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Happy New Year!

We are so excited to bring back newsletters so our residents can get the information on what is going on! We have lots of things planned and a board eager to serve the community! Please reach out to your tier representative or appropriate committee member for any questions, concerns, or comments you may have!

Please remember that the board is made up of community volunteers and none of us are experts at running a community. We rely on professional advice to serve on the board. Facebook pages are not closely monitored by our volunteers. If you have a question or concern please reach out directly to us by email.

Dams Update

Braddock Dam was completed and first beach was open in 2022! We learned a lot and are excited to get Cushman Dam started. Beth Grasso, our engineer, provided a detailed update on where we are at in the process with the DEP and DAM safety. We know this has been a long process and we are also quite anxious to get it started. We are excited to announce that we have approval and permit in hand! Beth Grasso and our contractor Steve Zeuli will have an update at our February 6th meeting to provide the details on when we will see the project get started and what we can expect.

Lake Lowering

We know there was lots of questions and curiosity regarding Braddock Lake being lowered. This is something that was routinely done in the past during the winter months. Which is why our volunteers began the process. However, after talking to our engineer, Beth Grasso, and both the Dam safety and fish and wildlife departments at the DEP we found that we actually do not need to lower the lake routinely. We were advised to let the lake fill back up to its normal level. Beth Grasso will be on the zoom call February 6th to answer any questions you may have regarding the reasoning for not lowering the lake levels.

Tier 3 Representative

We let the public know at the January 17th general meeting that our beloved Tier 3 representative Stephen Naegele sold his tier 3 property and is now a tier 1 resident. We all enjoy working with Steve and are very upset to not have him on the board, but he can no longer represent the residents of tier 3. However, Steve has graciously offered to continue to assist us with our website and other IT needs. We called out for volunteers to fill the position and after conducting interviews the board agreed to vote in Marie King from Tier 3 to represent her tier and work with the board. She will be sworn in and begin working on the board at our February 6th meeting.

YOUR 2023 BOARD MEMBERS

President: Shauna Schneeman | Tier 2
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 Vice President: Donna Sutts | Tier 3
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 Secretary: Henry Burhenne | Tier 1
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2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

February 6, 2023 6:30pm Via Zoom
 March 6 2023 6:30pm Via Zoom
 April 3, 2023 6:30pm Via Zoom
 May 1, 2023 6:30pm 6:30pm @ Folsom Borough Hall
 June 5, 2023 6:30pm Via Zoom
 July 10, 2023 6:30pm Via Zoom
 August 7, 2023 6:30pm Via Zoom
 September 11, 2023 6:30pm @ Folsom Borough Hall
 October 2, 2023 Via Zoom
 November 6 2023 Via Zoom
 December 4, 2023 6:30pm @ Folsom Borough Hall



2023 PRELIMINARY EVENT SCHEDULE

April 2, 2023 - Easter Flower Sale & Egg Hunt (First Beach)
 April 23, 2023 - Beach Clean Up (First Beach)
 May 6, 2023 - Folsom Environmental Day (First Beach)
 May 7, 2023 - Beach Clean Up (Beach Two)
 May 21, 2023 - Beach Clean Up (Beach Three)
 May 27, 2023 - Beach Opening
 September 9, 2023 - Community Yard Sale
 October 8, 2023 - Harvest Fest (First Beach)

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING YOU CAN FIND THE MINUTES AND RECORDING ON OUR WEBSITE!

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Fresh New Logos?!

Our board adopted a new logo for the association and for the community so residents can recognize the association better in the mail or online! Our president, Shauna Schneeman, designed the logos and gifted them to the association. Concerns provided during the general meeting in regards to this have been explored and we are now confident in using them. We have had lots of positive feed back from community members and board members alike.

Grounds

Our grounds committee is ran by our tier 2 representative and treasurer George Protopapas. George generously donated time to paint the storage containers and lifeguard stands last year as well as many other improvements to get our beach open. With the experience of last year we are excited and prepared for a more timely beach opening this year.

The board voted on and approved the purchase of a new welcome sign that we are hopeful to install this spring. The sign that is in place is a beautiful piece of our history, but it has become quite damaged with age.

We are always looking for volunteers if you have any interest in assisting George with the grounds reach out to him through email! He would be thrilled to get more hands working on maintaining and restoring our community. His email is Gprotopapas@collingslakes.org

Fundraising and Events

Last year was a big year for fundraisers and events. Our board member Anna Marie introduced Earth day with the assistance of Folsom Borough, as well as the Harvest Festival! The goal of these events is not just for us to fundraise, but for us to connect with the community and bring some joy to the families that live in Collings Lakes. If you would like to join in with the fundraising committee reach out to Anna Marie who would be happy to get you on the contact sheet for upcoming events!

Her email is Alarocca@collingslakes.org

Questions?

Please reach out to if you have questions or want to get involved!

The CLCA is a committee of your neighbors volunteering their time to serve the community. We all have regular jobs and families just like other residents. We are happy to talk to you and answer your questions, but please note we will not answer questions on neighborhood pages.

2023 Dues are Due!

January 31st was the last day for either paying your 2023 dues in full or enrolling in a payment arrangement. If you have questions or concerns please reach out to Anna Marie or George Protopapas and they would be happy to assist you!

Additionally, we all hear you and we agree we need better online systems! This year our board is looking into management options from software to teams that can assist us in giving our residents and our board a better experience.

Welcome Committee

We are sad to announce that Katherine Nodolski who has run the welcome committee for the past few years has decided to resign. She has visited hundreds of our residents and we are so grateful for all of her efforts!

This year, Nell Woulfe, will be the contact for resale letters and welcoming our new residents. If you are selling your home you can reach out to Nell to get the information you and your buyer need to ensure a smooth transition. You can reach Nell at her email, nwoulfe@collingslakes.org

2023 Meetings

In Person Vs. Virtual Meetings have been a popular subject for a while now. We know many residents love the virtual option and there are residents that prefer we are in person. The issue has been that the in person meeting space has limited time they can offer for our meetings and it is hard for us to complete the meeting in the time allotted. The board is currently looking for a new in person meeting space. We are waiting for responses from those venues, but for the time being you will find that our solution until we find a new location is do offer our meeting through Zoom every month with a quarterly in person meeting. When the in person venues get back to us we will revisit the location and schedule.

Tier 3 representative, Donna Sutts, is offering an in person option for all meetings to serve our elderly residents or other residents who cannot access Zoom better. She will be conducting an in person option for each meeting at Folsom Borough. You can reach out to her with any questions you have regarding this option.

January 17th we did have some technical issues with the Zoom call. We honestly do not know what took place, but we think it may have been an error in the meeting ID. We also saw the concerns in regards to the waiting room. We explored these concerns and to alleviate issues for future meetings we have solutions.

First the ID, now all of our meetings can be accessed through the same meeting ID. That meeting ID is, 836 1397 6652. Additionally, there will no longer be a waiting room. The system does allow us to disable the waiting room by requiring all attendees to have a registered Zoom Account. So, if you are planning to attend meetings please take the time to ensure you have a registered zoom account on zoom.us.

If you cannot make it to the meetings you can find the recording and the summary of minutes on our website at Collingslakes.org. minutes are posted 7-10 days after the meeting. If you have any comments questions or concerns regarding the meetings can be brought to President, Shauna Schneeman. Her email is Shaunas@collingslakes.org