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February 2019

SPECIAL DATES

3rd Super Bowl Party	5:00 PM
5th AMEN	10:00 AM
6th Blood Pressure Reading	9:45 AM
7th Book Club	10:30 AM
7th Quilt Club	1:00 PM
8th Travel Club	11:00 AM
10th Movie Night	7:00 PM
11th Tech Nite	6:30 PM
14th Breakfast Forum	9:30 AM
15th POETS/Men's Club	11:30 AM
16th Chinese New Year	6:00 PM
21st Quilt Club	1:00 PM
22nd LOL Crochet	1:00 PM
25th Volunteer Meeting	6:00 PM
28th Planning Committee	10:00 AM
28th LOL Luncheon	12:00 PM
28th Diners Club	6:00 PM

REGULAR EVENTS

M	Bible Study	10:30 AM
M	Yoga	1:00 PM
M	H2O Volleyball	7:00 PM
M	Line Dancing	7:00 PM
M, W, F	Stretch & Tone	9:00 AM
T	Samba	1:00 PM
T	Pinochle	7:00 PM
T & Th	Walking Club	7:30 AM
T & Th	Walking (inside)	9:00 AM
T & Th	H2O Aerobics	9:30 AM
T & Th	H2O Aerobics	6:30 PM
W	Ping Pong	10:15 AM
W & F	Silver Sneakers	1:00 PM
W	Mah Jongg	7:00 PM
W	H2O Volleyball	7:30 PM
Th	Bridge	1:00 PM
Th	Canasta	1:00 PM
Th	Poker	6:30 PM
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Sa	H2O Aerobics	11:00 AM

We Need You!!!

The ALHOA Board is looking for interested homeowners.

The terms of two Board members are expiring this year so we need interested homeowners to fill those seats at our Annual Meeting on April 25th. As an Avenbury Owner you have the right to run for election to the Board. Now is the time!

It's an opportunity – only Owners have the right to participate in their own governance and assist in making decisions to protect their investment.

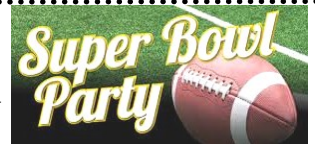
It's a learning experience - service on the Board will expose you to interesting maintenance projects, contract negotiations, property enhancement options, complimentary HOA legal seminars, and fiscal management.

It's a social experience – working closely with committees and other Board members builds new friendships.

It's a “feel good” experience – Board service is an opportunity to actively participate in association management and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing you're helping to make our HOA the very best it can be.

The term of office is 3 years, and board meetings are held every third Thursday at 1 PM and last from 2-1/2 to 4 hours depending upon the agenda items. Interested Owners are encouraged to contact a member of the Nominating Committee (Margo Hirth, Kermit Peters, or Bob Sexton) for answers to any questions and obtain a personal overview of the position. Service on the Avenbury Lakes HOA Board of Directors offers a breadth of experience not matched anywhere else. Applications are due at the Information Center no later than March 1st, 2019.

Super Bowl Party



Come and enjoy the Super Bowl with a tailgate party on Sunday, February 3rd at 5 PM. We'll have hot dogs, chili sauce, pizza (cheese, pepperoni, and sausage) veggies and cupcakes for desert. We will also have various munchies to enjoy throughout the evening. There will be a football toss contest with a prize for the winner. The game should start sometime between 6:30 PM and 7 PM. The cost is \$5. Please sign up in the Activity Book at the Lodge.

Book Club

The Avenbury Book Club will meet at the Lodge on February 7th at 10:30 AM to discuss The Big Burn by Timothy Egan. This book tells the story of the afternoon of August 20th, 1910 when a battering ram of wind moved through the drought-stricken national forests of Washington, Idaho, and Montana, whipping the hundreds of small blazes into a roaring inferno that jumped from tree top to ridge, destroying towns and timber in the blink of an eye. Forest rangers had assembled nearly ten thousand men to fight the fires, but no living person had seen anything like those flames nor knew how to subdue them. Still these heroic men gave their all to control the blaze. Their efforts were made known to all Americans through newspaper stories and photographs that lead to strong support for the conservation movement to preserve public lands and create our National Park System.



On March 7th we will discuss the classic story of Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Travel Club



Our next Travel Club meeting is on Friday, February 8th, at 11 AM. at the Lodge. All are welcome. We will present final details for our 2019 trips and a preview of our 2020 Western Canada rail trip. There are a limited number of spaces remaining on our 2019 trips. We encourage you to stop by the Lodge information table soon to pick-up trip fliers and register in the Activity Book. The three trips are: a 5-day **Hudson River Valley Tour (April 28th-May 2nd)** arranged as a private bus excursion through Great Day!

Tours; an 8-day **Holland America New England & Maritime Cruise (September 7th-14th)** which requires an immediate deposit; and an 11-day **Costa Rica Natural Heritage tour (October 31st-November 10th)** through Odysseys Unlimited, Small Group Travel. Remember that all trips are open to your families and friends. Residents and guests should (1) enroll for the trips with the sponsoring tour companies and (2) add their names to the sign-up sheets provided in the Lodge Activity Book.

Movie Night

Brooklyn will be the February movie on Sunday the 10th at 7 PM. It was made in 2015 and nominated for three Academy Awards. Ellis (played by Saoirse Ronan) is a young Irish girl in 1951, who cannot find work or romance in her home town.

With the help of her elder sister and a priest in America, she immigrates to New York, where she gets a full-time job and develops a serious romance with a handsome Italian immigrant.

When she returns to Ireland for what she intends to be a short visit, things become complicated, with a job offer, her mother's needs and the attentions of a rich young Irishman. Which life will she choose? Be sure to put February 10 on you calendar for an evening of suspenseful romance and free popcorn! You may pay your \$2 at the door if you forget to sign up in the Activity Book and you are welcome to bring guests as long as there are seats available.



Tech Nite



Having issues with your electronic tech devices? Then join us on Monday, February 11th from 6:30-8:00 PM, when AHS students come to your tech rescue! Sign up in the Activity Book. Questions? Contact Sue & Ron Rochester at 695-1504.

Breakfast Forum

Join us at 9:30 AM on Thursday, February 14th at Perkins Restaurant for an early celebration of President's Day (February 18th) with a presentation of The Ohio Presidents. Our speaker will be Rich Hronek, who has been reading and collecting presidential memorabilia for over 50 years. His interest in the topic began with the assassination of John F. Kennedy, and as an Eagle Scout worked on the JFK Memorial Tour in Cleveland.

Rich is a graduate of Kent State with post-graduate degrees from U. of Akron, his career spans 50 years as a teacher, administrator, superintendent and founder of two charter schools including Menlo Park Academy.

Please pay the \$1 to attend when signing up. Seating is limited to 48. Questions? Contact Mike Kirwan at

Chinese New Year



On February 16th, come and celebrate Chinese New Year at the Lodge. The festivities will begin at 6 PM. We will be serving an Asian salad, chicken chow mein, fried rice, egg rolls and dinner rolls with butter. There will be cake served for dessert. Coffee and Chinese tea will also be served. As always, please feel free to bring your own beverage of choice.

We hope that you will join us to celebrate 2019 and the "Year of the Pig" with an evening of food, fun, music and friendship. The price for this event will be \$14 per person. Please sign up in the Activity Book at the Lodge. Because this event will be catered, please either pay when you sign up or no later than February 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lou McMahan at 937-6423.

Ladies of the Lake



The crochet group will meet again on Friday, February 22nd at 1 PM in the Lodge Library. Beginners and experienced crocheters are welcome to attend. Bring any project you are working on. Knitters are welcome!
Questions? Call Louana Dickey at 440-547-6902.

Beat those winter blahs and join the Ladies of the Lake for lunch on Thursday, February 28th at Noon at the Lodge. We have planned an informal lunch catered by Novotny which includes a variety of croissant sandwiches and salads, coffee, tea and dessert, all for only \$11. You are welcome to bring your own beverage. Please sign up in the activity book and pay - deadline is February 15th!
Questions? Call Pat Hawkinson at 440-371-8583

Save the Date: An Elder Law Overview will be presented on Thursday, March 28th at 1 PM at the Lodge. This is the second half of the January presentation. Watch the March Breeze for more information.

Diners Club

The Diners Club will gather at Johnny's Boathouse {the former Athena's} on Thursday, February 28th at 6 PM. The address is 33424 Lake Rd, Avon Lake. They have wide variety of dishes on their menu from salads to fish, pasta, burgers, and old favorites. Any questions or if you have signed up and cannot come please call Mary Sterricker at 937-4065. See you there.

Bible Study

The February Bible Study proves to be filled with LOVE. Yes, February is the month of Love. Join us for Monday Morning Bible Study in the Lodge 10:30 AM to Noon. As we study God's word and all of his promises our hearts will be warmed and filled with His Love. Hope to see you there, everyone is welcome. Call Phyllis Barrett with any questions 440-465-5312



Happy Days

On Saturday, March 9th at 6 PM. join us to recall musical memories of the past that helped to make our days "happy". Tim Whalen and Sundown will entertain us with music from the 50's, 60's and 70's.

FYI: You might hear some Irish tunes throughout the groups performance. Tim has won several Danny Boy contests in the past. Come to remember, listen, sing and possibly dance!

Our menu is made up of foods that were popular in the 50's! Sloppy Joes, cole slaw, pickles, chips and Lipton onion dip! Dessert will be an all time favorite, homemade brownies. There will be favorite treats from the 50's and 60's that will surely bring back memories of happy times!

Feel free to wear any apparel from that time period. Don't forget your name tag. As usual, bring a beverage of your choice. Tea, coffee, and water will be available.

The cost is \$12 per person to be paid by FRIDAY, MARCH 1st. Sign up in the Activity Book at the Lodge starting February 1st.

Any questions or concerns email: davis.mkgd@gmail.com or call Maureen Davis at 440-785-2996.

STAMP OUT WINTER PARTY- PART II

Everyone had a winter blast at our last Stamp out winter party. However, it didn't do much to STAMP OUT WINTER! We are going to try again and THIS time we want to put a spell on Mother Nature and send her packin'. We can do this by tricking her. If we all wear our most casual summer attire she will get the message, we are DONE with winter!

DATE: Saturday, March 23rd

TIME: 6 PM -??

COST: \$9 PER PERSON

A scrumptious summer buffet will be served, (Vegetarian option available on request). You will be entertained with games and ice breakers with prizes. Sign up early as we are planning for a big crowd this year. Below are pictures from last year's event:



Avenbury Home Tour

The Community Fund is looking for residents who would like to be included as hosts for an Avenbury Home Tour in June. If you are interested in showing your home, please contact Pat McRoberts at 937-6960.

It Is Getting Close To Tax Time Once Again

Again this year, a well-trained AARP volunteer tax counselor will be assisting senior citizen taxpayers (and taxpayers whose income is less than \$100,000) to file their 2017 Federal and State income tax returns. The service is free and most taxpayers elect to file their returns electronically (but taxpayers can elect to file a paper return instead). An electronic refund takes about one week if the return is filed electronically, but it will take three to four weeks to receive a refund check if the return is sent to the IRS by US Mail. Taxpayers must make an appointment at the tax filing site.

These include:

Avon Senior Center (934-2417), Thursdays only, from 9AM-2 PM

Avon Lake Public Library (933-8128), Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 9 AM-3 PM

North Ridgeville Senior Center (353-0828), Tuesdays only, from 9:30 AM-3 PM

What to expect: A trained volunteer will take the taxpayer's information and organize it and submit it to a second trained volunteer to electronically file and print a copy of the return, which is then given to a third volunteer (a different volunteer from the first) who will explain the details of the return. The visit usually takes between one hour and one and a half hours. None of the taxpayer's information is left at the tax preparation site. Remember to take a photo ID, Social Security Card, and all the tax information (W2 forms, retirement distributions, bank statements for interest, dividends, mortgage interest paid, medical expenses, etc.).

The deadline for filing is Monday, April 15th.

NOTICE This article was submitted for informational purposes only and is not specifically endorsed by the Avenbury Lakes Home Owners Association.

Garden Plots

The raised garden plots for 2019 are fully rented. Approximately 4 regular garden plots available for the 2019 season. Please contact Barry at 937-2261 if you are interested in renting one for the season. To plan ahead, we will be starting a list for those that are interested in having a new raised garden bed for the 2020 season.

PLEASE NOTE: PAYMENTS FOR THE GARDEN PLOTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL AFTER MAY 1st AT THE INFO CENTER.

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Community Manager Update



- Beginning this month, Ohio Geese Control will be back on the property with their trained dogs gently hazing the geese into leaving the property. This is an important time of the year for this activity discouraging them from feeling comfortable enough that they nest later on.
- We are now preparing for the 2019 Annual Meeting on April 25th. Please see the enclosed announcements regarding requests for volunteers to help with the planning and the meeting itself. Perhaps you would like to serve on the Board or know someone who deserves the Spirit or Volunteer of the Year Award! Think about it and let us know.
- Earth Day 2019: This year our annual metal recycling for Earth Day will take place on Friday, April 19th. Please start saving any metal objects such as aluminum cans, wire, extension cords, metal appliances, pipes, faucets, locks, fans, car batteries, garbage disposals, just about anything made out of metal. Our volunteers will collect those objects, take them to a salvage yard and contribute the funds earned back to Avenbury Lakes. Last year we collected 1,977 pounds of material diverting those items from the landfill and earned \$257.58. Let's do even better this year!! There will be more details about this event in the near future.
- Brightview: As the weather allows, Brightview will cut down ornamental grasses in Home Owner mulch beds and brush hog the common meadow areas. They will complete the South Pond cleanup which began in December and as needed conduct snow removal activities when snow accumulation exceeds 2". To get the latest information, please check the Avenburylakes.com website or call the Information Center, Monday-Friday 9-2 PM (937-9441).
- Annual Property Inspections: All homes and common areas were inspected in 2018. Residents will receive a letter from the Information Center if there are any violations of the Rules and Regs noted from the inspections. Feel free to contact us at the Info Center with any questions regarding this issue.
- Improvements: The Board has purchased two new Recumbent Exercise bikes for the Exercise Room. Lenny has been busy replacing the top hand rail at the fishing bridge in the Wetlands and repairing the gate and fence around the outdoor pool deck at the Lodge. Hope you like the new look!!



Photo Credit: Deb Bryan.



For your safety, new crossing signs with flashing lights were installed on the corner of Middleton and Shakespeare.

Photo Credit: Deb Bryan.

Important Announcements

Signing-up for Events:

Please remember that activity sign-up sheets are placed in the Activity Book on the 1st of the month after the first time being announced in the Breeze.

Example: Soup Night was announced in the December Breeze, so the sign-up sheets were placed in the Activity Book on December 1st, although the event wasn't until January. Please read the Breeze monthly so that you do not miss out on an event you would like to attend.

Chairing An Event:

It is the responsibility of the chairperson or assigned committee member to contact Deb Baringer for paper products for your event. All items must be ordered or confirmed in stock with her, no later than 2 weeks PRIOR to the event. If you do not contact Deb, there is no guarantee that those items will be readily available at the time of the event. All items that are not ordered or confirmed 2 weeks PRIOR to the event must come out of that event's budget. Deb can be contacted at 937-8746.

Also, when putting away decorations for future use, please place them neatly in a labeled box or container before putting them in the Social Committee closet. Our volunteers work very hard to keep that closet organized and appreciate your efforts toward this issue.

Reimbursement:

When you are a Chairperson for an event, once you have completed an Accountability Report for the event, you will be issued ONE reimbursement check for all expenditures for the event. It will be your responsibility to disperse the funds from that check to the other committee members who have made purchases for the event as well. If you have hired an outside company, such as a caterer or entertainer, a separate check can be issued directly to that company if needed. The costs for those services are much more expensive than picking up a few things here or there for an event, and we do not want being a Chairperson for any event to be a financial burden to anyone!

Thank you for cooperating! Questions? Contact Rachel Norris, the Lodge Administrator, at 937-9387.



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Su 12 PM - 8 PM
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Su - Sa 5 AM - 12 AM**

I want to thank all of the hard working committee members and soup makers for making our first event of the year a huge success, Trish Kronik, Mary Firis, Paul and Jean Tremblay, Carol Mills, Dianne Harkin, Cathy Jacob, Barbara Turner, Marcel and M. J. Mylen, Tony Colletto, Jim and Marianne Bartek, Deanna Roberts, Marty and Jean Wynne, Jeanne Sweeney and Mary Sterricker. You all did an outstanding job and your help is greatly appreciated.

~Mary Lou McMahon~

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~Art and Maureen Davis~



1st Ginny Mazurak; 4th Art Davis, Joseph Marecz; 5th Ed Viancourt, Vivian Wood; 7th Carl Kitral, Jack Smith; 8th Grace Baron; 10th Laurel DesForges; 11th Joanne Teichman, Barb Valgora; 12th Nancy Canada; 14th Sue Hibler; 15th Jason Knight, Becky Stitt; 16th Rik Danburg; 17th Jane Stewart; 18th Chor Huang, Joan Moorhead; 19th Pauline Moore; 20th Micki Hosaka, Rita Kobak; 21st Linda Forthofer, Ron Oleksiak; 22nd Phyllis Neidhardt; 23rd Patricia Bader, Sol Escalante; 24th John VanBlargan; 25th Kathy Allison; 26th Jack O'Hara and 28th Bill Ott.

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

1st Irene & Al Pina; 4th Gaynell & John Crawford, Beth & Joseph Marecz; 11th Cherie & Jim Shields; 14th Joanne C. Benik-Pedrini & Albert Pedrini; 25th Sarah & Robert Shirak; 26th Deanna & Mel Roberts and 27th Pat & Roy Jackson.