



MOUNTAIN VILLAS ASSOCIATION

Manager's Message

Another summer has come to an end. The pool season was successful and fun for all. I am very glad that some of you were able to enjoy the extended season. The cabana is still open for some relaxing good times.

Look for your November HOA invites in the mail soon.

Also, as mentioned there are two council positions to vote on. If you are planning on submitting your application, you can find one on the Mountain Villas website, in last month's newsletter, or contact me at the office and I can send you one.

After the message in last

month's newsletter regarding the scaled back version, we received many comments indicating that people liked the added content we included. So beginning with November, we will add some more of what most people want back. Your feedback was heard and appreciated.

I would also appreciate your feedback on the seasonal front entrance decorations. I am hearing mixed reviews, so your input is welcomed. Yeah or Nay?

We will once again do the food drive for the Humane Society this holiday season.

All common area windows have been cleaned inside



and out in the condo buildings.

Several wood working projects have been completed. The leaking roof at 8AB has also been addressed. The work on the shed roofs at the back entrance doors of the condo buildings has also begun.

OCTOBER, 2021

Council

- Paul Rizzo**
- Dave Zielasko**
- Babette Guballa**
- Janet Skurnick**
- Gary Fike**

COMMON COURTESY

- Do not litter
- Pick up after dogs
- No loud noises
- No double parking

MAINTENANCE MINUTE

The Winter Preventative Maintenance will begin soon on the furnaces. We will check to make sure they are working properly and replace the filters. Please remember, for safety reasons, the furnace rooms are not to be

used for storage.

Also, when preparing for Winter, you cannot store propane tanks anywhere inside any building. Fire extinguisher and chimney inspections will also be starting shortly. I will keep you posted of the schedules.

Firewood bins will be re-filled later in October/early November.



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Fall Craft Days - Seven Springs Mountain Resort PA
Pennsylvania Ski Resort-Four Season Resort (7springs.com)

FORT LIGONIER DAYS-OCTOBER 8, 9, AND 10

Fort Ligonier days, Parade and 5K- A 3-day fun-filled family fall festival

Farmers' Market-Going on through November 20, 2021
Laurel Highlands, PA Farmers' Market-Fresh produce
(golaurelhighlands.com)





HIDDEN VALLEY AND SEVEN SPRINGS HOMEOWNERS



Celebrate Autumn with a 100-Target Fun Shoot
at Seven Springs Sporting Clays!

Sunday, October 17, 2021

- Registration begins at 9 a.m. | Shoot begins at 10 a.m.
- Luncheon held 1-3 p.m.
- Great Giveaways!

- Registration, with Equipment Rental/Ammo: \$100
- Registration, without Equipment Rental/Ammo: \$65
- Luncheon Only: \$40, 12 years & under \$20

Luncheon Menu:

Join your friends and neighbors for a savory autumn lunch featuring Chicken Florentine, Sliced Beef Tenderloin, various side dishes and a selection of desserts!

Advanced reservations are required to attend.

RSVP to Bailey Mohr by October 13, 2021

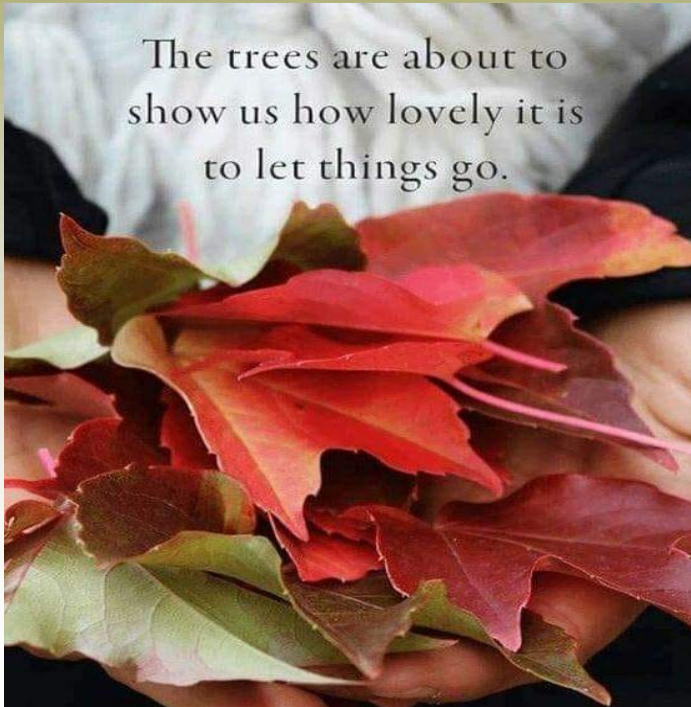
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FROM THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Prevention & How to Prepare for a Fire Emergency

Written by **JOHN GROSSKOPF**, Fire Chief, Beaver Volunteer Fire Department

Waking up to smoke and flames is one of the worst things that can happen to your family and home. U.S. fire departments respond to a home fire every 86 seconds. That's over 1,000 fires a day. Over 365,000 fires and 2,650 civilian deaths occur every year, resulting in \$7 billion in property damage.

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires, and the worst part is that most home fires are preventable. Keep your family and home safe with fire safety preparation and prevention – a little bit goes a long way. From creating a fire escape plan to making sure your smoke detectors are working properly, these fire safety tips are easy to learn and practice in your home.

- **Avoid smoking in the house. Dispose of cigarette butts in a proper container.**
- **Have a fire plan that gets you out of your home in less than two minutes and practice it.**
- **Install and maintain smoke alarms on every floor of your home and within every bedroom. Roughly 50% of home fire deaths occur during the night while people are sleeping.**
- **Avoid using portable and fixed space heaters, as heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fire deaths.**
- **Never leave food cooking unattended, especially deep fryers and other frying equipment.**

Every smoke alarm should be tested monthly by pushing the "test" button and batteries should be changed. A good reminder is when you change your clock, change the batteries. It is best to always have at least one spare battery. If your smoke alarm ever "chirps," it is time to replace the battery immediately. Most smoke alarm failures occur because of a missing or disconnected battery or a dead battery. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) estimates that three out of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires where there were non-working smoke detectors or no smoke detectors at all. The NFPA recommends installing a smoke alarm on every floor, including the basement, and inside every sleeping room. Smoke alarms should be mounted high on a wall, either within a foot of the ceiling or on the ceiling. Remember, smoke rises. It is critical to mount smoke alarms in the kitchen at least 10 feet from any cooking appliance to minimize false alarms when cooking. At times when you open the oven, the rising heat may activate the alarm. Smoke alarms in the basement should be installed on the ceiling, near the bottom step of the stairs to the first floor.

Fire extinguishers are helpful for putting out small fires. Class B fire extinguishers are the best to use in the kitchen – just make sure it is easy to access if needed.

Have an escape plan. Home fires can rapidly spread, and every second counts. Having a plan in place where you and your family can get out of the house in less than two minutes from when the alarm sounds is critical for your family's safety. Establish a meeting place outside your home where all your family members should report to. Inform the fire department about the status of everyone, including pets. Please do not put yourself in harm's way trying to retrieve a pet. Close all doors on your way out to minimize the spread of fire. Check closed doors for heat. If the doorknob or door is hot, do not open. Go to the nearest window and make yourself seen so the firefighters can help you. If the room is filled with smoke, crawl low under the smoke to escape. Teach your children to never hide under the bed or in the closet.

There's no 100% guarantee that a fire will never happen in your home. That's why it pays to be prepared and take steps to reduce the risk of a home fire. Follow the three "P's" – prevent, plan, and practice. Make sure your home has working smoke alarms, your family has a fire escape plan, and you have practiced it. ■

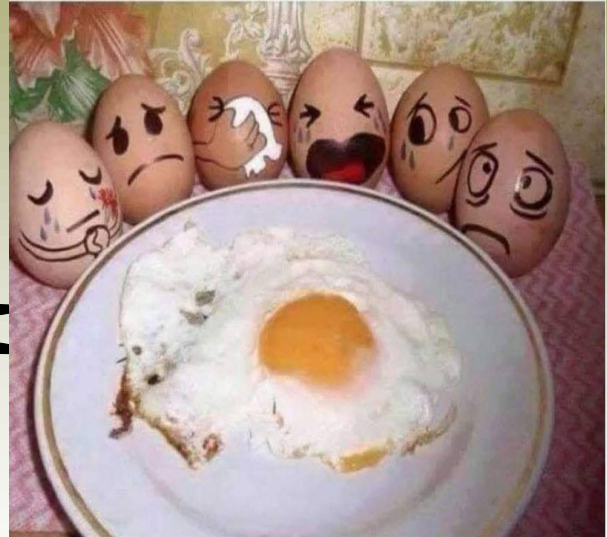


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She died last Fry Day. Thank God she wasn't beaten.
Dont worry, she went over easy. She's now on the sonny
side. She's definitely in a better plate.



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Flowers grow back,
Even after they are
Stepped on.
So will I.



YEAH OR NAY

