

**MARCEL LAKE ESTATES NEWSLETTER**  
**WINTER EDITION 2013**  
**M.L.E.P.O.A. INC**

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**ONLY Recycling**  
**Glass (No Window Glass)**  
**Plastic, Cans**  
**Newspapers**  
**Cardboard**  
**NO STYROFOAM**  
**(ALL CARD BOARD BOXES MUST BE FLATTENED)**  
**Call the Office for BULK**  
**YOU WILL BE FINED IF YOU DUMP THESE ITEMS**  
**Computers|Monitors|Keyboard**  
**TVs, Appliances, Mattresses**  
**Sofas, Furniture, Construction Items, Etc.**

## **FROM SECURITY**

If you are a new resident, have recently purchased a new vehicle, or your license plate number has changed or has not been registered, please submit the new information to the security office so that we may up-date our records. If an incident occurs and the plate is not in our registry, the matter will be turned over to the State Police and all fines will become a civil matter, not a community matter.

Please remember the dumpster area is monitored and these services are for residents only. Any non-resident or unregistered (with M.L.E.P.O.A.) vehicle will be reported to the state for illegal entry and dumping and will be subject to a civil fine.

If you need short-term access to the community for guests, health aides, etc. contact the Security Office for a temporary access number. The Security Office is open Monday through Friday 9 AM – 1 PM.

## **SOCIAL AND RECREATION**

**HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST** winner was 131 Marcel Drive for an amazing display of lights and animation.

**MARCEL WOMEN'S COMMUNITY GROUP** next meeting Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 10 AM in the conference room at the office; this meeting will focus on crafts.

**EXERCISE GROUP** beginning on April 9<sup>th</sup> in the clubhouse at 7 PM; customize a program to your own level of fitness. Watch the Bulletin Board and Marquee for additional information.

## **FROM MAINTENANCE 2013 Plowing in M.L.E.P.O.A.**

Snow removal will begin once 2 to 3 inches of snow covers the roads. We then begin plowing to clear the roads, mail box area, and parking lots. Primary roads include Marcel Drive, Renee Drive, Townsend Drive, and Lake Drive. Secondary roads include Bernadette Drive, Laverne Drive, Valerie Road, and then the remaining roads and side streets are plowed. There is a total of 13 ½ miles of roads throughout the community.

After initial plowing, we begin widening the roads, clearing the intersections, and putting down salt and grit. The trucks are filled with salt, grit, or both. The salt is used only on asphalt roads and it is mixed with grit to serve two purposes; the salt melts the ice and snow while the grit gives the road traction. No salt is used on dirt roads, only grit. We will plow the asphalt roads as close to the ground as possible, but the blades will be raised on the dirt and gravel roads to create a layer of packed snow. We cannot clear these roads to the bare earth as it will remove the crown from the road and strip the road of dirt and gravel, lowering the road and causing ruts. We are trying to improve the roads not destroy them.

In the community and on main roads, if you must leave your home during a storm or when plowing is being done please go slow and use caution. Don't tailgate the truck; stay at least two truck lengths behind. Blowing your horn does not make them go faster and your horn will not be heard over the truck and road noise. Always keep a safe distance so that you can be seen by the plow driver.

During the winter, be prepared for stormy conditions by having all-terrain/snow tires that are rated for driving in mud or snow, a set of snap on chains, a small shovel, some sand, a blanket, water, and a charger for your cell phone in case you get stuck or break down.

Residents are responsible for clearing their own driveways to the road. Unfortunately when the roads are widened some snow will be pushed back into the entrance of your driveway. Our staff cannot be responsible for clearing individual driveways. There are 377 homes and we would never get done. If you need assistance with snow removal from your driveway call the office and we can give you a list of people who do the work. If you plow and/or shovel and would like to be on the list, please stop in the office and give them your name and business card. We cannot promote any business but will gladly share this information.

## **GETTING READY FOR TROUT FISHING SEASON**

We will once again be stocking Marcel Lake with trout, in cooperation with Old Marcel. Any donations should be sent to:

Marcel Lake Trout Fund  
12037 Old Marcel Lake  
Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328

Make checks out to Marcel Lake Trout Fund and respond by March 15, 2013. Please include your name and address.

Remember you will need a PENNSYLVANIA FISHING LICENSE with a trout stamp in order to fish. Opening day of Trout Season will be Saturday, April 13, 2013.

**FYI**

**KEEP AND SAVE**

**BE PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY**

**If severe weather is forecast and a power outage is possible be ready!**

**Before the storm have these items ready:**

Important documents; medical records and identification for all family members, insurance information, etc.

Make sure the account information on file with your electric utility is correct; have the number to your utility handy

Backup heating supply, such as a generator (with a supply of fuel), fireplace or space heater

Prescription medications; fill any you may need ahead of time

Fill jugs with water for drinking and bathing; plan on storing at least one gallon per person per day

Non-perishable food on hand (canned soup, tuna, juice and milk boxes, peanut butter, crackers, string cheese, etc.)

Extra baby supplies -- diapers, formula, etc.

Manual can opener

Portable radio, either battery-operated or the hand-crank type

Corded telephone

Fully charged cell phone and car charger

First-aid supplies

Flashlights and extra batteries

Extra blankets

Pet food and any pet supplies you may need

Local maps if evacuation is necessary

Snow shovels and ice scraper, should there be snow

Cash- ATMs and credit card machines may not be working

Check the batteries in your smoke detectors

If you heat your home with propane or fuel oil, make sure you have enough to last a few days

Make sure your gas tank is full

Take outdoor decorations down; put away outdoor furniture

Rake leaves and clean out gutters; clogged gutters can lead to roofing problems

Fill bathtubs with water in advance of severe weather

Have a grill and camp stove with fuel; for use outside

Without a generator, refrigerated food will hold for 24 hours; frozen food for 48 hours

**Check the Bulletin Board at mail boxes and clubhouse for Emergency Information and Up-dates**

**Refrain from calling 911 or other emergency services unless it is a true emergency or life-threatening condition**

**Generators should never be run inside; they should be located outside, away from windows and doors; keep hot generators away from anything combustible; let them cool off before trying to refuel them**

**The clubhouse will be open if there is a power outage; with limited power and bathroom facilities**