



SHAKER PINES AROUND THE LAKE

SPLA Board Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the Shaker Pines Fire Station at 37 Bacon Road in Enfield.

You are welcome to attend any meeting in person or alternately you may attend virtually. For virtual attendance the link is posted on our website at shakerpineslake.org. There are also directions to join the meeting by phone using an 800 number and an access code.

Autumn 2022 Newsletter

WARNING – Special Meeting!

Shaker Pines Lake Activity Committee Fall and Winter Happenings

Saturday, September 24, 2 to 6 p.m. *Annual Block Party* at Memorial Lot! Bring a dish to pass and join us for great food, friends and music! **Rain Date Sunday, September 25.**

Sunday, September 25 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Johnny's Roadside Market Flower Sale* at the Old Fire Station. A portion of the proceeds will support the Activity Fund.

Sunday, October 23, 1 to 3:30 p.m. *Halloween Carnival* at Memorial Lot. Pre-register children by texting Carrie Temple at: 860-416-4144. Join us for a fun afternoon of free games, prizes and treats! Show off your costume in our Costume Contest! All ages are welcome.

Wednesday, November 23, 6 p.m. *Buona Vita* hosts an evening of music and raffles to support the Shaker Pines Lake Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m. to noon *Food Drive* at the Old Firehouse. Please bring non perishable food donations to support those in need this Holiday season. Wreaths will be available for pickup at this time

December 3, 10 a.m. to noon at the old Firehouse *Shaker Pines Wreath Fundraiser* Pick up your beautiful, pre-ordered evergreen wreaths. They are available for purchase by pre-order for \$20.00. Please email pineractivities@gmail.com to place your order

Children's Christmas Party Time and place will be announced on Facebook closer to the event. Treats, Toys and SANTA! Please register children by texting Carrie Temple at 860-416-4144.

Sunday, December 18, 6 p.m. *Lights on the Lake!* The Lake looks amazing with all of your beautiful and creative displays. Lights should be up by Saturday December 17 [Enter the contest by emailing your name and address to pineractivities@gmail.com](mailto:pineractivities@gmail.com) There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Winners will be notified Sunday evening and announced on the Facebook page. Stay tuned to Facebook for prize details!

Lake Calendar: Please email your pictures of the Lake and Lake events by September 30 to submit for the calendar. Pictures must be in jpeg format and at least 300 DPI. Calendars will be sold for \$20 with the profit going to support our Activity Committee. Please pre-order calendars by emailing your name, address, phone number and number of calendars you want to purchase by October 5th. Calendars will be available for pickup on October 15th pineractivities@gmail.com

Looking for new committee members We need volunteers to serve on the Activity Committee to help in planning and supporting our events. The committee meets once a month or less. Bring your ideas for lake events! Please Email pineractivities@gmail.com if you are willing to join the committee or help out.

Lake Updates

Spillway Repair: We have applied for an informal review with the State DEEP to try to determine what they will require for permitting. We are doing this to try and eliminate costly surveys and reports if we can. We are also actively exploring possible funding sources to help defray the repair costs.

Lake Water Quality It has been a difficult season, State DEEP being understaffed, was extremely slow to issue our treatment permit. The very late permit issuance and the drought has put us behind and allowed the algae growth to get ahead of us. Our lake and many others have suffered for it. Our new treatment company has been very responsive, but it has been an uphill battle. We also had to close off portions of the lake to swimming a few times this summer due to elevated E.coli bacteria readings. Please do not feed and encourage the geese, they are a BIG contributor to this problem. If an area is closed a sign is posted in the problem area, when the sign is removed it is safe to swim. Issues of concern are also posted on our Shaker Pines Lake Facebook Page in real time, if you have concerns look there.

SPECIAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 BUDGET INCREASE NEEDED

Last year the Board of Directors reviewed the insurance coverage for Shaker Pines Lake Association, Inc. The Board found that the insurance coverage category was not appropriate for our organization and felt it could put us at risk should a claim be made. Our previous liability insurance premium was \$1,300. Based on discussion with agents and other research the estimated premium was budgeted at \$2,000. Additionally, the Board's review noted that there has been no Directors and Officers insurance in place for the Association and \$1,000 was budgeted as a place holder. The quoted premiums came in significantly higher than anticipated:

Liability coverage quote: \$7,200

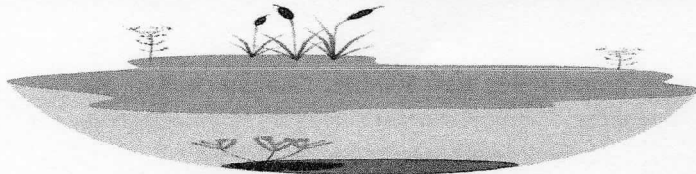
Directors and Officers coverage quote: \$2,500

To insure that we (SPLA) continued liability coverage the Board approved and paid for coverage effective July 6, 2022 through October 6, 2022. To continue this coverage and obtain Directors and Officers Insurance, we must have approval of the Association members.

According to our Charter Section 22:

any contract or obligation totaling more than \$3,000 must be approved by a vote of the members at a Special meeting. Because the Board is requesting an increase to \$9,700 for Insurance, a Special Meeting of the Association will be held at the Shaker Pines Fire Station, located at 37 Bacon Road in the Town of Enfield, CT on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 7:00 p.m., The ballot box closes at 8:30 p.m. **IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED.**

We (the Board) ask that you carefully consider this information and vote in favor of the budget increase. If you have any questions, please contact Lorraine Creedon 860-749-0931 or Leslie Cunningham at 860-874-2734.



Please Note: The lake draw-down will begin on October 16. Please use this time to clean up your beach front.

Website Update

The SPLA website will be undergoing some major changes over the next few months. Mr. Bob Duga has been our webmaster for many years, and we are very grateful for all the time, energy and consistent work he has put in to maintaining the information and updating on a timely basis. However, technology has changed and continues to change at a rapid pace. New, more efficient and secure platforms are available while the older technology is no longer being supported. A website committee was established and has been working on creating the look, design and content for the new site. We will be changing platforms which will make our information more secure and easier to provide current updated information. We expect to roll out the initial site in late September. Over time, we will continue to enhance the site to ensure we have all the information on the current site in easy to find areas. We ask for your patience as this task is managed. This is a volunteer endeavor as it has been in the past, to save the tax payors money.

Property Committee

Thank you, Dave Olson, Allison and Jeremy Cushing, Jamie and Charley Macsata, Wayne and Anne Buck, Jeremy Stefanik, and Linda Ostapoff for cutting down of 9 dead pine trees and cleaned up vines and weeds from the Upper Beach Cottage Road (121 Cottage Rd.) on July 16th. Henry and Brian Wanczyk and Paul Cote provided removal which saved the association from outsourcing the large piles of debris. The property looks so much larger and inviting for all.

Thank you, Jaime Macsata, for restoring the main sign at the Upper Beach Cottage Road (121 Cottage Rd.)

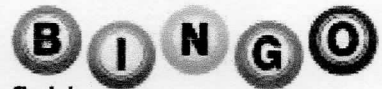
Thank you, Dave Olson for adding the painted plank of wood to the bottom of the main sign at the Lower Sandy Beach on Cottage Road (45 Cottage Road) which will include the address of the property for easier identification. Also, another giant thanks to Dave Olson for painting the unfinished table at the Lower Sandy Beach on Cottage Road (45 Cottage Road).

Thank you, George Temple, for providing a temporary flag on our Memorial Lot (5 Bridges Road) while we were replacing the old flag. And a giant thanks for removing the damaged picnic table, thus ensure residents would not get hurt when visiting the property

Thanks to Sharon Ledger for the donation of a large permanent replacement flag on Memorial Lot.

2Moms Purse Bingo to Save the Lakes

Friday, September 30, from 6 to 9 pm



Knights of Columbus, 371 Washington Rd , Enfield

Cash Bar Available – Food & Non –alcohol drinks are welcome!

Tickets MUST be purchased to ensure we are not over capacity

Tickets can be purchased via cash to members

www.paypal.me/2MomsOnAMission

or Venmo@Two-MomsOnAMission Please note Event Date

Tickets \$40 per person and will be virtual (your name will be on a list)

Each ticket will include a pack of 10 games and 1 dauber

Raffle tickets and extra game boards will be on sale

Doors open at 6 p.m. for bag preview and raffle ticket sales

Questions: savethelakea@yahoo.com

Check us out on the web on Facebook or shakerpineslake.org

Tax Collector Corner

From July 1 to-date, we have collected \$24,276.21 and our tax deficit is \$17,831.34. The Shaker Pines Lake Association (SPLA) is a "Special Tax District" within the Town of Enfield, governed by all of the local and State of Connecticut tax statutes. SPLA tax bills are sent out in June and due by July 1 (with a 30-day grace period without interest penalty). This year's bills were due July 1 with an August 1 grace period (as July 31 was a Sunday). Payments "received" after August 1 were subject to a 1.5% interest fee per month for both July and August, and subject to 1.5% interest per month thereafter. This information is clearly stated on the tax bills. The SPLA tax collector has tried to simplify the payment process by creating an on-line site which mirrors the Town of Enfield tax site. On this site, tax payors can print out their bills and pay them directly on-line via credit card or e-check for small fees. The site is up to date with interest and fees and past due bills. Note- when paying your taxes, if you have Past Due bills, your payment must be made on the Past Due bill first. In addition, payments are applied to fees and interest first and then tax. Here is the link to the site: <https://www.mytaxbill.org/inet/bill/home.do?town=shakerpineslake>. Liens are put on properties when a bill is past due for more than 6 months. Typically, liens are attached in March of each year. To release a lien, taxes, interest and lien fees must be paid in full. It takes about 1.5 weeks to release a lien through the Enfield Town Clerk's office. If individual outstanding bills exceed three years or amount to over \$1,000, then warrants are issued, and the tax collection is turned over to the State Marshall.

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Again, this is a "TAX", not an association fee or convenience fee. There is absolutely "no" flexibility in waiving the tax rules to ignore interest for those who pay their bills past the due date or write their checks on the due date then put them in the mail. And there is no leeway to release liens without having the entire bill paid in full.

We are audited by the State of Connecticut Office of Policy Management and must follow all CT and Town of Enfield Tax Laws!

If you are having trouble paying your SPLA taxes, please contact Jaime Macsata to set up a payment plan to avoid the issuance of liens and warrants.

Below is information on outstanding tax bills by year. We have made great strides in bringing this deficit down, however, we still have a way to go. The SPLA website will be updated with the outstanding tax list.

Year	Amount Owed	# Tax Payers
2021	\$ 8,651.86	64
2020	\$ 4,465.79	25
2019	\$ 2,761.39	14
2018	\$ 1,190.33	7
2017	\$ 372.16	3
2016	\$ 385.06	2
2015	\$ 14.75	1
Total Taxes Due	\$ 17,841.34	

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Financial Report for: 2022-2023 August

	Budget Amount	Expended	Balance
Lake Related Expenses & Treatments	\$ 17,000.00	\$ -	\$17,000.00
Tax Collection			
Tax Collector Salary	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Tax Collector Fees	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00
Tax Liens and Supplies	\$ 1,100.00	\$ (10.00)	\$ 1,090.00
QDS System Contract	\$ 973.00	\$ (973.75)	\$ (0.75)
Association Properties			
Landscaping	\$ 3,600.00	\$ (863.99)	\$ 2,736.01
Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Property			
Engineering Contract	\$ 19,372.78	\$ -	\$19,372.78
Spillway Repairs*	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$25,000.00
Insurance	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (1,548.50)	\$ 1,451.50
Operating Expenses			
Communications	\$ 1,600.00	\$ (232.00)	\$ 1,368.00
Legal Fees	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Contingency	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous & Unassigned	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Total Budget	\$ 80,895.78	\$ (3,628.24)	\$77,267.54

Receipts

Taxes, Outstanding Taxes, Interest Charges, Lien Fees	\$ 23,787.97
Refund of Overpaid Taxes	
Other Income	
Total Income	\$ 23,787.97

Assets

Cash on Hand	
Checking	\$ 25,227.56
Capital Funds	
Savings	\$135,795.18
Reserved Funds	\$ 17,768.83
Certificates of Deposit	\$ -
Property	
Estimated Property Value	\$459,600.00
Total Assets	\$638,391.57

2021– 2022 Board of Directors

Leslie Cunningham, President	860-874-2734
Dan Hart, Vice President	860-847-0539
Sharon Ledger, Secretary	860-749-9514
Lorraine Creedon, Treasurer	860-749-0931
Jaime Macsata, Tax Collector	860-614-5159
Allison Cushing	352-229-2736
Jeremy Stefanik	860-920-2352
Linda Ostapoff	860-604-1253
George Temple	860-798-2866

FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR:

Please make your payments through the link below or mail to the tax collector at: 115 Cottage Road, Enfield, CT 06082. Please note that interest is accrued at 1.5% per month beginning July 1, 2021 so please go on-line to see your balance or contact the tax collector at jlmacs456@gmail.com. Note the link is also on the Shaker Pines website.

<https://www.mytaxbill.org/inet/bill/home.do?town=shakerpineslake>



26 Wheeler Drive
Enfield, CT 06082

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WARNING

SHAKER PINES LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.
ENFIELD, CT 06082

Special Meeting of the Shaker Pines Lake Association, Inc.

The members of the Shaker Pines Lake Association, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under Special Act of the Legislature of the State of Connecticut, and located in the Town of Enfield, Connecticut, are hereby warned and notified that a Special Meeting of the said Association will be held at the *Shaker Pines Fire Station, located at 37 Bacon Road in the Town of Enfield, CT on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 7:00 p.m.* The ballot box closes at 8:30 p.m. IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED.

ARTICLE 1. To approve increase in 2022-2023 insurance budget amount to \$9,700			Yes	No
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[Signature] PRESIDENT
(Officer Signatures - 3 Required)

[Signature]
VICE PRES

[Signature] BRD MBR
[Signature] BRD MBR

Dated at Enfield, Connecticut Sept. 7, 2022

FOR PROXY VOTES ONLY

I hereby authorize _____ to cast my vote at the
Annual Meeting of the S.P.L.A., June 18, 2022

Notary of the Public _____ Date _____

Signature of Voter _____ Date _____