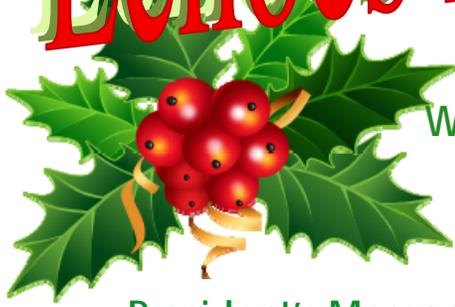


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President's Message

I would like to take this joyous opportunity to wish each and every member of the WLLA community my warmest wishes for the happiest of holiday seasons. Since I took over the helm of President of WLLA this past September, things have been moving forward in such a positive manner. None of this would be possible without the ongoing generous support of the WLLA community, and, of course, the WLLA Board Of Directors. Positiveness breeds positiveness, and we can continue to move forward in such a way that can only enhance and improve the lives of everyone in the community.

As you are all aware, the snow season has arrived. This, of course, brings with it some hazardous conditions when driving to and fro...from here and there. Please take your time...be careful...stay safe... when maneuvering your vehicles on the many roads on which you travel. Also, if you see a neighbor in need or distress during this bad weather, please do your best in lending a helping hand to your neighbor.

WLLA has been very fortunate that our snow contractor, PRECISION LANDSCAPING & SNOW PLOWING, has done a fairly great job so far this year. Precision's second winter of working for WLLA has shown them to know a lot more of the "ins and outs" of WLLA's roads, and a very significant improvement has been noticeable since the recent two snowfalls and icy conditions this year. Can I honestly say that there were no complaints? No, I can't, as there were the usual 3 or 4 complaints about the snow plowing. But, so few complaints, to date, out of a few hundred WLLA homeowners, shows a definite success rate for Precision. This success rate translates to the safety of the community when navigating the roads of WLLA.



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I want to thank all of you again for your support in making WLLA the place to want to live. And, as I stated previously, I wholeheartedly thank the WLLA Board Of Directors as well. It is with all of your support in helping me that we move forward and attempt to make things better for all involved.

I will end my message to you with two very important thoughts I have come upon for the New Year.

- 1) To get through the hardest journey we need to take only one step at a time, but we must keep on stepping!
- 2) In the New Year, may your right hand always be stretched out in friendship...never in want.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

Fondly,

Art W. Politano
President/WLLA

Winter Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 19	Board of Directors Meeting 10:00AM
Thursday, December 31	New Year's Eve party in the Clubhouse
Saturday, January 16, 2010	Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 AM



News from the WLLA Office

Please note that the **office will be closed** on the following days:
December 25 through January 1, 2010 & Saturday, February 13, 2010

Snow days! Please note that if Delaware Valley Schools close for weather, so will the Walker Lake Office. You can still call and leave a message on the answering machine which will be checked periodically. If you have a problem with snow removal on WLLA roads, you can also email: WLLASnow@ptd.net

New Office hours beginning January 2, 2010: 10 AM to 1 PM Tuesday - Saturday

New Year's Eve Party at the Clubhouse

Come help ring in the New Year at the Clubhouse! Food and dessert, coffee and tea will be supplied and there will be a toast for midnight. The party starts at 8 PM. The music is provided by the DJ and will start around 9 PM until midnight, when we will watch the count-down and the ball come down at Times Square. Please bring your own bottle and any snacks you like to eat. The cost is \$10.00 per person. There will be 50-50 drawing and a door prize of a basket of cheer.



Expenditure Review

The largest expenditure was the Onandaga project, which cost close to 60K from start to finish. The alternative was to close the road which would have inconvenienced many property owners and blocked an alternative exit/entrance for emergency vehicles. The current and past Administration and Road Committees worked diligently all those involved.

The new Snow Material Storage Shed was built and will save us on the cost of materials. The shed allows us to purchase salt and anti-skid materials at a lower cost at the beginning of the season. Often, as was the case last year, salt is not available later in the season, and if it is available, the price is several times what it would have cost earlier in the year. During the permit process, several lots were consolidated as well.

WLLA successfully sprayed for Gypsy moth caterpillars during the spring.

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(Expenditure Review, continued.)

A \$10,000.00 donation was made to the Twin Lake Walker Lake Creek Conservancy to help defray the cost of the run off at Maple Drive. Run-off is a big problem as it negatively affects the quality of the lake. Other donations included \$1,000.00 to the Shohola Township Fire Department.

Other expenses this year were: clubhouse (garbage pickup, snow removal, roof repair, cleaning, furnace cleaning, etc.) Additional expenses for WLLA were security, badges and the cost of the various permits; the *Echoes From Our Lake* newsletter, which also serves as legal notification to landowners; office and administration (salaries, supplies, postage, National Association dues, equipment, service agreements, software support, repairs, property transfer notifications, miscellaneous BOD expenses); utilities for the office and clubhouse, state, local and federal taxes and professional fees.

The Lake Committee had the lake stocked with Largemouth Bass in June. Other Lake expenses included the Lake Consultant services and weed spraying, a design for Sandy Beach and other sediment control projects, beach drainage, lake water testing, dam maintenance and inspection.

Beach and Grounds expenses included maintenance & cleanup, a new drain at the Clubhouse Beach, a gate and safety products as required by the Board of Health, and dock installation and removal.

The Program/Social Events Committee was been busy putting on many events to get the Community involved and enjoy what WLLA has to offer. There were very successful events. The free pancake breakfasts for Father's and Mother's Day and for the kids at Christmas were wonderful and many attended. The bus trips to the Casinos and to see the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall were sold out and greatly enjoyed. There was also a bus trip to see the Scranton Wilkes-Barre Yankees which turned out to be interesting and fun and an all around wonderful experience. Parties for New Year's Eve and the Super Bowl were also organized as well as a 50's dance. The Ladies Club took over Grace Hachtman's successful Penny Social in July, and over 100 people attended. The Ladies Club also hosted a Tea & Fashion show with fashions from BonWorth. The ladies at BonWorth still talk about it being the best they have ever seen. The men have started a Men's Night Out at the Clubhouse and now are doing this twice a month. A blessing for the women! In the new year, new and different things are in the planning stages and ideas are always welcome. Our calendar will be full for next year and there will always be something to do here. The Beach Party will return next year. Note that the Program Committee returned nearly 100% of monies spent. Job well done, Fran!

Your Membership Committee created a welcome letter and handy By-the-Phone Card containing important local telephone numbers to new residents of Walker Lake.

The Nominating Committee created a nomination and election system that ran smoothly and some new members were elected to the Board of Directors, as well as the election of the new President, Art Politano and Vice-President, Mary Iverson. All those who wished to participate in the election process were welcome and many non-board members participated.

The Legal Committee continues to study both long- and short-range issues concerning Walker Lake.

SOLES 4 SOULS UPDATE *from Barbara Silver*

Thank you to all who have been so generous, with your gently used shoes, and with your donations to defray the mailing costs. Over Thanksgiving weekend, I boxed 103 pairs of shoes: 73 pairs from our own Walker Lake community and the rest from Pegala Unlimited in Shohola and the Chant office in Milford. And the good news is there are still more to be boxed and sent! I ran out of mailing cartons.

For those of you who want to do a little more, here are some suggestions:

- Please consider making a donation to defray mailing costs. (Each box shipped costs about \$25.)
- Donate a mailing carton; they cost about \$3.50 from the Post Office, or bring in one that you have.
- Donate packaging tape and rubber bands.
- Let me know if you'd like to help box the shoes, and when I'm here, I'll get in touch with you.

REMINDER:

PLEASE PUT A RUBBERBAND AROUND EACH PAIR OF SHOES. That will save me time if they're ready to be put into the mailing carton without having to stop and put a rubber band around each pair. Thanks again for all your help in providing shoes to those less fortunate than we are. Although this has been a difficult year for many, I think we can all still find aspects of life for which we are thankful. Enjoy your holiday,

Barbara Silver

***Important Notices:***

Please note the following By- Law changes were passed by the WLLA Board of Directors at the November 21, 2009 meeting:



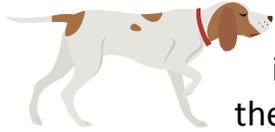
Only one dues-paid member per household may serve as a voting member on the Board of Directors.



No person on the Board of Directors can serve as an employee or contractor of WLLA.



QUIET COUNTRY LIVING



We have had many complaints about barking dogs and unleashed dogs in our community and would like to remind our neighbors that it is against the law to allow your family pet to bark uncontrolled. We understand sometimes there are woodland animals roaming about which can cause this, but the owner should come out to check the noise situation.

A dog is a loved member of a family and community, but when allowed to interrupt the sleep and peace and quiet of community members, that dog becomes a nuisance.

We have also had incidents where loose dogs have attacked leashed dogs being walked by their owners. There is nothing more frightening than to have several dogs attack your family pets while you are enjoying an evening stroll.

We thank you for your consideration...



In Memoriam

Heartfelt condolences are extended to the Dubowski family upon the passing of Frank Dubowski Jr.'s mother, Wanda Dubowski.



Heartfelt condolences are extended to Roseanne Garguilo and her family upon the passing of her mother, Geraldine Blumetti.

As always, your contributions and suggestions are welcome. The deadline for submissions to the next newsletter is January 30, 2010. Please send submissions via email to the WLLA office at wlla@ptd.net, or in writing to WLLA, 100 Walker Lake Road, Shohola, PA 18458.

Kindly take note you may receive your newsletter by e-mail. If you have already signed up, we thank you! (Email us with your request at wlla@ptd.net)

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