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MARCEL LAKE ESTATES NEWSLETTER

HOLIDAY EDITION 2012

M.L.E.P.O.A. INC

OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December 24 and 25, 2012 – the office will be closed for Christmas
January 1, 2013 – the office will be closed for New Year's Day

REMINDER: You can still set up a Payment Plan for 2012-13 dues and past dues. Stop by the Office to discuss available options.

RECYCLING COMES TO MARCEL LAKE ESTATES

On Wednesday, October 26, 2012 we began recycling, helping to save the environment, and keeping down the cost of garbage hauling. **SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING** allows you to put glass and plastic bottles, all metal and aluminum cans, newspapers and cardboard boxes into the same container without having to sort. **PLEASE BE SURE TO BREAK DOWN ALL CARDBOARD BOXES BEFORE PLACING THEM IN THE RECYCLING BINS.** By recycling, we have been able to cut down on the tonnage of regular garbage and further reduce the cost of garbage collection. All other regular household garbage continues to go into the regular compactor.

REMEMBER, THE COMPACTOR IS NOT TO BE USED FOR APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, OR ANY OTHER BULK DEBRIS. Call the office for bulk garbage rates and disposal procedures. For free pick up of appliances and metal objects, you can contact George Shaw, a resident of our community, at 862-354-0304.

MARCEL LAKE ESTATES WEB SITE

We are pleased to announce that our new web site is up and running and we invite you to visit us at marcellakeestates.org Our activity calendar is being updated regularly and we will start posting the Board Agenda and Meeting Minutes in November. Our Bulletin Board will also start in November and posting of classified ads will start in December. Although we are still in the process of organizing procedures and documentation, our Newsletter will be posted on the web site as well as being mailed to everyone. We encourage you to register on the web site to receive future editions on-line to help lower the cost of postage.

AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

YOUR OPINION COUNTS

There has been some discussion about changing the date for our ANNUAL MEETING and we'd like to know what you think. Memorial Day weekend, Fourth of July weekend, or Labor Day weekend? The meeting would be held on the Saturday closest to the holiday. The change would take effect in 2014 if the change is approved.

As many of you know, **DIRECTV** does not offer local PA channels in parts of Pike County. If you would like to receive local news & weather, you may want to be included on a list being sent to the FCC requesting local service in our community. If you would like to be included, please contact Dick Hanel at 570-828-8828.

DELIVERY SERVICE FROM SHOP RITE OF MONTAGUE

ShopRite of Montague now offers a Personal Shopper Service. Available exclusively online at www.ShopRite.com, *ShopRite From Home* brings you the convenience and flexibility of online grocery shopping. You can shop online and place your order via a secure internet ordering system. You may pick up your order for a fee of \$10.00. For orders over \$100, the \$10 fee will be waived.

Home Delivery Service - *ShopRite From Home* of Montague offers local grocery delivery right to your door. For orders under \$100, the total charge for a delivery order will be \$16.95 (\$10.00 service fee plus a \$6.95 delivery fee). For orders over \$100, the total charge for a delivery order will be \$6.95. Home Delivery is available 7 days a week. **Check their web site for more information at www.ShopRite.com**

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

Located at Akenac Park, off Route 739, the Library is open to all township residents, free of charge.

Library Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Tuesday 3:00 – 6:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The library collection of over 6,500 volumes includes many fiction and non-fiction bestsellers and large print books, children's fiction and non-fiction, family friendly videos and DVD's, and books-on-tape. There is also a computer work station with online capabilities. We are always looking for volunteers to help staff the library, so if you would be interested in joining us, please call 570-828-2781.

DINGMANS FERRY—DELAWARE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Programs for 2013 will be announced in March. The Historical Society is located in Akenac Park, off Route 739.

PIKE COUNTY AGENCY ON AGING LUNCHEONS

The Delaware Township Municipal Building is now hosting the Pike County Agency on Aging luncheons every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at noon. Additional recreational and social activities are available for senior residents from 8 AM to 3 PM. Check the Event Calendar on the Delaware Township web site for additional information.

www.delawaretownship.gov

ST. VINCENT'S SENIOR CLUB

A non-denominational group for seniors of Pike County meets at 1 PM, the 1st Thursday of each month at St. Vincent's Church, on Route 739. Meetings feature informational and educational programs geared to seniors with coffee and cake served at each meeting. Day and overnight trips are scheduled throughout the year.

GREY TOWERS NATIONAL HISTORIC SIGHT

Located in Milford, Pennsylvania, Grey Towers was originally the summer estate of the James Pinchot family and later the primary home of Gifford Pinchot, America's first forester and founder of the USDA Forest Service. The mansion is beautifully decorated for the holiday season. **Holiday Mansion Tours** are being held December 10-22 at 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM. See all three floors of the mansion on these special guided tours. *Regular admission fees apply.* For more information & programs, visit their web site at www.greytowers.org

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

The Social & Recreation Committee will be driving around the community the week before Christmas trying to identify the best decorated home for the holidays. As in the past, a prize will be awarded for the "best dressed house".

REMINDER FROM OUR MAINTENANCE STAFF

All boats should have been removed from the boat launches and beaches by November 26, 2012. Boats left after that date are in the process of being removed and will be stored at the owners expense.

SOCIAL AND RECREATION COMMITTEE EVENTS

HALLOWEEN PARTY



On Saturday, October 27, 2012 over 30 residents of all ages attended our annual Halloween Party at the clubhouse. We had games, arts and crafts, snacks, a piñata, a costume contest and, of course, a great time. Thanks to Steve Sutter, our in-house photographer, you can see photos from the party on our web site. Special thanks also to Elaine Sinatra and Rick Hemler for hosting the event.

SENIOR BINGO is coming! We have had a number of requests to get BINGO started again. We are beginning with those over 50 years old, so that we will not need a state permit. If there is enough interest, we will apply for a permit and include other age groups. Check our web-site and the Marquee for up-dates.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Saturday December 15, 2012 **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** 10 AM
Monday December 31, 2012 **NEW YEAR'S EVE POT-LUCK** 7 PM
Wed., Jan. 9, 2013 **MARCEL CRAFTERS** organizational meeting
Sunday, February 3, 2013 **SUPER BOWL PARTY**.
Saturday, March 16, 2013 **ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY**
Saturday, March 30, 2013 for an **EASTER EGG HUNT**

More information will be available on our web site and the marquee as the dates get closer. If you would like to volunteer for any of these functions, please contact Ann Dolan or Rick Hemler.



We are looking for old photos of Marcel Lake Estates community events, landscape, wildlife, weather events, and anything else you are willing to share so that we can create a photo gallery in the entry of the refurbished office for all to enjoy. If you have any old photos you think our residents would enjoy seeing, please drop them off in the office.

Other items we are seeking include a gas range for the clubhouse, a round table (kitchen style) & 4 chairs for the conference room in the Office, and a mission-style couch and/or love seat and coffee table for the Office reception area. If you have any of these items and they are in good condition, please consider donating them to the community. Having a gas range in our Clubhouse will allow our residents to cook communally in the event of another extended power outage. If you are interested in donating or know of someone else who might be, please call the office.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD



First and foremost, I would like to commend all of our residents for the calm, rational way we all responded to Hurricane Sandy. We were very fortunate compared to others in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. The experience brought to our attention the need to have an Emergency Action Plan for Marcel Lake Estates in the event of similar disasters in the future and we are currently in the process of developing one.

The members of the Board of Directors and I look forward to continuing to make improvements throughout our community, while containing the cost of services to our residents. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of all of the directors, the quality of life here in Marcel Lake Estates is improving by leaps and bounds and will continue to do so.

Thank you, Frank Cappiello, for your research and information on recycling and helping us reduce the cost of our garbage collection.

Thank you, Steve Sutter, Mike Kabbeko, Ruben Rivera, and Dick Hanel for working with me to complete the interior office renovations.

Thank you, Dick Hanel and our maintenance staff for the continuing improvements being made to our roads. And thank you, our residents, for your continued patience as we continue making these improvements throughout the community.

Thank you, Mario Sinatra, for your leadership of our security staff. Through your tireless efforts, we have been able to initiate our own Patrol Staff and provide additional security patrol hours at significant savings. Our up-dated camera equipment also provides better monitoring of our community.

As President of the Board of Directors of Marcel Lake Estates, I am firmly committed to you, our residents, and to this community. If you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. I will return your call as soon as possible, and try to resolve issues as they occur. You can leave a message for me at the office or call me directly at 570-369-6966.

And last, but not least - on behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of M.L.E.P.O.A, I wish you a happy, healthy and safe Holiday Season.

Terry L. Sawvie
