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THE YEAR 2021 IN REVIEW

When setting goals for each year, the HOA Board does so with these intentions:

- ~ insure prudent use of all funds;
- ~ maintain the appearance of this community;
- ~ minimize for residents the impact of increasing costs; and
- ~ enhance efficiency of community operations.

In accord with these overarching objectives, the HOA Board negotiated in 2021 several multi-year service contracts to realize significant cost savings (Lawrence Community Management Group, BrightView landscape and snow removal, and Hastings Waterworks) and located a more efficient, less costly alternative to our current data storage program.

In January 2021, the Board published these specific priorities:

- 1) Continue with Phase V of the re-roofing project to include 32 homes on Nottingham. ~**COMPLETE**; Phase VI to include 46 homes is scheduled for 2022.
- 2) Continue restoration of the basin embankments to proper design. ~**ONGOING**; Landscape Architect Doug Baldi confirms the bank restoration has gone so well that the Association has now moved into a maintenance phase.
- 3) Conduct frequent interactions among board, staff, ad hoc committee & contractors to monitor maintenance of the basins, fountains, and culverts. ~**COMPLETE**; regular “walk around” inspections were conducted and written reports submitted to the ad hoc committee.
- 4) Improve landscape and snow removal activities through enhanced communication and controlled scheduling. ~**COMPLETE**; enhancements to the contracts now include all items and costs to be monitored throughout each season; 3-year contracts for both snow and landscaping locked in very modest cost increases year-to-year; secured a new supplier for better quality mulch at lower cost for the 2022 spring season.
- 5) Develop a tree management program based upon the evaluation conducted by Bartlett Tree Experts with the goal of proactively reviewing health of community trees to avoid costly losses and replacements. ~**ONGOING**; pruning, cabling, and root collar excavations were done; and treatment to prevent oak wilt applied to some of our most valuable trees; estimated value of trees in common areas totals \$2,646,690.
- 6) Determine phased plans for repairs of wood bridges, the floating dock, and culverts around the retention basins. ~**ONGOING**; repairs on bridges, pergolas, and fishing dock underway; culverts cleared and rocks re-positioned to improve water flow.
- 7) Consider a Bylaws amendment to allow votes by mail in the absence of an annual meeting due to circumstances such as the COVID-19 prohibition of mass gatherings. ~**COMPLETE**; all members of the Association voted for implementation of the amendment and it was filed with Lorain County Recorder; a successful election of Board members was conducted by mailed-in votes.
- 8) Monitor COVID restrictions/guidelines and make adjustments accordingly; increase amenities available to residents as soon as we safely can do so.

~**ONGOING**; Lodge amenities now fully open to residents and resident-led activities have resumed. The status of the COVID-19 virus (and its variant strains) is being monitored, and non-residents will be admitted as soon as the Board is confident it is safe to do so.

SPECIAL DATES

1st Bldg & Grounds Mtg.	3:00 PM
2nd Quilt Club Lunch	1:00 PM
7th AMEN	10:00 AM
9th Book Club	10:30 AM
11th Christmas Party	6:00 PM
16th LOL Holiday Luncheon	11:30 AM
17th POETS	11:30 AM

12/24/2021-1/2/2022 **OFFICES CLOSED**
 12/25/2021 **LODGE CLOSED all day**
 1/1/2022 **LODGE CLOSED all day**

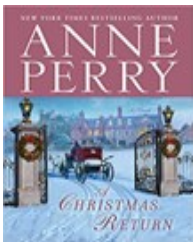


REGULAR EVENTS

M,W	Ping Pong	10:30 AM
M,W,F	Body Sculpting	8:45 AM
M,W,F	Stretch & Tone	9:00 AM
M	Samba	1:00 PM
T	Wii Bowling	10:00 AM
T	Pinochle	7:00 PM
T, Th	Walking (inside)	9:00 AM
T, Th	H2O Aerobics	9:30 AM
T, Th	H2O Aerobics	1:00 PM
W	Spite and Malice	2:00 PM
W	Mah Jong	7:00 PM
W	H2O Volleyball	7:30 PM
Th	Poker	6:00 PM
Sat	Walking (inside)	9:00 AM
Sat	H2O Aerobics	11:00 AM



Book Club



The Avenbury Book Club will meet on **December 9th** at the Lodge from 10:30 AM to 12:00 noon to discuss the novel A Christmas Return by Anne Perry. A festive Christmas package left on Mariah Ellison's doorstep contains an ominous present sparking memories of a twenty-year-old murder that shattered her friendship with the victim's widow. In the spirit of the season Mariah travels to Surrey in hopes of reconciling with her estranged friend and solving the crime that drove them apart. Decked with intrigue and trimmed with Yuletide spirit, A Christmas Return is a holiday treat. **We will also enjoy Coffee and Christmas cookies.** All are welcome.

Christmas Party

Please join us on **Saturday, December 11, 2021** when "Santa Claus Comes to Avenbury". The festivities will begin at 6:00 P.M. There will be plenty of fun and nostalgia with games and door prizes during the evening. If you choose to participate, please bring a wrapped white elephant item for the gift exchange. Also, if you have an ugly Christmas sweater, please wear it. **Dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M.** The menu will be slow roasted sirloin roast, oven fried baked chicken, cheesy au gratin potatoes, vegetable medley, garden salad with ranch and Italian dressing and rolls and butter. Dessert will be a pastry tray and coffee. As always, bring your beverage of choice to enjoy. Hope to see you there! **If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lou McMahon at 440-937-6423.**



Registration for the Ladies of the Lake Annual Holiday Luncheon has been closed. Please pay at the Lodge and let us know if you are **not** coming as there is a waiting list. Doors open at **11:30 AM on Thursday, Dec. 16th**. Wear your nametag and you may BYOB. We will have a lovely luncheon, door prizes and music while we socialize before lunch.



Movie Night

Avenbury Movie Night is back! On your new 2022 calendar, reserve **Sunday evening, January 9, 2022 at 7 pm.** Our first movie of the season is *Calendar Girls*. It was originally scheduled for April, 2020, but you know what happened then! We are ready to show it now, in the All-Purpose Room in the Lodge, for the bargain admission price of only **\$2.00**. *Calendar Girls* is a terrifically entertaining comedy, set in a prim and proper senior Ladies Club. The ladies find a compelling way to raise money for a new charity. Come and see what they did! Lots of fun, starring Helen Mirren and Julie Walters and other beauties. A great way to start the New Year!



January is National "SOUP" Month!
Save the Date & Join your Avenbury Neighbors
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(Includes Bread, Dessert & Coffee)
Saturday, January 15th, 2022 / Cost: \$8.00 per person
Sign Up & Pay by 1-3-2022 in the Lodge Activity Book
Event is limited to 75 people.

"Let's help fill the shelves - Bring a can of soup to donate to Avon/Avon Lake Community Resource Services Foodbank during National Soup Month."

The entire Lodge will be **CLOSED and LOCKED** on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. There will be **NO** Indoor Pool or Exercise Room access on those days.

The Avenbury Staff Offices will be closed in observance of the holidays from **Friday, December 24th** through **Sunday, January 2nd**, resuming normal business hours on **Monday, January 3rd**. Voicemails and emails will be monitored regularly during that time by Deb Bryan, the Community Manager. If you have any non-emergency concerns, please leave a message at the Info Center at 937-9441, or at the Lodge at 937-9387. We will return your messages as soon as possible after the holiday. If you experience an **emergency**, please call the Lawrence Emergency Maintenance number at **937-2800**. We would like to take this time to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season!

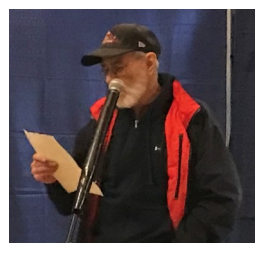
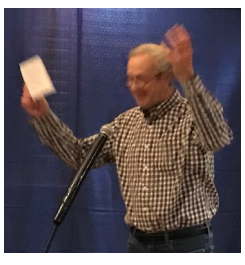
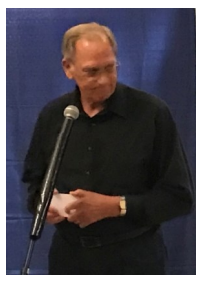
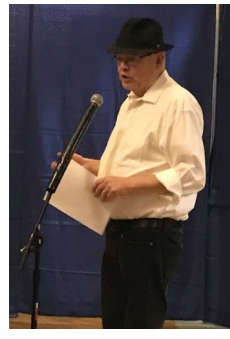
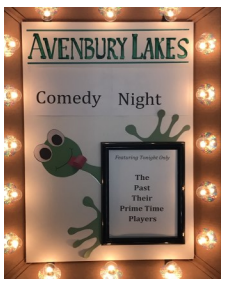


We had so much fun at our **Comedy Night** event on 10/23/21. Thanks to everyone who attended and especially our committee members and performers. Committee members were Mary Lou McMahon, Marianne Bartek, Cheryl Courtney, Jean Sexton and Maureen Stender who provided laughs as the "Cleaning Lady".

Our performers included Russ Hirth, Marty Wynne, Bob Kennedy, Gene Braden, Jim Lally, John Wagner, Kent Nehoda, Don Knight, Jean and Bob Sexton, plus our lovely dancing ladies of Karen Kennedy, Nancy Linonis, Shirley Krieg, Margaret Kraker, Donna Dugan, Sandy Drickhammer, Judy Rankin, Mary Sterriker, Diana Lyon and Judy Wagner.

A big **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who stayed after the event to help put away the table, chairs and curtains. From the jokes, the funny stories, skits, dance routine and even a cream pie in the face; it was truly a night of laughter and surprises.

~ Thank you, Bob Sexton



Community Manager Report



~ **REMINDER:** If any of your Emergency Contact information has changed, please provide the Information Center with the latest updates. Only new information is needed!! This includes phone numbers, household members, email addresses etc. This information helps us reach you in an emergency and for email blasts. Also, please do not respond to an email blast. We will not get the message at the office.

~ **ABITIBI PAPER RECYCLING BINS AND THE RV LOT:** Please flatten cardboard boxes when using the Recycling containers. That way we can recycle even more material. The bins accept paper and cardboard **ONLY** (NO Styrofoam, packing peanuts or any other material). Also, if residents see non-resident vehicles parked in the RV Lot or any suspicious activity there, please call the **Avon Police Department directly (934-1234)**. They will come out and check it out immediately, issuing citations if needed.

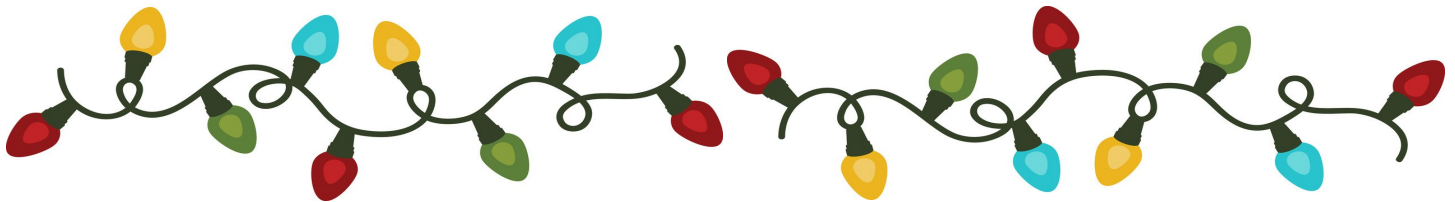
~ **SNOW REMOVAL:** Please check the Avenbury Lakes website for the latest information regarding snow removal. Residents can also call the **Information Center (937-9441)** Monday thru Friday 9-2 PM for updates. Snow removal begins with a 2" average accumulation of snow. Because the asphalt streets are graded to the middle towards the catch basins, snow and ice may accumulate in the middle of the street making these areas slippery and bumpy until they melt. Please use caution while driving and walking during the winter months! Walking in the Wetlands, especially alone, during high winds or with low visibility is not advisable and is at your own risk.

~ **SALT ALTERNATIVES:** Avenbury is a minimal salt use community. However, kitty litter or a product called MELT, will take care of snow and ice without the negative aspects of using salt on concrete and asphalt surfaces.

~ **HOLIDAY DECORATIONS:** Residents are welcome to decorate for the Holidays in their own mulch beds, but not in common areas. Also, please keep in mind that extension cords, spotlights or other decorations that are in areas where the snow removal crews will be working (front walks, driveway edges) may be damaged and/or cause an injury to the crew. Snow removal may take place in the dark with blowing snow and these items can't be seen by a worker driving a snowplow truck or using a snow blower.

~ **LEAF REMOVAL, ORNAMENTAL GRASS CUTTING AND GUTTER CLEANING:** Brightview will continue removing leaves in December as weather permits. They will begin cutting ornamental grasses in January which is a month earlier than usual. Gutter cleaning will also take place in December for those on the list and as weather permits.

~ **SECURITY ISSUES:** As the days grow shorter, leaving your exterior lights on can help with security around your home. Remember to always use your deadbolt lock on your door and if you will be out of town, lamps plugged into timers can give the appearance your home is occupied. Make sure all windows are locked and if your vehicle is parked in the driveway, make sure no valuables are left in sight and that it is locked.



LIGHT UP THE NIGHT



- * Keep your outdoor lights on as a deterrent to crime.
- * Keep your doors & windows locked at all times.
- * Keep your garage closed & lock your car if it's parked outside.
- * Close window coverings in the evening.
- * Do not open the door if you are not expecting a guest.
- * Keep a watch out for what is going on in your neighborhood.
- * Call the police if you see a suspicious person/vehicle in your area.

*Also, because it gets dark so early this time of year, please take extra care and be alert for pedestrians and pets when backing from your driveway. ***We want all our residents to stay safe.***

Landscape Committee News



~ We have made it through another challenging year. Even though we were free to do more things, restrictions are still here. We have no restriction when it comes to watching things grow and enjoying the sights of spring, summer, and early fall. Now we must meet head on the cold of winter. There are still some beautiful things to see through the winter months and wildlife to enjoy. Our two doe each raised some fawns and now they are almost as big as their mothers. The woolly bear has spoken and said we will have a cold, snowy winter. What else is new in northern Ohio?

~ Our job is to prepare for the spring to come. Due to the age of most of the property in Avenbury the plant life is really becoming overgrown and tired. We need to plan to refresh as many areas as possible come springtime. The Landscape Committee is here to help. Start thinking about your mulched areas for next year and see where you can bring new color and life to these areas. We know this can be challenging, but there is the approved plant list. The list will be able to help you through the process of what is the best to grow in our area and the best place to put it in your landscape. We all have our favorites, but remember not everything we love grows well in the area we have chosen for it. Some grow well in the shade or sun. Look at the soil conditions and the water that will be needed to sustain a healthy plant.

~ In the meantime, try growing some easy houseplants that will give you some pleasure during these cold months.

~ Always remember we are here to help and guide you through the Rules and Regulations. These are designed to help you make good decisions about your home and the needs in your yards.

~ The Landscape Committee is in recess for December and January. We will resume meetings in February or March. If you have a burning question and you need an answer do not hesitate to call us or send an email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

~ Have healthy and safe holidays and just know that spring is right around the corner.



Architecture Committee News

New Architecture Standard: At the request of the Avenbury Lakes Board, the Architecture Committee has completely updated the **Paved Areas - Asphalt & Concrete Standard** to include adding pavers to property. The new version was written to address unique safety concerns stemming from very specific needs regarding the use of pavers for non-landscape purposes. Paver requests will be considered for areas such as where there is a gap between the porch walkway and grass at Villa-style homes or where a screened porch or 3-season room needs a stepping off place. Due to the unique safety concerns, requests for pavers will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will also require Board approval. The updated Standard can be viewed in the Architecture notebook at the Information Office and can also be accessed on the Avenbury website @ <https://avenburylakes.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/15-Paved-Areas-Asphalt-Concrete-Final.pdf>.

As always, your questions concerning an Architecture issue can be answered by Joy Herbert, Chairperson, or any member of the Architecture Committee.



CONGRATULATIONS
to Linda Davis for bowling a 300 GAME!!!



Directory Changes

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A **BIG Thanks** to the Bingo Committee for an enjoyable Bingo night in October – Bill Bogner, Cheryl & Tom Courtney, Sandy Drickhamer, Mary Firis, Nancy Linonis, Mary Jo Peter, Kermit Peters, and Mike Teichman. Thanks also to Barry Himebauch, Mike Skor, and John Connelly for their years of dedication to bringing Bingo to the Community! ~ *Marty and Jean Wynne*



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MARY KAY *beaut news*

Thank you residents of Avenbury Lakes for the opportunity to serve you. I am grateful for your business and friendship. May God bless you and your family this Christmas and in the New Year!

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22nd Nancy & Larry Brenstuhl

DISCLAIMER: If you would like your information to be taken off either of these lists, please contact Cecily Lederer, at the Information Center at 937-9441, to be removed.

2022

Saturday, January 15th

Saturday, February 5th

Saturday, February 26th

Saturday, March 19th

Saturday, April 9th

Saturday, May 7th

Monday, May 30th

Wednesday, June 1st

Saturday, June 18th

Monday, July 4th

Saturday, July 16th

Wednesday, August 10th

Saturday, August 20th

Monday, September 5th

Saturday, September 10th

Saturday, September 24th

Saturday, October 8th

Saturday, October 22nd

Saturday, November 12th

Saturday, December 10th

Soup Night

Neighborhood Social

Winter Dance

Mardi Gras

Italian Night

Kentucky Derby

Memorial Day Picnic

Coffee by the Pool

Baked Potato and Salad Bar by the Pool

Fourth of July Picnic

Homemade Pie Contest

Coffee by the Pool

Poolside Cookout

Labor Day Picnic

Fall Social

Country Western Night

Coffee Sign-up

Harvest Potluck

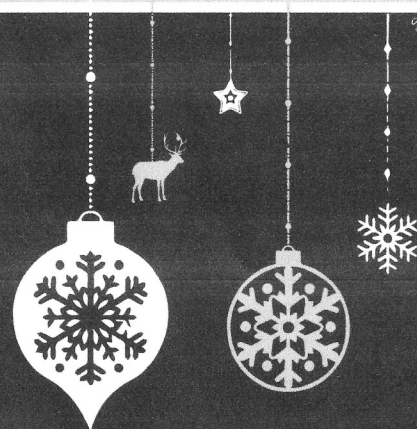
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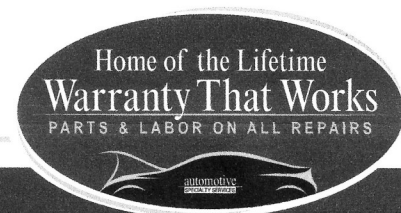
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