

# TOWAMENSING TRAILS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## TRAILS TOPICS

JUNE & JULY  
2008

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

BY: BILL DOSCHER

The Board of Directors wishes to thank all of our property owners who voted yes on the referendum to fix our dam. The lake is a very valuable amenity to our community and without it we all would suffer. Whether you use the lake or not it does add value to your property. We now have a very long road to traverse as far as getting all of the designs, permits and construction bids in place and scheduling the repairs to the dam.

There were 1,760 ballots sent in. 1,413 were in favor and 347 were against the dam repair. The first Special assessment invoices have been mailed out. If paying in installments, the first payment of \$125.00 are due June of 08. The second payment of \$125.00 will be due June of 09.

On May 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 Ron McCuen, Pat Craig, Dolores Cosgrove and myself along with the engineers from URS met with the PA Fish and Boat Commission, Army Corp. of Engineers, DEP Northeast Region and the Soil Conservation Dept. This meeting was held

so that we can determine what permits we will have to apply for before we can start any work.

We have awarded the road paving contract to Hanson Aggregates. They have addressed the following roads as well as repairing the major potholes which were above the scope of our maintenance force.

Beach parking lot, Dickens Way, Drinkwater Circle, Gasse Glen, Lovelace Road, Whitman, Stephen Way, Van Doran Mew, Towamensing Trail, Scott Lane, Stephenson Way, Lindbergh Circle, Kipling Lane, Jeffers Way and Emerson.

These roads were done with wear coat or overlays. In addition we will be repairing approximately 668 feet of potholes. We had budgeted \$213,000 for roads. We spent \$212,968.

A reminder to all of our property owners: Please make sure that you have current copies of the By-Laws, Rules of Conduct and ACC Regulations. Before you start any

project out side of your house whether new construction, repairs, painting etc. check with our ACC, as to weather you need a permit. If you do not have the proper permits Stop Work Orders will be issued and fines will be levied. We would rather have everyone in compliance then issue the stop work order.

The chipping pile at maintenance will be open every Saturday in May from 8:00am until 2:00pm. The chipping pile will be open on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from June through September From 8am to 2pm, property owners only, No contractors or landscapers.

The Beach and Pool will be open weekends starting May 24, 2008. The Beach will open on June 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 full time. The pool will open the following weekend full time.

Remember if there are no life-guards on duty swimming is prohibited.

The Board of Directors wishes all a Safe and Happy Summer.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- *There is a 5 bag per day trash limit.*
- *Trash dumpster site is opened Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 7am-7pm.*
- *The Office is opened Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday and Sunday 9am-3pm.*
- *If you would like to have a fire , please make sure you have a burn permit.*
- *Only property owners can register recreational vehicles.*
- *In case of an emergency, please call 911. Our Security will hear the dispatch and arrive to give any needed assistance.*
- *Anyone 16 and over will need a PA fishing license to fish in Towamensing Lake.*
- *If you plan on doing any work to the outside of your home, please call the office and see if you need a permit, including pools.*
- *Without written authorization from the deeded Property Owner vehicle/trash passes will not be given out. There are no exceptions to this rule.*
- *Stop by the office or the game room and check out our new Towamensing Trails merchandise , such as: Sweat shirts, Polo's, Mugs, Pens, Retractable badge holders, Hats, Tote bags, and Sand toys.*
- *If you would like to become a committee member, stop by the office or you can down load an application off our website.*
- *Please make your alarm company aware of your 911 number.*

### NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

**Election News:** There were two seats available for the Board of Directors this year. These seats will be filled by affirmation upon completion of the required petitions with 25 signatures of members in good standing. The Candidates for these seats are, our returning current Treasurer Ronald McCuen and Patrick Anderson, who has been helping us with the engineering advise for the repairs of the Towamensing Trails Lake Dam. Their official terms will take place in accordance with our Bylaws and will be seated as of the August 10, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting.



Towamensing Trails Lake

**June**

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Trash Open 7am-7pm	2 Trash Open 7am-7pm	3 Trash CLOSED	4 Trash Open 7am-7pm  Aerobics 10 am - 11 am	5 Trash CLOSED	6 Trash Open 7am-7pm  Aerobics 10 am - 11 am	7 Trash Open 7am-7pm  ACC Meeting 10am
8 Trash Open 7am-7pm	9 Trash Open 7am-7pm  Aerobics 10 am - 11 am	10 Trash CLOSED Publication Meeting 10am	11 Trash Open 7am-7pm  Aerobics 10 am - 11 am	12 Trash CLOSED	13 Trash Open 7am-7pm (Stocking of the lake Trout 10am) Aerobics 10 am - 11 am	14 Trash Open 7am-7pm <b>Annual Meeting 10am</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
15 Trash Open 7am-7pm	16 Trash Open 7am-7pm  Aerobics 10 am - 11 am	17 Trash CLOSED	18 Trash Open 7am-7pm  Aerobics 10 am - 11 am	19 Trash CLOSED	20 Trash Open 7am-7pm  Aerobics 10 am - 11 am	21 Trash Open 7am-7pm Civil Penalties 9:15 am Closed Meeting
22 Trash Open 7am-7pm	23 Trash Open 7am-7pm  Aerobics 10 am - 11 am	24 Trash CLOSED	25 Trash Open 7am-7pm  Aerobics 10 am - 11 am	26 Trash CLOSED	27 Trash Open 7am-7pm Aerobics 10 am - 11 am Board of Directors Open Meeting 10am	28 Trash Open 7am-7pm  Advisory Meeting 9:30am
29 Trash Open 7am-7pm	30 Trash Open 7am-7pm  Aerobics 10 am - 11 am					

**July**

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Trash CLOSED	2 Trash Open 7am-7pm  Aerobics 10 am - 11 am	3 Trash CLOSED	4 Trash Open 7am-7pm  Aerobics 10 am - 11 am <b>Office Closed</b>	5 Trash Open 7am-7pm ACC Meeting 10am <b>Fun Day</b> Fire Wise Smokey the Bear
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## ACC RULE CHANGES

Page 5	Windows replacement (same size), permit not needed	Removed
	Pergola \$50.00	Add
	Gazebos \$25.00	Add
Page 6, c, 1	from finished grade to natural ground level (it is listed a few times)	Change
Page 6, c, 3	culvert piping to 18" in diameter or equivalent (it is listed a couple of times)	Change
Page 9, m	Wind energy generating systems, a.k.a windmill not allowed	Add
Page 9, n	Outdoor boilers are not allowed	Add
Page 12,6	Garage should blend appropriately with the house and carports must be attached to the house	Add
Page 12, 6	Two sheds per developed property up to a total of less than 800 square feet and must not exceed the 25% of the property. They must match in color of each other and the house.	
Page 14, d	Dumpster must be 25 feet from the road	Add
Page 14, f	No Sunday or holiday hours are permitted, the holidays are as follows: New Years Day, Martin Luther King, Presidents Day (observed), Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.	Add
Page 16	the new 911 address must be on the property.	Add

As Of June 1,2008

## ALIEN INVADES GAME ROOM

### ...and it's ug-l-y !

Imagine this. It's bright green with huge red eyes. E-x-t-r-e-m-e-l-y mouthy. Hopefully, you have the skills to quiet him down. "Dunk 'N Alien" is the latest game added to the Trails Game room (Arcade) as we prepare for an exciting 2008 summer season. The Game room (Arcade) is located below the clubhouse near the pool and beach. This game is a combination of the familiar "Dunk The Dummy" and traditional "Skee-Ball" played at carnivals. Roll the balls up to score points. Hit the moving target, the "Alien" is dunked, and you receive bonus points. Points are added up when game is over and you then receive tickets. If you have a winning ticket it can be redeemed for a prize. Non-winning tickets can be submitted with your name and phone number for a chance to win a complete Nintendo Wii system. The 2008 summer season drawing will take place Labor Day Weekend. You do not have to be present to win. The Trails Game room (Arcade) is always supervised by an adult. This summer hours of operation are to be extended. Watch the bulletin boards for more information. Paddle boats can be rented here for use on the lake. Youngsters are encouraged to bring Parents and Grandparents to the Game room (Arcade). Many of the games can be played "head to head". It's a family place with games for everyone. See you there. Have a great game!



## BUG OFF

BY: PREVENTION MAGAZINE

It's summertime, and the living is easy-particularly if you don't have to spend time and energy fending off pesky insects on hiking paths and at backyard barbecues. Aside from being itchy and painful, bug bites and stings send more than 500,000 people to emergency rooms every year with potentially fatal allergic reactions. Pinpoint the weak spots in your arsenal, and brush up on the safest ways to combat the

annual invasion. A tick should be removed only with tweezers. Using alcohol, nail polish, petroleum jelly, or matches could traumatize ticks, and that could cause them to regurgitate gut contents that may include Lime. Honeybees, wasps and yellow jackets see in the ultraviolet spectrum and are attracted to bright colors and floral patterns. Wear light colors-and avoid sudden movements-to reduce

your chances of being stung. These electric grids (Bug Zapper) are a waste of money (and annoying to boot, with their fried-in-the-electric-chair sound); They actually attract more mosquitoes, upping your odds of bites, while killing beneficial insects such as moths. In 1998, the EPA ruled DEET is safe for repelling mosquitoes and ticks; apply it only every 6 to 8 hours. If you prefer a natural remedy, try a cat-

nip oil product, proven effective in an Iowa State University study. Some mosquitoes and gnats naturally swarm toward the highest part of the body-or to an extension of it, such as a branch. Holding a branch above your head can deter flying bugs.

## GIVING UP WINE

BY: PUBLICATIONS

A married couple in their early 60s, was celebrating their 42nd wedding anniversary at a quiet, romantic little restaurant. Suddenly, a tiny, beautiful Fairy appeared on their table. She said: "For being such an exemplary married couple and especially for being so thoughtful and loving to each

other for all this time, I will grant you each a wish." "Oh," said the wife, "I want to travel around the World with my darling husband" The fairy waved her magic wand; and - poof! - two tickets for the Queen Mary II luxury liner and Ten Thousand Dollars appeared in her hands. Then it was the husband's

turn. He thought for a minute and said: "Well, this is all very romantic, but an opportunity like this will never come again. So I'm going to wish with my mind and not my heart. I'm sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me." The wife and the Fairy were very shocked and disappointed. But a wish is a wish.

So, the Fairy waved her magic wand, and - Poof! - the husband became 92 years old.

The Moral of the story: Men who are ungrateful should remember...

Fairies are Female

## THINK ABOUT THIS...

BY: PUBLICATIONS

The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.

Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs or caskets.

How come it takes so little for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

Why is it that at class

reunions I feel younger than everyone else looks?

Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job.

There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 AM. It could be a right number.

Think about this...no one ever says "It's only a game." When his team is winning.

Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of OLD LADIES running around with tattoos and RAP music will be the Golden Oldies!



## FATHER'S DAY

BY: PUBLICATIONS

Father's Day is a day of commemoration and celebration of Dad – the special man in our life. We often forget the sacrifice of our fathers and the roles they have played in shaping our lives. Father's Day gives us the opportunity to show our love and care to this man. Father's Day is the most appropriate platform to make us look be-

yond 'our own' family and honor the man who brought us joy and happiness. Father's Day is a day to honor not only your father, but all men who have acted as a father figure in your life whether as Stepfathers, Uncles, Grandfathers, or "Big Brothers."

The word 'father' is often used to honor spiritual

leaders, inventors and the origin of an idea, product, service or person. Fathers have always been associated with guidance and protection, as the person who can be loved, respected and looked up to. Let's use Father's Day to let these special men know what place they have in our lives and what influence they have on us.

This year Father's Day will be celebrated on June 15. Don't forget to make this day special!

Father's Day is a time of burnt toast and breakfast in bed, family gatherings, and crayon scribbled "I love you Dad" and of course, that lovely new tie!

## ACC NEWS

We have been hearing a lot of negative things regarding the Architectural Control Committee. The purpose of the ACC is to be responsible for the compliance and enforcement of the rules regarding the structures within the Community as outlined in the Covenants and ACC Rules and Regulations. The ACC is the heart of the Community; they try to keep the Community in its natural environment. Property Owners are the eyes of the Community, if you see something that does not look right, please call the office.

## WATER AEROBICS

Once again water aerobics will be held in our community pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, starting on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Ruth Harhigh will be our instructor, assisted by Jeanne Jamieson. This privilege is for adults only.

## GAS GRILL SAFETY

BY: U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

As we prepare for the summer months of grilling outside, here are some hints to safety, which will ensure a safe and fun-filled summertime for everyone!

Check the tubes that lead into the burner for any blockage from insects, spiders, or food grease. Use a pipe cleaner or wire to clear blockage and push it through to the main part of the burner.

Check gas hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. Make sure there are no sharp bends in the

hose or tubing. Move gas hoses as far away as possible from hot surfaces and dripping hot grease. If you can't move the hoses, install a heat shield to protect them.

Replace scratched or nicked connectors, which can eventually leak gas. Check for gas leaks, following the manufacturers instructions, if you smell gas or when you reconnect the grill to the LP gas container. If you detect a leak, immediately turn off the gas and don't attempt to light the grill until the

leak is fixed. Never use a grill indoors! Use the grill at least 10 feet away from your house or any building. Do not use a grill in a garage, breezeway, carport, and porch or under a surface that can catch fire.

Do not attempt to repair the tank valve or the appliance yourself. See an LP gas dealer or a qualified appliance repair person. Always follow the manufacturers instructions that accompany the grill. Always keep containers upright. Never store a spare gas container under or

near the grill or indoors. Never store or use flammable liquids, like gasoline, near the grill.

To avoid accidents while transporting LP gas containers, always transport the container in a secure, upright position. Never keep a filled container in a hot car or car trunk. Heat will cause the gas pressure to increase, which may open the relief valve and allow gas to escape.

**Towamensing Trails Property Owner's Association****Treasurer's Report****April 08****Income****Expenses**

\$23,974.93

Administrative

Community Wide

Security

Maintenance

Recreation

Trash Removal

Restricted Funds

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

\$12,515.37

\$27,886.60

\$17,510.84

\$32,011.38

\$3,876.08

\$6,695.85

\$374.60

**\$100,870.72****Cash Assets****Bank****Amount**

Mauch Chunk Activities

Mauch Chunk Operating

Mauch Chunk Membership

Mauch Chunk Credit Card

**Total****ESSA****Jim Thorpe CD**

CDARS Reserve

CDARS Operating

**Total**

7,394.75

109,004.59

50,360.74

6,710.55

173,470.63

133,529.66

95,000.00

1,669,739.58

1,246,876.94

3,318,616.81

**Liabilities- none outstanding at this time**

**Intrepid Detective Agency  
Monthly Statistical Report**

Month: April

Year: 2008

Site: **Towamensing trails P.O.A.**

<b>Activity - By Shift</b>	<b>11p-7a</b>	<b>7a-3p</b>	<b>3p-11p</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>This Month Last Year</b>
Accidents				0	19	2
Alarm calls	2		6	8	78	22
Ambulance calls		1	2	3	35	4
A.T.V. Complaints			2	2	10	11
Articles lost				0	0	3
Assault				0	0	0
Burglaries	1	1		2	7	2
Civil Penalty warnings		1	1	2	10	1
Civil Penalties issued	1	6	19	26	57	56
Complaints		8	8	16	108	50
Criminal Mischief		2	1	3	7	0
Criminal Trespass				0	2	0
Disabled Vehicles				0	11	1
Disorderly Conduct				0	5	5
Dog Complaints		2	1	3	33	8
Death				0	0	0
Domestic Disturbances	1			1	5	1
Fire Works Complaints				0	3	2
Fish Commission calls				0	0	0
Fire dept. calls/Burning		2	4	6	11	2
Game Commission calls				0	0	0
Harassment / Stalking		1		1	6	1
House Checks				0	45	4
Trash/Dumping	1	2	1	4	35	8
Injuries - Resident / Guest				0	0	0
Juvenile incidents			3	3	10	0
lines down				0	0	1
Maintenance				0	5	2
Missing Persons	1			1	1	1
Noise complaints				0	7	4
911 Hang Up			2	2	3	3
Police assist				0	17	5
Police called		3	6	9	20	3
Resident / Guest assist	1			1	22	6
Rules & Regulations				0	2	2
Serious Crimes				0	0	0
Shots Fired				0	4	2
Suspicious Activity		3		3	28	6
Traffic Control	1	4	19	24	54	7
Traffic Complaint				0	19	14
TTPOA Requests				0	29	21
Theft calls	1	1	2	4	8	0
Vandalism				0	2	4
Vehicle Violations				0	6	15
Wildlife Complaint				0	8	2
Weight Limit				0	1	4
Political/Signs				0	0	1
Other			1	1	7	11

**Total This Month**

Total Mileage

Patrol Hours

10	37	78	125
3827			
720			

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## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Okay property owners we're looking for a few good men and women to help out this summer. What we have in mind, depending on the response, is some extra time at the pool from 6pm to 8pm. We would like to have a family night, an ID photo badge night once a week and maybe even a teen night. To accomplish these ideas we must have responsible volunteers to serve as lifeguard assistants for two hours. If we can get enough good people you may only have to do it one or two nights during the summer. This may also help with the early June and late August problem of no lifeguards due to college. Only you can make this happen. So stop in the office and fill out a temp lifeguard form and we will be in touch.

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## BADGE RULES

Badges **MUST** be worn on person and in plain view at all times, **NOT** on handbags, etc. while in Towamensing Trails.

Badges **MUST** be worn while utilizing all of the amenities including but not limited to the Community Center, pool, beach, Game room, Boat Rental area, deck, marina, pavilion, Tennis Courts, and Softball field areas.

Anyone utilizing these areas, whether a Property Owner - Renter - Guest, **MUST** have appropriate identification. Failure to provide identification and or badges upon request by authorized personnel (Badge Checkers, Lifeguards as well as Security), will result in a fine of \$100.00 + costs and removal from the property, and of the amenities for a period of 1 week for the first offense, \$150.00 + costs and a thirty day (30) suspension for the second offense and a fine of \$200.00 + cost for the third offense as well as revocation of amenity privileges for a period of one (1) year. A fine of \$300.00 + cost will be issued for all subsequent offenses.

Renters are not permitted to use property owner's badges. Any Renter caught using a property owner's badges will result in a fine to the property owner of \$300.00 + cost and badge confiscation.

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## LAKE AND STREAM RULES

1. You must follow all rules for Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission.
  2. Swimming in lake beyond the roped area is prohibited.
  3. NO gasoline motors are permitted in the lake or attached to the boat (other than the Fish & Boat Commission & POA safety boat). Violators will be fined \$50.00 + costs for the first offense and up to \$500.00 + costs for each subsequent violation.
  4. A boat with an electric motor must be State licensed and registered with the T.T.P.O.A. or the owners/property owner will be subject to a Civil Penalty and prosecution by the State Fish and Boat Commission.
  5. The use of the lake when frozen is dangerous and not permitted. The lake is spring fed and may be thin in those areas. A \$25.00 fine + \$10.00 costs for anyone found in violation of this rule.
  6. ATV'S and Snowmobiles are prohibited on the frozen lake. Refer to Recreational Vehicle regulation "Careless Operation".
  7. Use of the boat racks must be registered with T.T.P.O.A. office.
  8. All boats must be registered at the T.T.P.O.A. office annually and have a current sticker.
  9. A Pennsylvania fishing license is required at the age of 16. A \$100.00 fine will be imposed for anyone found in violation of this rule; in addition, violators are subject to a fine and State prosecution by the State Fish & Boat Commission.
  10. See posted fishing regulations on catch limits. A fine of \$25.00 per fish + \$10 cost will be imposed for failing to follow the posted regulations.
  11. Parking and picnicking are prohibited in the boat launch areas. A Civil Penalty will be issued and the vehicle towed at the owners expense.
  12. No Swimming at the Marina.
  13. No one is permitted on the Spillway.
  14. The use of the Island is at your own risk.
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## DEER PARK CLEAN UP

Our NINETEENTH ANNUAL cleanup and Bar-b-Que in Section VI will be held on Saturday June 28 (rain date June 29) .We have this event every year to clean our roadways and empty lots in the Deer Park section. It is a good way to meet your new neighbors. We have many new neighbors in Deer Park, so if you would like more information please call, Julie 722-2645, Elissa 722-9519.



## POOL RULES

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL GUESTS AND RENTERS ARE AWARE OF THESE RULES.

Pool Rules: The pool will be open and lifeguards on duty from 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM each day. Unless otherwise posted, please observe the following rules for the pool.

- NO running
- NO food or drinks in the pool area
- NO diving
- NO alcoholic beverages in the pool area
- NO glass or metal objects in pool area
- NO pets
- NO littering
- NO nudity
- NO diapered infants in the pool
- NO children (under the age of 12) without adult supervision
- NO floatation devices allowed beyond the ropes
- NO swimming when lifeguards are off duty
- Pool/Community Center
- Badges must be worn by everyone 2 years of age and older.
- Parents are responsible for their children
- Shoes must be worn in the building

### Lake Rules

**Lifeguards on duty from 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM each day.** Please observe the following rules for the lake.

- NO swimming when lifeguards are off duty
- NO swimming beyond the ropes
- NO alcohol is permitted on the beach
- NO glass or metal objects
- NO pets
- NO littering
- NO nudity
- NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON THE BEACH

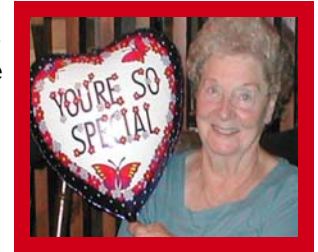
Beach hours are from 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM No swimming is permitted when lifeguards are off duty.

Badges must be worn by everyone age 2 and above

The beach is closed from 10:00 PM – 9:00 AM everyday. Violators of these rules are subject to fines. Lifeguards and badge checkers have the right to remove unruly or unauthorized persons from both the beach and pool areas. Towamensing Trails is a family oriented community. No offensive beach or pool attire will be permitted. TOWAMENSING TRAILS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS.

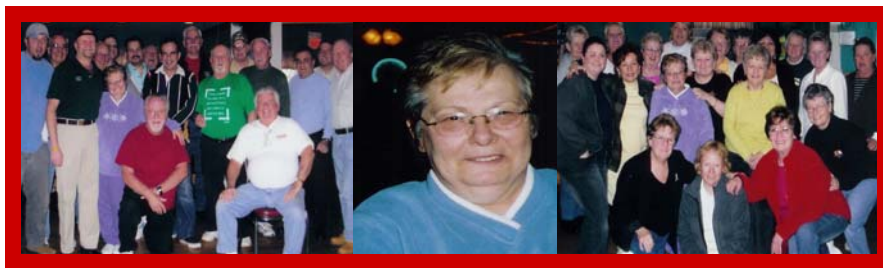
### A FOND FAREWELL

Many in the Trails will be losing a wonderful friend. Anna Grossman (the German Lady) will be moving the end of May. Anna is known for her friendly and thoughtful manner. After only a few minutes in her company you feel as though you have known her a long time. She is a great baker and many of us have enjoyed her German Apple Cake, luscious Orange Cake or rice pudding. Having lost her husband Bill almost 5 years ago has left a void in her life and she now feels it is time to move closer to family. Anna, we love you and will miss you greatly.



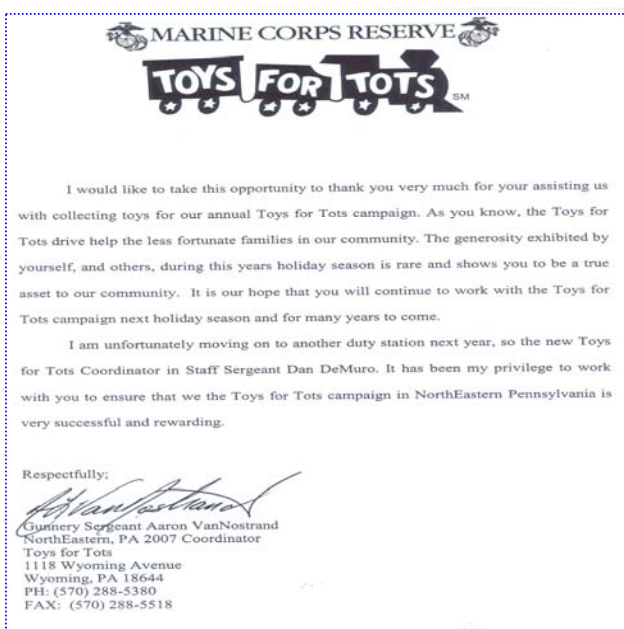
### WE SAY GOODBYE TO A GOOD FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR

On Monday, April 14, 2008, friends and neighbors of Cheryl Harris held a good bye party at the TLTC. Cheryl is moving in with her son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter in Bowie, Maryland. Cheryl has been active in our community. First as a TLTC Ladies Auxiliary member, and then on to the Board of Directors of the TLTC. She then became the President of the TLTC. We will all miss her, but we know she will be very happy with her son and family.



### THANKS TO THE TLTC

On Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Gunnery Sergeant Aaron VanNostrand, presented a plaque to the TLTC to thank them for their generous donation to the Annual Marine corps reserve Toys for Tots drive. On hand to accept the plaque were Ginger Carlson, coordinator, and Larry Peabody, President, Bill McKenna and Frank Elliott, directors of the TLTC.



## RECREATIONAL FIRES

Summer is right around the corner and with it comes good times. Good times mean different things to different people. Some enjoy boating, swimming, tennis, gardening, to name a few but some also enjoy sitting around a soothing camp fire at the end of the day. However, under the wrong conditions a campfire can mean danger. In Towamensing Trails recreational fires are limited to **PROPERTY OWNERS ONLY with the proper permits**. Please, however, before starting a fire, acquaint yourselves with our By-Laws.

### RECREATIONAL FIRE

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE A PERMIT IS ISSUED.

	YES	NO
AREA CLEARED (NO OVERHANGING TREES)	_____	_____
GROUND DUG AND LOOSENEED SIX INCHES DEEP AND SIX (6) FEET IN DIAMETER	_____	_____
STONES RINGING THIS SITE	_____	_____
WATER HOSE WITHIN TEN (10) FEET OF FIRE AND TURNED ON	_____	_____
FIRE COMPANY NOTIFIED	_____	_____
SECURITY NOTIFIED	_____	_____

THE PRECEDING REGULATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO PREVENT UNDERGROUND SPREAD OF FIRE ALONG ROOTS.

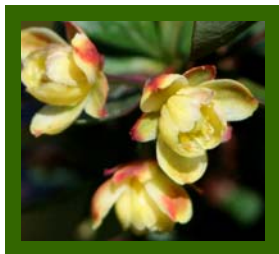
VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN A FINE UP TO \$500.00 + COSTS.

We live in the forest and an unattended, unsupervised fire could prove to be deadly. We want to keep Towamensing Trails the beautiful place it is. So help us avoid any situations where we might put many people at risk.

## SUMMER IS HERE

After what seemed like an endless winter, it was so nice to see daffodils blooming in so many yards as I drove through the Trails.

Now that summer is here, we can once again enjoy the colors and beauty of the many annuals and perennials. For those of us who do not get much sun in our yards, impatiens work well and do not require deadheading like most flowers do. They look beautiful in hanging baskets as well as making a nice ground cover and come in a variety of colors. Of course, the deer love them as much as we do. Here is a mixture that works in helping to keep the deer from eating plants:



Picture by: John Stoj

- 2 eggs
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 2 tablespoons of Tabasco sauce
- 2 tablespoons of cayenne pepper
- 2 cups of water



Picture by: John Stoj

Put all the ingredients in a blender and puree. Allow the mixture to sit for 2 days and then spray it all over and around the plants. I re-spray once a month or after a heavy rainfall.



## Summer of 2008

The fun continues in the Towamensing Trails Game room (Arcade) (located below the clubhouse near the pool & beach) Another chance to win *a complete*

### Nintendo Wii



#### video game system

(over a \$400 value)

#### "Super Wii Bundle"

Console, AC adapter, AV cable, Wii stand & plate, sensor bar & stand, 2 - Wii remotes w/strap, 2 - Wii Nunchuk controllers

#### GAMES - included :

TENNIS – BASEBALL – GOLF – BOWLING – BOXING

FISHING – LASER HOCKEY – TABLE TENNIS – BILLIARDS – AND MORE

Write your name and phone number ( include area code if not 570 ) on the back of the tickets you get when playing the redemption games in the game room. Place the "separated" tickets in the ticket container on the wall.

Winner will be drawn *Saturday August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008.*

*(Labor Day Weekend)*

*( you do not have to be present to win )*



TLTC

**Everyone welcome!**

*(TLTC membership is required for the purchase and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages.)*

For information phone 570-722-TLTC (8582) or visit our website at [www.trailslaketennisclub.com/tltc.asp](http://www.trailslaketennisclub.com/tltc.asp)

**Dinner Specials Friday & Saturday** – Check out our blackboard for Friday and Saturday dinner specials.

**Summer Hours:**

<u>Lounge:</u>	Monday - Wednesday	3 PM - 10 PM		
	Thursday	3 PM - 11 PM		
	Friday	1 PM - 2 AM		
	Saturday	Noon - 2 AM		
	Sunday	Noon - 8 PM		
<u>Deck Bar (new in '08):</u>	Saturday	2 PM - 8 PM	<u>Weather Permitting!</u>	
<u>Dinner Served:</u>	Friday	5 PM - 10 PM	<u>Bar Menu Available:</u>	Friday 5 PM - 10 PM
	Saturday	5 PM - 9 PM		Saturday Noon - 9 PM
				Sunday 1 PM - 6 PM
<u>Snack Bar Hours:</u>	Monday - Thursday	Noon - 6 PM		
	Friday	Noon - 4:45 PM		
	Saturday	Noon - 4:45 PM		
	Sunday	Noon - 6 PM		

\* Join us Monday for **Tacos** (\$.99 each), Tuesday for **Pizza** (9" \$2.95 or 12" \$3.95) and Wednesday for **Wings** (\$.35 each - sorry no take-outs)

**TLTC ANNUAL ELECTIONS:** THERE ARE TWO (2) POSITIONS OPEN ON THE TLTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EACH FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS. RESUMES FROM INTERESTED REGULAR TLTC MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING, MUST BE MAILED TO TLTC, PO BOX 244, ALBRIGHTSVILLE, PA 18210-0244, AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00 PM FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2008.

**Important:** "Resume Enclosed" must be indicated on the envelope.

Keep in mind, according to our Bylaws, to avoid the potential for any conflict of interest

- any officer or representative of a corporation, developer, realty firm and/or contractor conducting business with Towamensing Trails Property Owners Association or the Trails Lake and Tennis Club, Inc. shall not be eligible for Board membership, and
- two people, whether they are related by blood, married, living together, divorced or are part of any relationship/partnership, shall not be eligible to serve on the board at the same time, and
- no person who is related by blood, married, living together, divorced or is part of any relationship/partnership with an employee of the TLTC, shall be eligible to serve on the board, and
- no person can run for election to both the TTPOA and TLTC boards in the same calendar year.

Have a great and safe summer!! The TLTC Board of Directors

TLTC ENTERTAINMENT

06/07	8-12	Sat	Lounge		Jack & Dave
06/14	4-8	Sat	Deck	Celebrate Flag Day	John Martell
06/14	8-12	Sat	Lounge	Father's Day Dinner	DJ Juice
06/21	8-12	Sat	Lounge		Ron Richardson
06/28	4-8	Sat	Deck		DJ Rich
07/05	4-8	Sat	Deck		DJ Juice
07/05	8-12	Sat	Lounge		TBA
07/12	4-8	Sat	Deck		DJ Rich
07/19	8-12	Sat	Lounge		Ron Richardson
07/26	4-8	Sat	Deck		Jack & Dave
07/27	2-6	Sun	Beach	Activities Beach Party (Register at Teepee)	Linda Pavel

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Publications Committee Report:**

We are pleased to welcome Diann Anderson and Al Gorman as new members of our committee. We hope you all like the new look of the Trails Topics. We continue to ask your help by sending in any news throughout the community that you would like to share. Send the article or news by email to: [laurens@Towamensing.com](mailto:laurens@Towamensing.com), or drop it off at the Teepee. We also welcome photos of the area especially near the lake or pool or Community Center. Surely there must be some great photos of our fishermen that need to be seen.

**Fire Wise Committee Report:**

On March 29, 2008 the Committee drove throughout the Trails checking the Emergency Evacuation Signs and Dry Hydrant Signs for placement and any damage. A recommendation was made for a few additional signs to be placed in certain locations. Letters have been mailed to the Fire Departments regarding their participation in the Fun Day Activities. As a safety measure in preventing fires in our community we would encourage property owners to rid their properties of fallen trees, dead brush, debris, etc. The chipping pile at the maintenance shed will be open on Saturdays throughout the month of May for your convenience. Our next meeting will be held in conjunction with our Annual Meeting at the Penn Forest #1 Firehouse on June 14, 2008.

**Architectural Control Committee Report:**

Spring is here, summer is not to far away, please remember before you start any outdoor projects, check with the office to see if you need a permit. Also, remember if you do not have your 911 number up please do so, or if you have your old lot number up, please remove it. As of June 1, 2008 the new rules go into effect, they will be available on our website: [www.towamensing.com](http://www.towamensing.com) or pick up a copy at the office. Have a happy and safe summer.

**Activities Committee Report:**

This year's Fun Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 5 (rain date July 6) from 11am to 3pm, under the TTPOA Pavilion. There will be lots of games and music for the kids, as well as food and beverages for purchase. Any and all dessert donations are appreciated. Plan to attend...Its a great day!

Fun Day Helpers: The Activities Committee is looking for individuals, age 18 or older, to help with the games this Fun Day. If interested in helping out for an hour or more, please contact Dale at 570-722-8379 or Elaine at 570-722-0287 anytime before July 5.

**CERT Committee Report:**

Cert is part of the Emergency Management Team and volunteers are needed for specific sections, please stop in the office or download the application on our website.

**Civil Penalty's Committee Report:** There is nothing to report at this time. All meetings are closed meetings.

**Advisory & Planning Committee Report:**

Advisory continues to develop policy and rules recommendations for drainage issues. Advisory is working on drafting a Policy & Procedures Manual for all TTPOA operations. Advisory is developing positive benefits to continued dam & lake utilization. These ideas can be used in developing grant applications for State funding of the dam modifications. Advisory & Planning has lost a few members due to retirement and time availability pressures. Anyone wishing to join should contact the Property Manager or the Board of Directors at the Teepee Office (722-0302).

**Lake Preservation Committee Report:**

The signs of spring are upon us and it was evident the opening day of trout season April 12th. One of those sure signs is seeing brothers, dads, moms and daughters standing by the beach, casting their lures and bantering who caught the first or biggest fish. The POA's Lake committee supervised the trout stocking and has arranged for a second stocking of bass in middle June. The kids "Learn to fish day" is scheduled for Saturday June 21st at 10AM by the clubhouse. It will once again be hosted by the Lake and the Activities committees. Each child under 12 that registers will receive instruction on how to; touch worms, cast a rod, catch and release fish. Children can be registered in advance at the Tee Pee and will receive a free rod and reel until we run out. The giveaways are on a first come first serve basis. This fun day is important to all of us. It teaches our young folks respect for the lake and the environment. Parents please accompany your children. In closing we remind property owners that it is required that all using our lake display their property owners or visitors badge and a valid fishing license when angling in our lake. The development has again declared our lake a catch and release lake with the exception of trout in season of which you may keep three per day. Boaters, electric motors only and all watercraft must follow Fish and Boat Commission regulations and be registered with both the state and the development.

The Lake committee would like to thank the members of the committee, those who contributed to the kids day and the POA for their support. Have a great summer on our lake.

# TOWAMENSING TRAILS...THE SAGA CONTINUES

BY: PUBLICATIONS

By May 1978 the lake which was built in an area known as Yost Swamp was filled with 800 million gallon of water. However in August it had to be drained, left to dry for a

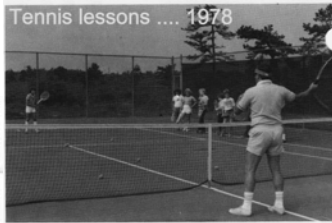


couple of weeks so debris could be removed.



While the water level was down the Trails built a dock behind the clubhouse

The property owners on the lake were encouraged to start building their docks while abiding by ACC rules. Sailboats were purchased for rental. The clubhouse featured live entertainment for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for the Tennis Courts that were located behind the clubhouse in the current beach parking area. Tennis



lessons were available from the Social Director. The lake was stocked for

the first time. The stable was now offering overnight rides, 2 days, 1 night to 4 days, 3 nights. The pool was open and swimming lessons were offered. The pool had a sliding board and a diving board.

By December of the same year things were taking a downward slide. Kids were no longer welcome at



the Clubhouse as there was too much vandalism. The dam breast was off limits. There was a lot of littering taking place and dumping in the shale pit.....things never seem to change. However on the

positive side, Towamensing Trail (our main road) was now complete from Route 903 to Route 534. Also the rental/resale office was moved from the Teepee to a chalet in the Broadscope Village Complex which was on Towamensing Trail. Information for this article has been obtained from old Trails Topics. More to follow....

## JIM FLEURY

Jim Fleury, resides with his wife in section six. As an Army paratrooper he has earned many "Jump Wings". At first, he was a Medical Corpsman in Vietnam. He then became a paratrooper and finally earned the position as an Airborne Ranger.

When serving his tour in Vietnam he and many of his military friends started collecting these Jump Wings, and would trade the wings from many countries. Jim has collected wings from over 130 countries. Even though he and many of his friends are retired, they still trade. They have created a "Jump Wings Club".



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**FOR ALL EMERGENCIES**

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Towamensing Trails Teepee Office

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday & Sunday 9 AM - 3 PM

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Trails Lake & Tennis Club  
(Community Center)

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**Police Department (Non-Emergency Only)**

Carbon County Sheriff  
Fern Ridge State Police

570-325-2821  
570-646-2271

**Local Fire Departments**

Penn Forest  
Fire Company #1 (Route 903)  
Penn Forest  
Fire Company #2 (Route 534)  
Albrightsville Fire Department (Route 534)

570-325-8114  
570-722-0555  
570-722-8325

**Borough & Township Services**

Carbon County Courthouse  
Penn Forest Township Building  
(for all permits required by township)

570-325-3611  
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