds majority.

All involved in the creation of this Capital Reserve Plan have remained focused on maintaining and improving the LMCC life experience with the intent of preserving and protecting, both our collective and individual asset values, being our ultimate goal. For far too long, LMCC has reacted to infrastructure issues through short term, stop gap solutions. To insure the future integrity and enjoyment of our community, it is time to establish a well funded and managed Capital Reserve Fund. I urge each of you to educate yourselves on the details and importance of this initiative and be prepared to vote YES on November 7th.

If you have not previously attended one of the numerous Town Hall or Membership Information Meetings conducted this Summer and Fall, I encourage you to attend one of the remaining meetings this month. Membership Information Meetings are scheduled for October 11th, 18th and 22nd at 3:00pm at the Clubhouse.

Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 7th.

Respectfully,

Phil Marcellus
Chairman, Reserve Study Task Force
DEBORAH GRAYBILL WRITES...

I grew up in Lake Mohawk and no matter where my studies or careers have taken me, I’ve always referred to it as my home. I moved back with my husband 5 years ago and opened a gift shop in the plaza. As a small business owner, I quickly learned the importance of setting aside funds for use against unplanned expenses that inevitably cropped up from time to time. When I was asked to join the Lake Mohawk Capital Reserve Fund Committee, I was really surprised that we as members didn’t already have such a safety net in place. I was in the process of selling my condo in Jersey City, and the first question the prospective buyers asked was how much we (the association) had in our Reserve Fund. So as a property owner, I had a new understanding of how critical such a fund was with regards to re-sale value. This is the first LMCC committee I have ever volunteered for and I did so because I felt that I brought a unique perspective to the table. It was our task to make recommendations on how best to develop and implement such a fund without the need for unfair and continuous assessments to the membership. I believe that the decision to create this fund is, without a doubt, in all of our best interests and I’m certain we can work together to ensure that our properties, our club’s assets and the integrity of our community is protected.

Deborah owns Shelter Vintage in Lake Mohawk and is a founding member of the White Deer Plaza Business Association. She lives on West Shore Trail with her husband.

ERIC TAKACH WRITES...

We all know that Lake Mohawk is a very special and beautiful community. I often say that people pay money to vacation in a place like this, but we are lucky enough to actually live here.

All of us as members have the responsibility to ensure that we are able to maintain the infrastructure and assets of the Club in order to protect property values and sustain the lifestyle that we all love. To accomplish this, a task force comprised of members representing a cross section of the community was created. Recommendations for a Capital Reserve Fund and methods for its implementation have been developed by the committee and submitted to the Board of Trustees for Membership approval at the annual meeting in November. The Capital Reserve Plan and the Strategic Plan initiatives are critical to the future of Lake Mohawk and to preserve the reason we all live here in the first place.

Eric is the President of the LMCC PAC Committee and lives on West Shore Trail with his family.
PAM VREELAND WRITES...

As a Realtor for over 14 years, I understand the forces that impact property values. As a lifelong resident of Sparta and Lake Mohawk, I understand the values of a strong community. This is why I jumped at the chance to assist with the Lake Mohawk Capital Reserve Fund Committee. Just like running a home or business, maintenance is inevitable and costly. In order to prevent one special assessment after another it is essential to plan. The demographics of our reservation demand that funding be reasonable and equitable to all of the residences. Being part of this well rounded committee and sharing real world feedback is my way of helping to look after what is and will continue to be such a great place to live.

I live here - in Lake Mohawk with my husband, Mark and my three children Brad (15), Jake (15) and Emily (13). I live on Cardinal Drive which I describe as a "village within" LMCC as all of the long term residents have become more like family than neighbors. Taking turns carpooling and attending each other’s children’s events are commonplace. I started out my Real Estate career working for C21 then Remax, ultimately ending up at Realty Executives as a result of fateful recommendation of my peers. Working for Realty Executives has been a blessing. I consider it an honor to work for an office that was just voted the people’s choice for best Sussex County Real Estate office.
The Lake Mohawk Country Club was incorporated as an association, not for pecuniary profit, under the laws of New Jersey in 1927. The By-Laws were established at this time and Arthur D. Crane was one of four trustees on the original Board of Trustees. As part of the incorporation, the developers provided in the deeds of the property that all owners must pay certain dues to the Club to ensure all would contribute their share towards maintenance of the community and protection of property values. Once the developers felt the Club was stable and could be maintained and operated in a proper and orderly manner, an agreement was made between the Arthur D. Crane Company and the Club where the developers conveyed the common properties and equipment to the Club in 1939. Operation and management of the Club is based on the overarching principles contained in the By-Laws. To ensure that the original intent of the By-Laws is not negatively impacted, any revisions to our By-Laws must be carefully thought out, properly constructed, and presented to the Membership for their consideration and approval before the By-Laws can be modified. The amendment being proposed by the Board of Trustees adds an Article to the By-Laws consisting of five Sections to establish and maintain a Capital Reserve Fund that will ensure an adequate source of funds to refurbish, replace, improve and care for all properties owned or controlled by the Club within the Lake Mohawk Reservation. Upon approval by the membership, this amendment to the By-Laws would become effective immediately.

ARTICLE XV Capital Reserve Fund

The Club shall establish and maintain a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of providing an assured and adequate source of significant funds to refurbish, replace, improve or otherwise care for all properties now or hereafter owned or otherwise controlled by the Club, including public facilities, rights of way, roads, boardwalk, parks, dams, beaches, lakes, docks, and buildings, or any other property used in common by Club members or others within the Lake Mohawk Reservation or other property owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the Club.

**EXPLANATION:** This section states the purpose of the Capital Reserve Fund. The need for a better, more disciplined approach to the maintenance and improvement of the Club’s infrastructure has been discussed for years and was recently reinforced by Wilken & Guttenplan, the Club’s Accountant/Auditor. LMCC is not a homeowners’ association under New Jersey law. Many States require by law that homeowners’ associations establish and maintain a Capital Reserve Fund to pay for capital expenditures, thus ensuring that homeowners are not exposed to massive assessments and ensuring new buyers moving into the community that they are not “buying into assessment.” This results in higher values for homes in communities that have an adequate Capital Reserve Fund.

a. The amount of money placed into and maintained in the Capital Reserve Fund shall be based on the findings and recommendations of a Capital Reserve Study prepared by a professional consultant who is experienced in the preparation of such studies for homeowners’ organizations similar to Lake Mohawk Country Club. The consultant shall be selected by the Board of Trustees based on a competitive bid process.

b. The Capital Reserve Study shall be undertaken every three (3) years and the results and recommendations will be presented by the consultant who prepared it to the Membership at the Annual Meeting that follows the completion of the Study. The Board of Trustees shall determine whether a completely new Capital Reserve Study or the updating of the most recent Capital Reserve Study will satisfy this requirement.

**EXPLANATION:** The primary purpose of a Capital Reserve Study is to have a professional opinion as to the amount of money that a community, such as LMCC, should budget and set aside each year to ensure the funds are available when needed for replacement and major repairs.
SECTION 3
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

a. The Club shall establish one or more accounts at financial institutions to hold all the funds that collectively comprise the Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Trustees shall periodically determine how much of the Capital Reserve Fund is to be held in a checking or similar cash-equivalent account and how much shall be held in one or more investment accounts that shall be invested in accordance with the Club's Investment Policy.

b. The Capital Reserve Fund shall be used exclusively to pay for Capital Expenditures and for expenses of the sort described in the Capital Reserve Study.

EXPLANATION: This section states that the Capital Reserve Fund will have completely segregated funds and bank accounts so the Capital funding will never be diverted to cover operating expenses.

SECTION 4
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND REVIEW COMMITTEE

a. The Board of Trustees shall appoint five members of the Club who are in good standing to be members of the Capital Reserve Fund Review Committee for one-year terms, provided that not more than two Committee members are Trustees.

EXPLANATION: This section describes the makeup and responsibilities of the new Capital Reserve Fund Review Committee. This committee must have a majority of non-Board of Trustee members and will oversee the Capital Reserve Fund to ensure capital spending is executed in a manner consistent with the guidance from The Capital Reserve Study and presented in the new By-Laws Article being proposed in this amendment.

b. The Capital Reserve Fund Review Committee shall:

i. Review regularly the expenditures proposed by the General Manager from the Capital Reserve Fund to ensure that the Capital Reserve Fund is being used solely for the purpose for which it is established.

ii. Make recommendations to the General Manager and Board of Trustees with respect to prioritization of expenditures from the Capital Reserve Fund.

iii. Calculate the Capital Reserve Fund Assessment in accordance with the Annual Replenishment formula in Article XV, Section 5.

iv. Generally oversee the operation and health of the Capital Reserve Fund.

v. Advise the Board of Trustees on all matters related to the Capital Reserve Fund.

c. When the Board of Trustees votes to approve expenditures from the Capital Reserve Fund, it shall first seek the opinion of the Committee unless the expenditure is for an emergency where the Board of Trustees determines that it is necessary to vote on the proposed expenditure without the Committee's recommendation.

EXPLANATION: This section describes the makeup and responsibilities of the new Capital Reserve Fund Review Committee. This committee must have a majority of non-Board of Trustee members and will oversee the Capital Reserve Fund to ensure capital spending is executed in a manner consistent with the guidance from The Capital Reserve Study and presented in the new By-Laws Article being proposed in this amendment.
SECTION 5
ANNUAL REPLENISHMENT FOR THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

a. Several income streams within the Lake Mohawk Country Club shall be dedicated to annually replenishing the Capital Reserve Fund, including, but not limited to the Registration Fees (Refer to Article V, Section 7) and the net income (profit) from the Food and Beverage operations.

b. During the year-end budget process, the Capital Reserve Fund Review Committee shall obtain the annual Projected Contribution for the following year from the current Capital Reserve Study. The annual Projected Contribution will be used as the basis for determining if a Capital Reserve Fund Assessment shall be necessary for each dues paying property in order to adequately replenish the Capital Reserve Fund for the following year.

c. A Capital Reserve Fund Assessment for the following year shall only be necessary if the dedicated income streams are not sufficient to meet the annual Projected Contribution required by the current Capital Reserve Study. This assessment against each dues paying property shall be determined using the following calculation:

i. Annual Projected Contribution for the following year from the current Capital Reserve Study minus the sum of all income streams dedicated by these By-Laws and the Board of Trustees to the Capital Reserve Fund.

ii. If the result of this subtraction is zero or negative, a Capital Reserve Fund Assessment shall not be required for the following year.

iii. If the result of this subtraction is greater than zero, the result shall be divided by the number of dues paying properties to determine the Capital Reserve Fund Assessment that shall be billed to each dues paying property owner as part of the following year’s Club Charges.

EXPLANATION: This section states there will be at least two (2) income streams dedicated to funding the Capital Reserve Fund every year – the forecast Registration Fees and the Food & Beverage operations’ net income (profit).

As discussed in the LMCC Strategic Plan, a third income stream will eventually come from the proposed Pay Parking Lot, once the cost of transforming the current parking lot into a pay lot is recovered. In the future there could be additional income streams dedicated to the Capital Reserve Fund by the Board of Trustees. If the necessary funding (annual Projected Contribution required by the current Capital Reserve Study) for the following year is not met by the sum of the dedicated income streams, then a Capital Reserve Fund Assessment will be required from each of the dues paying properties within the LMCC Reservation, based on a formula recommended by the Capital Reserve Study.

The current Capital Reserve Study requires an annual Projected Contribution of $555,925 and the dedicated income streams are expected to generate between $450,000 and $650,000 so in many cases no additional funding would be required and the resulting Capital Reserve Fund Assessment would be zero. Both dedicated income streams are highly sensitive to the state of the overall national economy and could be lower than expected in another major recession. The following example illustrates the application of the formula stated in Section 5 above in a “down year”:

ANNUAL PROJECTED CONTRIBUTION
(from the Capital Reserve Study for following year 20xx)

$555,925

MINUS: Forecast current year Registration Fees (345,000)
MINUS: Forecast current year Food and Beverage operations’ net income (160,000)
MINUS: Forecast current year other sources of income (-0-)

SUBTOTAL: Projected SHORTFALL in Following Year 20xx Capital Reserve Fund $50,925

SHORTFALL DIVIDED BY 2700 Dues Paying Properties:
Capital Reserve Fund Assessment = $18.86
For the first time, LMCC Members will be able to utilize electronic voting for the Annual Meeting. This service will be in effect for the November election as well any special elections or future votes. The Lake Mohawk Electronic Voting Policy and Procedures will be posted on the Club website.

The Annual Club Member letter will have detailed instructions on how to participate. The letter will include a username and password, which will only be valid for one vote. Duplicate votes are not allowed. If you do an absentee ballot you will not be able to vote electronically. The website which conducts the electronic voting is called “Votenet”.

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GALLAGHER’S CELEBRATE THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Clubmembers, Mike and Clare Gallagher, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a party hosted by their daughters and sons-in-laws, Kelly and Francis Hanley, Shannon and Joseph Bennett and Casey and Harry Cohen on June 19th at the Rock Island Lake Club in Sparta, NJ. Mike and Clare were married on June 12, 1965 and are blessed with ten grandchildren, Patrick, Caitlin, Logan, Connor, Molly, Belle, Kelsey, Olivia, Hudson and Finn.

Clare and Mike want to thank all their friends and family for making it a perfect celebration. They also want to thank Msgr. McHugh for his very special blessing.

THANK YOU LAKE MOHAWK

The House Committee sponsored the twelfth annual tour of homes in our Reservation on September 13 to promote the use of lake-style architecture and it was a complete sell-out. We had so many visitors and residents who commented enthusiastically on the charm and beauty of all five lake-front homes. Even the weather co-operated and it was a lovely day. The proceeds from the tour will be donated to the Club for items that are not in the budget, such as furniture for the new Members Room and a memorial for Fran Smith.

The House Committee would like to thank the homeowners who graciously opened up their lovely homes to visitors: Paula and Joe DiPaolo, Delores and Jim Fernandez, Lisa and Scott Heckenberger, Sheryl and Ted Kelly, and Karen Kourtessis and Mark Gitlen. They truly embody the spirit of Lake Mohawk and deserve our deep appreciation for their generosity.

A big thank you also goes to the hard-working House Committee, headed by Trustee Jay Dunn, who worked so diligently on this tour. This committee makes everything look easy, although in reality, an event of this size requires a great deal of time and effort. The members include Jay Dunn, Chairman, Judy Dunn, Marilyn and Robbie Salfelder, Chris Cronin, Jan and Jim Wardell, Joe Wehmeyer, Lisa DeGraw and Jim Henderson. And, of course, the Lake Mohawk staff that quietly and efficiently and pleasantly makes things happen.

We are so grateful to our special docents and parking attendants - the tour would not happen without them. More than seventy-five docents and parking attendants were involved and deserve much gratitude for their enthusiastic help. The luncheon on the Boardwalk was wonderful, as usual, with thanks to Chef Jake. Cathy Chute from Lake Mohawk Flower Company provided lovely floral arrangements to the homes. Gary LaFranco of Photographs Cameras & Video again provided his generous support.

We also have to thank the many members of Lake Mohawk who have carried on the tradition of the lake-style architecture that makes our area so unique!
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HELENA BOULD

Helena Bould has been a resident of Sparta for 15 years. Originally from the UK, Helena and her family moved to Sparta in 2000. Since moving from Germany, Helena has enjoyed being a homemaker and an active volunteer in the community. She has served as a trustee with the German Language School of Morris County for the past five years. Helena is also a founding member and co-chairperson of the annual Lake Mohawk German Christmas Market. The Market has been recognized as the largest Christmas Market in New Jersey, benefiting many local charities. As a founding member, Helena has been awarded the Sparta Township Patriot Award for outstanding service to the community. She continues to be passionate about contributing and giving back to the Lake Mohawk community. Helena has also established her own Marketing Insights Company, Nectar Solutions. Helena is married to Paul and has two sons. Sam is in his second year at the University of South Carolina and Tom is a senior at Pope John.

BILL GREENLAW

Bill Greenlaw lives on West Shore Trail with Charmaine and his youngest son, Alex. His older son Ian serves in the U.S. Navy, currently in the Persian Gulf, and his daughter Patricia works with head trauma patients in Milford, PA.

Bill notes that his "passion for transparent government and data analysis” will enable him to be a strong member of the Board of Trustees for LMCC. He has past experience as President of the School Board in Milford, PA as well as other community based organizations.

Mr. Greenlaw is the Operation Manager for Anellotech, a research and development company. He also has a B.S. in chemical engineering from Clarkson University. He has initiated the implementation of six sigma and lean manufacturing efforts, as well as improved quality system compliance.

In his spare time, Bill and Charmaine enjoy spending time boating and reading on Lake Mohawk.
PAUL JOHNSON

Paul Johnson and his wife have lived in Lake Mohawk for more than thirty years. Starting out as summer residents, the Johnson family stayed to raise their two children in the community.

The entire family has been passionate about community involvement, and have all served as EMTs with the Sparta Ambulance Service. Paul has served as a member and a past president of the Board of Education. He enjoyed coaching youth basketball and continues serve on the Sparta Volunteer Recreation Committee. Paul has also served on the By-Laws Committee here at LMCC.

Johnson is retired from the telecommunications industry where he managed technology for several large companies and call centers. He adds, “This provided me opportunities to manage projects of various sizes and also to plan and manage budgets while interacting with diverse staff and contractors. I am seeking a position on the Board of Trustees to offer my experience and perspective in guiding the future of the Club.”

PHIL MARCELLUS

Phil has been a Sparta resident since January of 1996 and a member of LMCC since the spring of 2000. He and his wife Debra raised their three children Boomer, Courtney and Todd in the community.

Following a 35 year career in the specialty chemical industry in both management and executive capacities, Phil now devotes his time to various volunteer activities. Within the Lake Mohawk community, he has served on the Lake Mohawk Golf Club Board of Governors for more than ten years. In 2013 and 2014, he served as club president.

During the past year, Phil served as Chairman of the LMCC Capital Reserve Study Task Force. Marcellus notes that this experience, combined with his golf club background, gives him a unique perspective on the challenges that face our community.

Marcellus adds, “If elected as a LMCC Trustee, I will enthusiastically embrace the concept of transparent governance and work to enhance the quality of the Lake Mohawk lifestyle experience for all my fellow residents and club members”.
Kirti (Indy) Patel and his wife, Debra have lived on Hickory Trail in Lake Mohawk for 25 years. They have two children, Sean and Julie. He has worked for Colonial Penn and Bankers Life Insurance.

Indy has been involved in the LMCC community for several years and currently serves on the finance and the Upper Lake committees.

Mr. Patel says, “By focusing on transparency, efficiency, and fiscal frugality, I will bring a fresh perspective to the Board and strive to make Lake Mohawk the most desirable place to live in NJ. As a Board member, I would welcome your active feedback and combine good planning with effective execution”.

Indy also has degrees in both economics and engineering.

Laura Parker has been a resident of LMCC for nearly 30 years. She and her husband, Jack raised their three children in Lake Mohawk. Parker played in the beach volleyball league through the years.

Laura has volunteered on the Upper Lake Beach Association, including serving as president. She participated on committees to reduce cut through traffic in Lake Mohawk, and the lake committee to address maintenance and environmental concerns. She began attending board of trustee meetings when the Upper Lake Dam Project was being funded and implemented and is passionate about issues concerning the project.

Laura Parker is a faculty member at County College of Morris. Parker comments, ”My background in the sciences offers me a working knowledge of environmental concerns,” she adds,” I want to make a difference in the Lake Mohawk Reservation. I understand that we are a community with a variety of talents and recognize the need for improved and consistent communication from our leaders”.

She further comments, ”The Board of Trustees have an important role in providing the foundation for improved communication, prudent fiscal management and making wise decisions that impact our future”. 
LAKE MOHAWK YACHT CLUB
Submitted by Donald Okner

We had another successful Junior Sailing Program this summer. Pictured are the graduates along with our instructors. It is great to know that the sport of sailing will continue to be enjoyed by these young people for many years to come.

Our fall series of racing began on August 9 with Rich and Gail Miner running the races. Perry Anderson took a first over Peter Breiling in the Lightning’s and John Marx won in the Snipe fleet with Constance Gill in second place. The Mackey’s went head to head with Tim prevailing in a Laser.

August 16 brought four Lightning’s to the race course, with Don Okner serving as race official. Perry Anderson took a first followed by Rich Miner second, Joe Fleming third and Peter Breiling fourth. By the start of the second race, in which two boats competed, the wind blew more steadily out of the south west. Perry Anderson came in first and Peter Breiling was second.

Our old committee boat finally gave out so, with the able assistance of Drew from the Lake Mohawk Marina, we acquired "new to us" a Boston Whaler that was outfitted and ready for August 23. But, alas, light and variable wind forced a cancellation of racing for that day. The wind picked up on August 30 with Perry Anderson, accompanied by Don Okner, running the races. The Lightning’s raced twice with Rich Miner taking two firsts over Joe Fleming. In the Snipe fleet, John Marx took first place with Constance Gill second.

The Commodore’s Cup Regatta followed by the Commodore’s Cocktail Party at the Miner residence was scheduled for September 6, 2014, after this article went to press. So stay tuned for more about those events in next month’s Papoose.

For upcoming events see the Papoose calendar.

Race Officials for October are as follows:

- **Oct. 4**        R. Miner
- **Oct. 11.**      J. Marx
- **Oct. 18.**      M. Marussich

You can visit us on the web at www.lakemohawksailing.org. For more information on learning to sail, call our Treasurer, Perry Anderson at (973) 903-7673, email us at lakemohawksailing@gmail.com, or write us care of PO Box 29, Sparta, NJ. Until next month, smooth sailing and God Bless America.
THE LAKE MOHAWK TENNIS CLUB OCTOBER LINEUP IS A SMASH HIT

Submitted by Chris McAtee

The “2015 Mixed Doubles Tournament” had an outstanding turnout. Alexandra and James topped Jeff and Lauren in the finals. The Club provided pizza, beverages, and other treats to keep the participants well nourished and happy.

The Club hosts the Century Doubles Tournament on October 17th and 18th. The combined ages of female participants must be ninety and the combined age for male participants must be one hundred. The tournament is for Club members only and the cost is $10 per participant. This is an all day event with the draw and play times posted in the Clubhouse twenty-four hours in advance.

You can e-mail whilesmithnj@gmail.com if you are interested in playing either or both events or if you are interested in joining the Club. Notice of intent to play an event would be appreciated at least 72 hours in advance of the event.

Interested in obtaining quality lessons for you or your children? Contact Anne Lyons (altennis@yahoo.com/862-268-6557) or Gary Kitchell (gkitch53@gmail.com/772-321-9203) to arrange an individual or group lesson. All 2015 upcoming events are listed at http://lakemohawktennisclub.com/ as well as pretty much everything you would want to know about the Club.

POWER BOAT CLUB

Submitted by Jennifer Philips

Hello fellow Lake Mohawk boaters! Very likely you saw an unusual mix of boats and crew with their binoculars and clue packets in hand fervishly searching for answers that would win them the coveted first place prize in the Mohawk Powerboat’s Annual Boat Rally on Sunday, September 6.

Tania Markvicka and her family, along with Linda Zampino have been working for a long time to prepare another challenging Boat Rally and what a success it was. This year’s theme was “The Titanic” and several captains and crew went all out to decorate their boats and dress the part.

The prizes were awarded as follows: Rally Winners 1st Devine and crew 2nd Salfelder and crew 3rd Warner and crew Best boat and costumes, Phillips and crew – Best smoke stacks, iceberg and team name – Frozen Ass(ets), Sweets and crew, third place costumes, Shelly/Dan and Jackie/John.

Additional thanks to our entertainment for the evening, Kathy Lucio and John Ellis accompanied by surprise guest, Dennis MacFarlane. They provided the perfect touch for the afternoon festivities.

See the Papoose calendar for our upcoming October event.

Do not forget to order your MPC logo wear. Any questions contact Eileen Hickey at Ehick@embarqmail.com

If you are interested in joining the Mohawk Powerboat Club please contact Susan Knauss MacFarlane at Knauss1@gmail.com
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JAMES A. OKNER/LINDSAY MACLEAN

Clubmembers Donald and Madeleine Okner are pleased to announce the marriage of their son James A. Okner to Lindsay MacLean. The wedding ceremony took place on August 6, 2015 at St. Mary’s Cathedral Basilica in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Rev. Charles Nwachukwu Officiated.

Mr. Okner is a graduate of Sparta High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism at the University of Wyoming. He also holds a Bachelor of Education degree from St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. He is employed by St. Francis Xavier University as the Box Office Coordinator/Athletic Facilities Administrator.

Mrs. Okner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas MacLean of Arichat, Nova Scotia. She is a graduate of École Beau-Port in Arichat and attended St. Francis Xavier University. She earned a Teaching Assistant certificate in early childhood education and special education at Université Sainte-Anne in Nova Scotia. She is self-employed as an artist.

The couple resides in Antigonish, Nova Scotia.
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SENIOR DAY TRIPS:
OKTOBERFEST AT PLATZL BRAUHAUS.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15
The bus leaves Sparta at 9:00am for a very popular “Oktoberfest”. Enjoy a fun-filled day of eating, drinking and dancing. Menu choices are required. The grounds are lovely too, and we recommend going for a walk in between courses. There is a gift shop to browse and they only accept cash. The bus departs at 4:30pm to return to Sparta. Cost is $43.00 per person.

MAYORS ROUND TABLE:
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
At the Sparta Senior Center, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Bring your questions and concerns to the Mayor.

S.H.I.P.
State Health Insurance Program: They provide free assistance in filing bills with Medicare/ Medicaid, secondary insurance companies, and help determine your “Part D” needs. Medicare open enrollment period is October 15 to December 7. Please call at 973-579-0555 extension 1223 to make an appointment.

SPARTA SENIOR ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBIT:
NOVEMBER 15 AND DECEMBER 4.
This features the works of Sparta Seniors who are members of our art classes and needlework arts group. Join us for a reception on Sunday, November 15 from 2 to 5pm at the Sparta Senior Center.

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE:
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
9:00am to 3:30pm. This six and a half hour mature driving class qualifies you for a reduced insurance premium with many companies. The cost is $15 for AARP members and $20 for non-members. Forms will be available at the Sparta Recreation Office. Please make checks out to AARP.

For more information, please call Sparta Recreation Center at 973-729-2383, or view all of our programs on our website spartanj.org and click on Senior Services.

SPARTA FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
Submitted by: Marge Schlomann
Please join us October 13th, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Sparta Ambulance Building, friends in neighboring towns are also welcome.

Fall is a great time to start new things. Are you new to the Sparta area and looking for a friendly face or have you lived here for years and just want a change of pace? Why not join us in one or more of these activities: Bowling, Bunco, Books and Movies, Chick Flicks, Sassy Stitchers, Creative Happenings, Day Trippers, Evening Socials, Gourmet Cooking, Lunch Bunch, Mah Jongg, Pay it Forward and more. Enjoy stimulating, passionate and entertaining speakers as part of our meetings.

To find out more about our Club, please call our Membership Chairs, Barbara 201-788-0484 or Liz 412-680-2872 or email us at: spartafriendsandneighbors@gmail.com. Check out our Facebook page by searching “Sparta Friends and Neighbors”.

Our October speaker will be Helena Bould co-chairperson for the Lake Mohawk German Christmas Market and in November the speaker will be Dr. Joanna Hayden addressing your various health questions.

Special this year only a 50th Anniversary affair to be held for all past and present Sparta Friends and Neighbors and previously named Welcome Wagon Club members. Please help spread the word at all your fall outings and over the phone. Surely many have moved on to other locations. Would it not be fun for some to return this fall for this event? More information to follow or call Mary Ann at 973 670-6890.
LAKE MOHAWK GOLF
Submitted by Celeste Alonzo

Kudos to Melva Cummings. Melva scored a hole in one on the 12th hole.
Other celebratory golf news:

**18 hole winners**
Club Champion goes to Leslie Plifka, the runner
up was Lynne Kanofsky.
Carol Kozy won the President’s Cup.
Sheila Venticelli won the Handicap Tournament, the runner up was Leslie Plifka.
Valerie Mosher and Leslie Plifka were the winners for the Mohawk Cup.

**9 hole winners**
Judy Savage won the President’s Cup
Debbie Marcellus, Leslie Plifka and Nina Booth brought home the title for the Mohawk Cup
Barbara Rice and Doreen Skok beat out competitors Judy Savage and Jen Mallardi in the Handicap Tournament.
On July 25 we held our White Party that featured music by Anna DeSilver Luna Orchestra. The guests feasted on a delicious buffet that included carving stations that were prepared by Doug Chef. Another Nine and Dine took place on August 23 that included music and a Clam Bake provided by Briz. Nina Booth coordinates this very successful event with a different dining theme each time.

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OCTOBER 10TH
- ALL AGES
A fun family project where you can design, create and build your very own Scarecrow. Upon completion, you are invited to display your unique creative design during the Recreation Advisory Committee’s “Munchkin March.”

COSTUME PARADE
OCTOBER 26TH
Once the parade is over, take it home so you can show it off to all the Trick or Treaters!! We provide the hay, wood and string, you bring the clothes and a pumpkin to carve if you would like to attend. The time is 10:30am to 12:00noon, the fee is $15.

TRUNK OR TREAT AND MUNCHKIN MARCH HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE: OCTOBER 25TH
- ALL AGES
“Trunk or Treat” begins at 5:30pm and will be held at the Memorial Ungerman Complex parking lot. Please bring a flashlight. A “judged costume parade” for kids of all ages begins at 6:00pm sharp and will be held on the Memorial Football field. Prizes for costumes will be awarded as well as treats for everyone. Admission: Canned goods donated to the Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry

SPARTA IN-TOWN BASKETBALL
GRADES: 2ND – 12TH
Register now for this very popular winter program. Registration will close on October 31; all children will be accommodated during the registration period. Late registrations will only be considered on a space available basis with an additional late fee of $10. The season begins after the holidays and continues through mid-March. There are specific programs for: 2nd and 3rd grade, 4th and 8th grade, and 9th and 12th grade. Visit spartanj.org for details.

DOWNHILL SKI PROGRAM
GRADES 5TH - 8TH
The Recreation Department offers a ski program for grades 5 through 8 at Mountain Creek on five consecutive weekday evenings beginning in January. The program does have a limited registration so please contact the Recreation Office for more details at the appropriate time.

Details concerning dates and cost of the ski program will be available October 15th.

All Access Ski Passes. In addition to the youth program we will have ski passes available for purchase for all ages at a reduced rate.

TEACHERS CONVENTION
LEGO STAR WARS AND MACHINES
NOVEMBER 5TH - 6TH
AGES: 7-12 YEARS
Get ready to build an adventure from a faraway Galaxy. Star Wars VII is coming and with it a whole new selection of Lego Star Wars models! In this program we will build a wide selection of Star Wars models and also many other themes including Chima, Friends, Lego City, motorized projects, and more. Time: 9:00 to 3:00pm Fee: $85

Information on these and other offerings is available in the following ways:
Phone: 973-729-2383
E-mail: donna.jenkins@spartanj.org or On-line: spartanj.org •
I would like to outline reasons why I believe Membership’s decision to modify the By-Laws to impose term limits has unintended consequences and should be rescinded/modified.

Membership significantly abrogated their right to select their representation since a potentially acceptable sitting Trustee must step down and may be replaced by an inferior candidate.

Unless a slate of candidates is provided, the Board elects a member to fill a vacancy: high turnover rate: one Trustee every year and two every other year resulting in loss of Board continuity/history; potentially three or more Trustees could step down in a single year.

In addition all candidates provided a biography for the Papoose and have no financial costs associated with running for Trustee and incumbents have no advantage.

The old process worked, in recent years long term Trustees were replace in the selection process, while other Trustees were chosen to remain on the Board and received more votes than all potential candidates added together.

Do you really wish to give up your right to select the Board who represents you? Above are highlights why term limits are flawed. I have many other points.

Please respond on the forum or contact me at will.hookway.lmcc@embarqmail.com for additional discussion.

Regards,
Will Hookway
On Sunday, October 11, 2015, the Sparta Historical Society will open “The Mining History of Sparta”, a new gallery on the second floor of the Van Kirk Homestead Museum. Part of its special Fall Open House series, the opening also coincides with the Sussex County Arts and Heritage Council’s Heritage Weekend. The opening will be held from 1 to 4 pm with special talks offered throughout the museum.

The exhibit features artifacts from the iron, limestone, and zinc industries that gave Sparta the basis for early development. These include Thomas Edison’s original time clock as well as mineral specimens and a fluorescent mineral display.

Not one to admit failure, Edison shifted his mining interests to the other side of Sparta at a small limestone-marble quarry called Crestmore.

The Van Kirk Homestead Museum and History Education Center is located at 336 Main Street (Rte. 517, use Middle School Driveway), Sparta. It is open every other Sunday throughout the fall from 1-4 pm with special programs. Further details or group reservations, call 973-726-0883 or Email: SpartaHistoricalSocNJ@gmail.com.

The Sparta Historical Society is seeking vendors for the Saturday, November 14, 2015 Holiday Stocking Stuffer Show, being held at the Sparta Ambulance Building, 14 Sparta Avenue, Sparta, NJ 07871 from 10 am - 3 pm.

An 8 foot table, which we provide with two chairs or an open space area of the same size, is $20 per table/space. Set up will begin at 9 am and a food counter will be available.

This special event will benefit the Sparta Historical Society. The show will include over twenty-five tables filled with handcrafted items, seasonal holiday items, collectibles, and antiques. Applications can be obtained by email from simmonsjo@yahoo.com

For questions call 201-213-2146 or 973-726-0883 and checks for the event can be mailed to the Sparta Historical Society, P.O. Box 312, Sparta, NJ 07871.
It is that time of year, and giving is on the minds of many. Families have found that during the holiday season it is fun and rewarding to join together and participate in the Saint Kateri Squires Luminary Night project.

Saint Kateri Squires, Ed Weaver and Ben Insley, two Sparta High School seniors, are leading the Luminary project again this year. They have been friends since kindergarten and so it was only natural when Weaver decided to start a project to help the homeless in Sussex County, he recruited his longtime friend Insley.

What inspired young Weaver? While visiting his aunt who lives in Bethlehem PA, he was in awe as the town’s sidewalks lit up with luminaries which were purchased by the public and the funds were donated to help the less fortunate.

Together, with the Saint Kateri Squires, the young men are preparing for the 6th Annual Luminary Night which will be held on December 12, 2015. The luminary kits consist of ten white bags, ten vigil candles and some sand. The kits are being sold for $10. Folks can line the edge of their driveway or front stoop on the evening of December 12th and enjoy the soft flicker of light while helping those in need. Profits will benefit Family Promise of Sussex County, Samaritan Inn, as well as Sparta Food Pantry.

Looking for ways to make a difference in our town during the holidays? Please join us on Saturday, December 12th, all participants in Sparta, Byram, Andover, Newton, and surrounding communities will light their luminaries in a show of support to the homeless. Kits are available to be purchased anytime at Greene’s Beans, 31 Theatre Center, Sparta NJ. For more information: Please email sweave@embarqmail.com or call 973-579-1180 www.saintkaterikofc.org or www.schhn.org. For more information on the Saint Kateri Columbian Squires please visit www.saintkaterikofc.org •

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Submitted by Diane Lapsley

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September was National Library Card Signup Month, but there is never a bad time to find out what is happening at the Sparta Library. The newest best-sellers, DVDs and music are here of course, but we also have a 3D scanner and printer on which you can make whatever your imagination can conjure up. There are also many ways to read a book these days: in addition to the traditional format, you can borrow a book on CD, or download an e-book or audiobook to your device through the 3M Cloud, Hoopla, or Freading apps. Looking for free magazines or music? Zinio is the largest online newsstand offering full-text digital magazines, and you can download free music through Freegal or Hoopla, which also offers movies and TV shows. Want to learn another language? Rosetta Stone is available through our home page; there are over thirty languages from which to choose. Care to visit a museum or another cultural spot for the day? Check out our Museum Pass Program. We subscribe to eleven great locations, Storm King Art Center being the newest addition. The program also offers passes to the Intrepid Air and Space Museum, the Guggenheim Museum, and the Museum of Natural History.

Many banks no longer offer notary services, but we do. There are computers, including Macs, printers, and a color copier here, along with a Circuit electronic die-cutting system. Looking for less traditional items to borrow? Projectors, screens, GoPro camera, popcorn machine, and even a hot dog roller grill are available. We also have a matt cutter, a white box for photography.

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Contact us at (973) 729-3101 or visit our webpage at www.spartalibrary.com. Come in and find out what is in store!
William Mohawk Big Mountain, the son of White Dove and Big Mountain, passed away this summer, according to his family. He was an original resident of the south side of Lake Mohawk. His family, which included five siblings, was the first Lake Mohawk gatekeepers. The original house had a thatched roof and siding, which were created with hemlock bark sheets. William Mohawk Big Mountain was the first Indian baby born in Sussex County. His family held a celebration on the Boardwalk for his christening, which included several Indian tribes from the area. The Mohawk Indians were one of several of the Iroquois Tribe.

William Mohawk Big Mountain spent his entire life in the entertainment business with his family. They dedicated their lives to educating people about the Indian culture and lifestyle at various theme parks throughout the country.

William Mohawk Big Mountain spent his retirement years in Ocala Florida with his wife.
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