



AVENBURY LAKES

# The Breeze

JANUARY 2025



## SPECIAL DATES

1st	<b>Happy New Year Lodge Closed</b>	
7th	AMEN	10:00 am
7th	Tech Help	11:00 am
9th	Book Club	10:30 am
9th	Lunch @ Lodge	12:00 pm
16th	Quilting Club	1:00 pm
17th	POETS	11:30 am
23rd	Chess Club	1:00 pm
25th	Soup Night	5:30 pm
30th	Quilting Club	1:00 pm
31st	Crochet Club	1:00 pm
31st	Bingo	6:30 pm



## REGULAR DATES

M	Bible Study	10:30 am
M	Samba	1:00 pm
M,W,F	Body Sculpting	8:45 am
M,W,F	Stretch & Tone	9:00 am
M,F	Vitality Exercise	11:00 am
T	Pinochle	7:00 pm
T,W	Wii Bowling <b>(Starting 1/21)</b>	10:00 am
T,Th	H2O Aerobics	9:30 am
T,Th	H2O Aerobics	6:15 pm
T,Th,S	Walking (Inside)	9:00 am
W	Spite & Malice	2:00 pm
W	Poker	6:30 pm
W	Mah Jong	7:00 pm
TH	Samba	11:00 am
Sat	H2O Aerobics	11:00 am



## BOARD PRIORITIES FOR 2025

When setting goals for the coming year, the ALHOA Board will prioritize the below list in a fiscally responsible manner with the following intentions:

- Ensure all operating and reserve fund expenditures are budgeted and approved within established limits.
- Maintain the image and appearance of the community by investing in maintenance and capital improvements.
- Minimize the impact of increasing costs by utilizing best purchasing practices for residents.
- Enhance the efficiency of community operations by holding or attending regular meetings with the community manager on Board priorities and Association matters.
- Protect, preserve, and enhance the property by conducting periodic inspections of common areas and work performed by outside contractors.

1. Outdoor pool replaster/replace the tile
2. Lodge interior renovation
3. Upgrade/replace the security system in the Lodge
4. The entrance, water feature, renovation and repair. Renovate and replace signage around Avenbury
5. Outdoor furniture replacement (Phased)
6. Sealcoat Southampton, including road, driveways, and parking areas
7. Partial replacement of asphalt walking paths, on Detroit Rd E & W of Shakespeare
8. Landscape renovations (Phased)
9. Exercise equipment (Replace as Needed)
10. Lodge roof, flat portion, replace or repair



As we welcome the new year, we wish to express how grateful we are for the many volunteers at Avenbury Lakes who continue to give their time and talents to make our community a wonderful and fun place to live. We thank everyone for your contributions of time and effort for the work and accomplishments during 2024 and look forward to an exciting year planned for 2025!

Find This Issue and More at [avenburylakes.com](http://avenburylakes.com)

The Activity Book in the Lodge will be available for Sign-Ups on January 2 at 9:00 am

## January Reminders...



### Lunch at the Lodge Reminder January 9, 2025 at 12:00 pm

Menu: Million-dollar Chicken Casserole or Million-dollar Vegetable Casserole

Menu Includes Mixed Green Salad, Roll, Butter, Dessert, and Coffee



### Soup Night Reminder

January 25, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Thanks to those Residents who offered to make soup.



### January is National Soup Month.

Let us help fill the shelves for Avon/Avon Lake Community Foodbank. **Donate a can of soup; all manufacturers & flavors would be appreciated.** Donation Box located in the Card Room and can be brought on Soup Night



### Tech Help



Need some help with your Kindle, iPhone or laptop? Did you receive a new device for Christmas? Having trouble navigating the Internet? Melanie from the Avon Public Library is coming here to help! She will be here on **Tuesday, January 7 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm - Sign Ups Closed**

### Bible Study

Avenbury Bible Study will begin its study of "**Christ in All of Scripture**" on **January 6**. The prepared study is not required, but participants are welcome to purchase their own if they choose. We meet **Mondays from 10:30 - 11:45 am** at Providence Church, 35295 Detroit Road (across the street from Providence). All denominations are welcome. The class is led by Mike Darr and Marilyn Jacobcik. Questions? Please contact Marilyn at 440-937-5027 or [jacobmar2001@yahoo.com](mailto:jacobmar2001@yahoo.com)



### The Avenbury Lakes Book Club



The Book Club will meet in the Lodge Library on **Thursday, January 9 at 10:30 am** to discuss **The Alice Network** by Kate Quinn. As a girl searches for her missing French cousin, she enlists the aid of a battle-scarred World War I spy. The story alternates between two distinct time periods, two different countries (France and England), and two points of view. On **February 6**, the Book Club will be discussing **Master Slave Husband Wife** by Ilyon Woo.

### Chess Club



**The Chess Club** will meet this month on **Thursday, January 23 at 1:00 pm** in the Lodge Library. New players are welcome. We will be happy to teach any resident wishing to learn to play chess. Questions? Contact Bob Peter at 415-764-9405



Join us on **Friday, January 31** for a night of **BINGO!** Bring your lucky rabbit's foot and cash in on all the fun. Doors open at **6:30 pm** with games commencing at **7:00 pm**. Bring your dauber and a drink. Snacks, cups, napkins, and ice will be provided. Bingo cards for 12 games will be \$10 and prize money will be determined by how many Bingo cards are sold. Please sign up in the Activity Book at the Lodge – the cost is \$1.00 per person. Bingo dates for 2025 are **April 25, July 25, and October 24**. Questions? Call Marty or Jean Wynne.



## Thursday Lunch @ The Lodge

February 13 at 12:00 pm - Cost: \$10.00

Menu: Two Lunch Choices

Sweet & Sour Pork (*assorted peppers, onions, carrots, water chestnuts and pineapple*) over Rice

Sweet & Sour Shrimp (*assorted peppers, onions, carrots, water chestnuts and pineapple*) over Rice

Menu Includes: Roll, Butter, Sweetheart Dessert, and Coffee

**Sign-up begins on January 2. Check your entrée selection. Payment is due at sign-up.**



## Do you have a favorite recipe to win one of the "Avenbury's Best Chili Categories?"

You can be an Avenbury Chili Contest Winner on **March 22, 2025!**

**Sign-up in the Lodge book begins January 2 for Avenbury Chili Contenders**

Questions? Contact: M. J. Mylen & Diane McKay, Chili Night Co-Chairs

## Ladies of the Lake

The Ladies of the Lake will have a guest instructor from LCCC speaking about **Notable Women of WW II** on **Thursday, February 27 at 2:00 pm at The Lodge**. The cost will be \$2.00 per person. Questions? Call Cheryl Courtney at 419-341-5938.



## Donations to The Lodge

Do you have something you'd like to donate to The Lodge? **BEFORE** dropping off an item (furniture, decorations, plants, supplies, etc.), **please fill out and submit the donation form** located in the "ALHOA Forms" section on the Avenbury Lakes website.

The Board of Directors may accept or reject a donation. Once accepted, the donation becomes the permanent property of the Association. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, it may not be permanently retained and it may not be returned to the donor.

## Quilt Club

Thank you to everyone who supported the Quilt Club by purchasing raffle tickets. The Wonky Rainbow Log Cabin quilt was won by **Mike and Joanne Teichman**. The funds will enable the Quilt Club to purchase supplies, although the fabric donations of our residents and friends keep us busy and we appreciate them. Over the past year we have given away over 100 quilts and other items to various nursing homes, hospices, hospitals, and other organizations. We have donated pillowcases and fleece blankets to Blessing House, and we have sewn blocks for the Quilts of Valor Foundation. The quilt club will meet on **Thursday, January 16 and January 30 at 1:00 pm in the Lodge**. Residents are always welcome to stop by.





## **Architecture Committee**



Thinking of replacing windows or doors, or making other changes to the outside of your home this spring? The architecture standards are designed to maintain property values and keep our community looking its best. *Please remember that a Modification Request Form needs to be submitted with pertinent documents to the Information Center, and that approval must be obtained from the committee before any purchase is made.* Most of the requests are handled within a couple of days and the paperwork check-list process is quite painless.

The Standards are listed on the Architecture Committee page on the website and at the Information Center. Call any of the members with questions! Gary Liggett, Russ Hirth, Jean Wynne, Mike Gallagher, Gary Hawkinson, Tom Skrovan, Mary Jo Peter, Tish Hopkins, and Bill Baringer.

*Volunteers don't get paid. not because they're worthless.*

*But because they are priceless!*

*-Sherry Anderson*

### **MANY THANKS to the Holiday Party Committee:**

Judy Cummings, Mike Herbert, Marcel Mylen, Sue Neiding, Lisa & Mark Nusbaum, Greg Soeder, and Judy Wagner, and the Avenbury Residents that helped with the quick cleanup.

### **Dinner Catered by Fligner's Market**

*-M. J. Mylen / Holiday Party Chair*



A heartfelt **"Thank You"** to all the volunteers who helped decorate the Lodge for the Holidays. The new Christmas trees look wonderful and were tastefully decorated by Deb & Bill Barringer, Cheryl Courtney, Pat & Gary Hawkinson, Barb & Barry Himebauch, and Marty & Jean Wynne.



M. J. and Marcel Mylen did a spectacular job decorating the Gathering Room, which smells like Christmas.

*-The Avenbury Board of Directors*



## From the Community Manager...Ruth Angell

**Winter Events:** Information and updates related to winter weather events will be posted on the community website, [www.avenburylakes.com](http://www.avenburylakes.com). This is also a reminder that snowfall must exceed 2" before snow removal activities begin. During any winter event, we encourage you to use caution when venturing outdoors. This is a reminder to avoid placing any Holiday decorations such as extension cords where damage may occur by snow removal equipment. This includes front walks, porches, driveways, and driveway edges. Brightview will make every effort to clear the snow as soon as possible. In the event of a large snowstorm, it may take more than one day to clear snow in all areas.

**Ornamental Grass Pruning:** Brightview will continue with bed/leaf/perennial cleanup and will cut down ornamental grasses in January, weather pending.

**Solicitation:** If you do not want to answer the door to salespeople, please contact the City of Avon and register your address as "NO SOLICITATION." They will give you a sticker to attach to your front door stating, "NO SOLICITATION." If a salesperson ignores the sticker, you should report them to the Avon Police Department.

**Clubhouse Maintenance:** Duraclean will come to the Lodge in January to clean the carpet in the activity room and spot-clean other carpeted areas. Our maintenance technician, Jeff, is in the process of repairing and replacing light outages.

### Vantaca: What is it and why should I register?

Vantaca is your community's online portal, which Lawrence Management provides. While residents are not required to register on the Vantaca Community Portal, we do strongly encourage you to give it a try, as Vantaca offers many benefits to unit owners.

The portal allows you to easily pay your monthly assessment, view your personal account information, enter and track your maintenance requests, receive electronic notifications about Association events and other important messages, and more. If you have not done so already, it's never too late! For instructions on how to register, please reference the recent budget notice on the reverse side of the letter that was sent to you in the mail or feel free to contact the Information Center for instructions.



### Reminder for Sign-up and Payment Procedures for Social Events

- New sign-up sheets will be placed in the Activity Book on the first weekday of each month.
- Sign one name per line; couples are not to be listed on a single line.
- Payment for an event is required at the time you sign up. Your payment holds your reservation. There will be a cut-off date for receiving payment for each event, and there will also be a two-week cut-off date before the event for refunds if you are unable to attend.
- The committee will NOT call each resident if payment is not received by the cut-off date. Your name will be deleted from the list.
- When the maximum number of spaces has been filled, the names are entered on the waitlist on the sign-up sheet for the event. Do not pay if you are on the wait list unless you are called by a member of the committee notifying you that there is an opening.
- Payments can be made by cash or check. Place cash in an envelope marked with your name and the event for which payment is made. If paying by check, write the event's name on the memo line and put the check in the box on the desk. An envelope is not necessary for a check.
- All checks are to be made payable to ALHOA.
- A separate payment is required for each event. No post-dated checks will be accepted.



The Lodge Activity Book will be Available for sign-ups on  
**Thursday, January 2, at 9:00 am**



## **DO YOU KNOW ABOUT NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR?**

Of all the many benefits at Avenbury Lakes, one of the very best is a group called Neighbor Helping Neighbor. This group of “Handy” residents is willing to give their time and efforts to make minor repairs for Avenbury Lakes residents at no charge, except for the cost of materials required.

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To call for help, contact the Cecily at the Info. Center at **440-937-9441** or fill out the online request form located on the ALHOA OPERATIONS tab/ALHOA FORMS on the website.

The **Neighbor Helping Neighbor** team is known for their prompt response to calls, and their polite and skillful services. If you would like to make a voluntary donation to the Community Fund for their services, your donation can help to fund projects that benefit the entire community.



## **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 out of your driveway.

**\*\*\*We want all our residents to stay safe.\*\*\***



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*Liz Manning* Realtor®  
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- None of the Paired Villas have basements.
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- If there is a step to get in to the house, there is a basement.
- Avenbury houses are not condos, even the Paired Villas.
- *Just because a property is part of an HOA does not necessarily mean that it's a condo. We own the land that our houses sit on (+3 feet). Condo owners do not own the land that the property sits on.*

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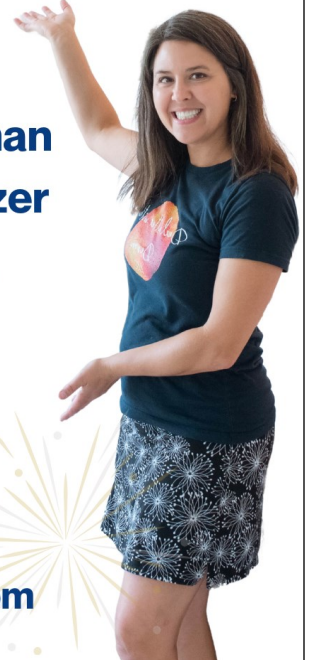
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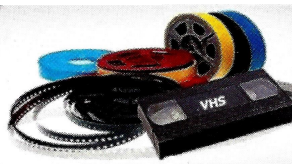
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## Reminder: Required Withdrawals from Your Accounts

If you haven't yet taken minimum withdrawals from any qualified retirement plan accounts you may own such as 401(k) plans, IRAs (traditional, SEP, SIMPLE), 403(b) plans, 457(b) plans, profit-sharing plans, and other defined contribution, plans you'll want to prepare to do so to avoid a costly mistake.

Age 73 marks the point at which the IRS requires you to start taking minimum, periodic withdrawals from these accounts. These annual required minimum distributions (RMDs) are calculated based on your retirement account balance(s) and life expectancy.

You must take your first required minimum distribution by April 1<sup>st</sup> of the year following the year you turn 73. If you fail to do so, you'll face a 25% excise tax on the amount not distributed. However, if the missed RMD is corrected within two years, the penalty is reduced to 10%.

While the first RMD can be postponed until April 1<sup>st</sup> of the year after you turn 73, subsequent RMDs are due by the end of each year. Postponing the first RMD results in the need to take both the first and second RMDs by December 31<sup>st</sup> in the same tax year.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like assistance navigating this milestone or have any other retirement income planning needs.



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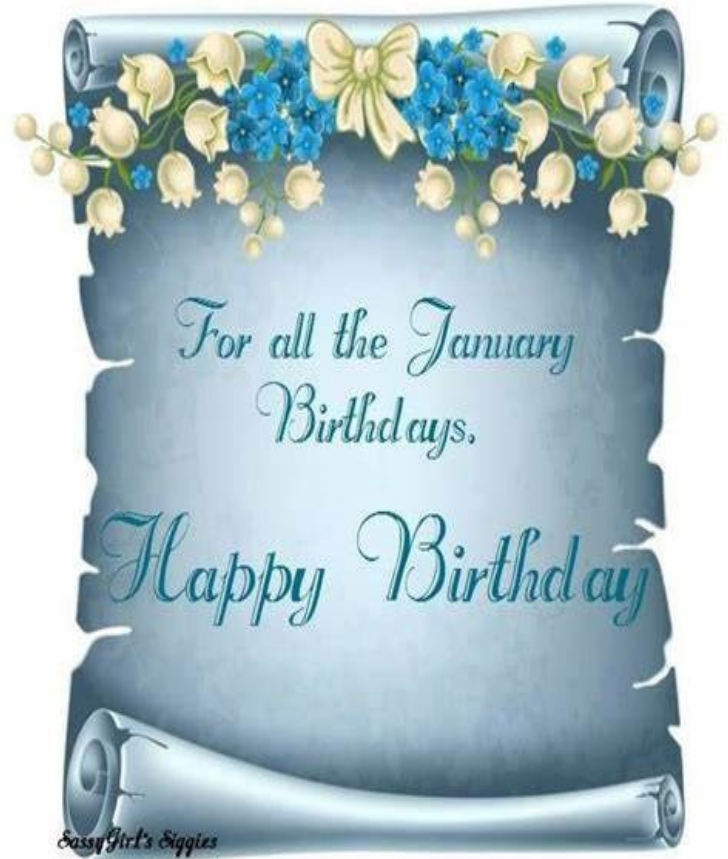
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**Lodge Office Hours:**  
 Weekdays: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm



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**Upcoming Events - Lodge Sign Up Book Available on January 2 at 9:00 am**

<b>January 9</b>	<b>January 25</b>	<b>January 31</b>	<b>February 13</b>	<b>February 22</b>	<b>February 27</b>
 <b>Thursday Lunch</b> 12:00 pm - \$10 Sign Ups Closed	 <b>Souper Soup Night</b> 5:30 pm - \$20 Sign Ups Closed	 <b>Bingo Night</b> 6:30 pm - \$1 Sign Ups Jan 2	 <b>Thursday Lunch</b> 12:00 pm - \$10 Sign Ups Jan 2	 <b>Saturday Night Neighborhood Social</b>	 <b>LOL Ladies of WWII</b> 2:00 pm - \$2
<b>March 13</b>	<b>March 22</b>	<b>April 10</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>April 24</b>	<b>April 25</b>
 <b>Thursday Lunch</b> 12:00 pm - \$10	 <b>Chilly Night Chili Contest Chili Maker</b> Sign Ups Jan 2	 <b>Thursday Lunch</b> 12:00 pm - \$10	 <b>Sunday Murder Mystery Brunch</b>	 <b>LOL Lunch Noon</b>	 <b>Bingo</b> 6:30 pm - \$1