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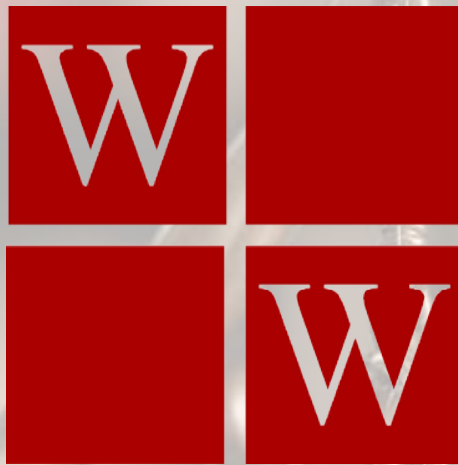
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President's Corner

August 2026



This July finds me in Arlington, Virginia, spending time with my son and grandchildren. We've spent the past few days braving the heat in Washington, D.C., visiting the Great American State Fair and taking in the Fourth of July festivities. It was an experience I won't soon forget.

To see the fireworks, we waited in line for hours under the blazing sun, but we were rewarded with awesome military flyovers and free water that made the wait bearable. Just as we reached the security gate, storm warnings and lightning forced officials to turn everyone away. We were directed to evacuate to the Agriculture Department building to wait out the storm, but there wasn't enough room for the crowds. We ended up huddled under a blanket in the rain. Eventually, we assume the gates reopened as the line started to move but we never made it inside. No one seemed to know what was happening, so we stayed with thousands of others out on the street outside the National Mall. We listened to the President, though we never saw him, and had a beautiful view of the Washington Monument and the fireworks.

The next day we visited all the state displays and it was such a fun experience. Everyone we met was friendly and refreshingly "politicfree." They gave us a little "passport" booklet with all the states listed, and we collected stamps at each one we visited. I would have liked to spend more time in the states where I've lived, but the boys were on a mission: grab the swag, get the stamp, and move on. New Jersey's display featured a huge replica of a Cape May sandcastle that was truly impressive. Pennsylvania had a replica of the Liberty Bell and showcased many historic designs of the American flag, some of my favorites.

If I can take a grandmotherly moment, I want to brag about my grandsons. They were so considerate of me. The heat was difficult, and my neuropathy was acting up, so keeping up with them wasn't easy. But they were thought-

ful and attentive, always asking if I needed a break. They were curious at the exhibits, asked good questions, and held doors open for visitors. My son was working at his office in D.C., and somehow those boys managed to get us back to the Metro even though I had no idea where we were going.

While I will not be around to celebrate the next 50 years, I feel a deep sense of satisfaction knowing that my grandsons will be here to hopefully celebrate a free, democratic America. Watching them experience the Fourth—its chaos, its beauty, its resilience—gave me hope that the spirit of this country will endure long after I am gone.

I need to move on and address something that has been weighing on me, and I hope our associations will keep an eye on it and help correct the problem. Throughout the month of June, parts of our community, especially Sycamore Road and Dogwood Road, looked more like a neglected slum than the beautiful Fawn Lakes we are proud to call home.

Mattresses, furniture, and all kinds of debris were left outside for town pick-up weeks before these items were allowed to be placed curbside. Please remember: bulk items may ONLY be put out during the last week of the month. Driving past piles of discarded belongings day after day, was disheartening, and I can only imagine what prospective buyers thought as they toured our usually well-kept neighborhood. I ask everyone to please comply with our community rules moving forward.

In addition, garbage cans must be put away after collection. They should be stored in your garage, carport, or along the side of your home—not left out front or on the street. Let's take pride in where we live and be considerate of our neighbors by keeping our yards neat and welcoming.

Now for a public service notice: Beware of ticks. They are especially active this year, and one in particular—the

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Condo News

Condo I

*Email for Condo One is
Fawnlakescondo1@gmail.com*

The heat is on...summer is in full swing for sure! We all need to be careful when being outdoors in the extreme heat of the day. Check that you hydrate correctly and that your pets are not exposed for long periods of time outdoors. The community pool can be a relaxing way to enjoy the heat and be sure to use sunscreen!

Here is your pesky reminder to be sure to turn in your Resident Information form with your insurance DEC page. Contact one of our Trustees if you have questions regarding the form.

Condo One has instituted a new process of distributing violation notices for homeowners with situations that are not abiding to the Master Deed and Bylaws. These notices need to be answered to the Board of Trustees. Many notices have been given out for work that was done without approval from the Board. Our Bylaws and Rules & Regulations provide guidelines for our community.

Should a homeowner want to make a change they must ask for permission from the Board prior to doing so. This is an HOA community which has the right to approve or disprove any alterations to the exterior of the properties and/or common areas. If the notices go unanswered the Board has the right to impose fines to the homeowner. This is not our intent however we do have rules to abide by. Kindly ask prior to making any changes.

HOA dues are payable on ***January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1***, with a grace period through the 15th. Payments received after that date will need to include a \$50 late fee. Rates are:

Quad 1 Bedroom \$517. Quad 2 Bedroom \$532. Duplex 1 Bedroom \$550. Duplex Duplex 2 Bedroom \$577.
Single \$601.

HOA payments may be dropped in our Condo One mailbox at 8 Cranberry Road

If unforeseen situation arises that makes it difficult to meet these dates, please contact our Treasurer, Diane Kett. She will offer the resident the opportunity to make payment arrangements. Open communication helps us avoid the need for further action. However accounts that are two months past due will be referred to collections, as overdue balances impact the community as a whole.

All owners and or family must notify a member of the Board of Trustees before selling or vacating their units. Violating this notification can jeopardize the sale of your property. Be sure your Realtor is knowledgeable of what the fees and capital donation requirements are. Should you have any questions regarding your sale contact a member of the Board of Trustees.

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Condo II

There are no scheduled meetings for Condo A-2 in August.

Condo A-2 has one trustee position up for election in October. This trustee will be one of three that are responsible for every aspect of Condo A-2. Frank De Serio currently holds this position. Residents interested in running for this trustee position and want to be on the ballot should contact:

Fawn Lakes Condo A-2, Secretary, Chris Gural, P.O. Box 1511, Manahawkin, NJ 08050.

Reminders:

1.) Please refrain from post dating checks written to Fawn Lakes Condo A-2.

2.) Fawn Lakes Website: <https://www.fawnlakesnj.com/fawn-LakesPress/fawnLakesPress.html>

3.) Fawn Lakes Clubhouse WI-FI password is: fawnlakes100

4.) Stafford Township Ordinance # 60-18 Nuisances; disposal of pet waste reads in part: "That the pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay."

5.) Fawn Lakes Condominium A, Section 2, Bylaws, Book 4012, in part from Page 835: "(F) Unit owner's obligation. Each unit owner has the obligation to purchase public liability insurance to protect himself from claims due to accidents within his unit, and shall purchase casualty insurance on the contents within said unit..."

6.) Fawn Lakes Condominium A, Section 2 Rules and Regulations (in part):

"# 2. Alterations, replacements, additions, modification or changes to the common elements or to any outside or exterior of any unit are prohibited by the Master Deed of Condominium A, Section 2."

"# 16. Vehicles, trailers, boats, etc. may not be parked or stored on the common elements."

7.) Residents that need Condo A-2 to fix, change, or look into something must send a letter to Fawn Lakes Condo A-2, P.O. Box 1511, Manahawkin, NJ 08050 with an 'Attention' to one of the following people with details.

All Maintenance Fees: Treasurer, Marie Barrella, 609-276-1078.
All building and ground issues: Trustee, Jack Moore, 609-290-2236.

All mortgages, refinancing, and sales: Trustee, Laurie Regars, 561-301-6418.

All remembrance and get well cards: Alternate Trustee, Kathleen Hedden, 609-384-4184.

All scheduled meetings and meeting minutes: Secretary, Chris Gural, 215-439-0476.

All insurance and bylaws; and in addition: all of the above are addressed secondarily by

Trustee/President, Frank De Serio, 551-404-0440.

To All the Volunteers in the Fawn Lakes Community: **THANK YOU!**

God Bless America and Fawn Lakes.

Respectfully,

Frank De Serio, Jack Moore, Laurie Regars,

Marie Barrella, Kathleen Hedden,

Chris Gural, Barbara Gaspar

Condo III

Condo 3 has a new mailbox in the clubhouse. It is located below the activities board in the foyer. Correspondence and HOA payments can be deposited in this box.

DO NOT feed the wildlife. This is in the Condo 3 by-laws and is a Stafford Township ordinance. Fines can and will be enforced.

The Condo 3 Committee encourages you to prune bushes and other planting around your home and to clean or power wash mold on the siding.

Notice: Trustee Elections will be coming up in October. Mary Williams' 1-year term will be up, and she stated that she will be running again. This will be a 3-year term. Anyone else interested in running for the this highly sought after position, send a letter stating such to Walt Figer at 95 Ash or drop it in the Condo 3 mailbox inside the clubhouse.

The HOA fees are due January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1

Requests for maintenance covered by the Condo 3 HOA need to be in writing and sent to the Trustees or dropped off in the Condo 3 mailbox inside the clubhouse. I have a form that I will bring to the meetings, or you can pick one up from one of the trustees. If it is not in writing, I do not guarantee that it will be considered.

Bulk pickup occurs on the 4th week of the month. Only put items out the curb the weekend prior to the 4th week of the month. Disposed items on the lawn prior to the bulk pickup time may lead to a citation from the Township.

More information is available at the monthly meetings, 10:00am on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the clubhouse located at 6 Sycamore Road, Manahawkin, NJ 08050. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Your attendance is appreciated.

If you have a request or concern, contact the trustees; include your name, address, phone, time when we can contact you, and detail your request in writing.

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Men's Club



The Association election is coming up in early August. I hope that you will all get out and vote. It is important to participate as much as possible in the process of governing our community.

The Men's club is looking for new members. Please consider joining us on the second Thursday of each month for our meeting. A lunch will follow. We have great comradery and we do a lot for our community and for the community at large.

We have a Wall of Honor in our Community Center where we honor those who have served in the military and as first responder and as nurses. We would like to honor those who sacrificed for us by adding your photograph to the display. You can contact me at Bobsylvia1948@gmail.com or via phone at 617-504-8593 or look me up in person at one of our picnics or the Condo 1 or Association meetings.

We had to postpone the 4th of July picnic. We held the picnic of July 5th and we had nearly 100 attendees, great entertainment by George Martin. I would like to thank the many contributors on the Men's Club and give special thanks to the many contributions by our residents. Marianne, as is her habit contributed salads, Elise Topchev brought an Asiago Cheese pasta salad, my sister made cucumber salad, we had baked beans with hotdogs and bacon, we introduced our new quarter pound hotdogs, had cake brought by Sandy and Jack, Sue Fieger did a spectacular job decorating the Grove, one of our residents donated a Patriotic T-Shirt to add to our 50/50, another donated a delicious dessert from the Big Apple Bakery. It truly makes me smile when I think of how many people are contributing to these wonderful "Fun" raising events. It's what makes Fawn Lakes a special place.

I would like to thank Doris McKee for donating a bunch of sodas for our picnics and Donna Maria Ratino who donated Patriotic napkins and plates for our 4th of July picnic.

We had our First Annual Pie Baking contest. Marianne won the Blue Ribbon and a Tiara, Donna O'Malley won the Red Ribbon and our own men's club member, Ken Bayne, won the White Ribbon. All three pies were delicious.

We have many more weekly Happy Hour/Picnics and one more, major one for Labor Day weekend on September 5th. We hope to see many of you at the Grove.

The Men's Club is planning an outing to see our Local Minor league Baseball Team, the Blue Claws in Lakewood. It will likely be on a weeknight evening. If you are interested please contact me at 617-504-8593.

On a bit of a personal note, my sister and I are interested in having a "blessing of the pets Parade in early fall (once the weather is a bit better suited for our furry friends). We do not have a specific plan at this time but would like to gauge interest in such an event. We will have a sign-up sheet in the Community Center once our plans are firmed up. We hope that our many pet owners will be interested.

Women's Club



Happy August from the Women's Club.

We had a great speaker on July 2nd. The speaker was from Ocean County Seniors. She offered endless information for all seniors in all income brackets. Holly offered phone numbers and pamphlets about so much help that is out there. The Ocean County Office of Senior Services offers Legal services, home Repairs, Support Groups.. the list goes on.

We will have another speaker on August 6th. Judy from WOW. Wow is a ministry of both Widows and Widowers who gather together and are helpful to one another and gather in a social setting. We hope to see you at the next meeting.

We are setting up committees for our Birthday Cake Boxes. We continue to bring cake mixes, soda, candles frosting and a card. We put these together and offer to churches and food pantries. The Cake Box represents a Birthday Party for those that wouldn't have had one otherwise.

We will also be setting up committees for all other events such as soup and sandwich. Many other committees as well.

Come join us on August 6th. The doors open at 9 30.

We need you all at the meetings as representatives of Fawn Lakes Womens Club!

President's Corner

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Lone Star tick—is both aggressive and dangerous. Unlike deer ticks, which can cause Lyme disease, the Lone Star tick can trigger a severe allergy known as alpha-gal syndrome. This condition can cause lifethreatening anaphylaxis after eating red meat or animal by-products such as dairy or gelatin. Please check yourself carefully for ticks whenever you come inside.

Now it's time for me to get back to my boys, and I will return to New Jersey and to the pool tomorrow.

Wishing you peace and good health,

Tracy Barnard

President, Fawn Lakes Community Association



Women's Club Flower Sale

This year's Flower Sale, sponsored by The Fawn Lakes Women's Club and chaired by Marianne Baudistel and Cyndy Friedland. Elaine Bayne joined us as we greeted our customers. This was our greatest producer to date! The ladies were able to raise between purchases and donations over \$900. for the scholarship fund and charitable donations that we donate to our community throughout the year. Thank you all that assisted with your contributions to our wonderful fundraiser for our Fawn Lakes Women's Club.



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30 Closed	31 6:00 Men's Pool Reopening Clubhouse					

Doe's August Luncheon

Our August hostesses are taking us to the tasty and enjoyable "Harvest Buffet" on Route 9, Waretown.

The day is Thursday, the date August 20th and the time 12:30p.m.

Hope you can be there. If you signed up but can't come, please call either Marjie, 609-276-0730 or Barbara. 201-232-3181 to cancel or if you would like to join us, call them to get on the reservation list.

Condo I News

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We look forward to seeing you all at our August 1st meeting at 10 AM meeting; come early for coffee and conversation. The coffee's ready by 9:35 AM!

Respectfully your Board of Trustees

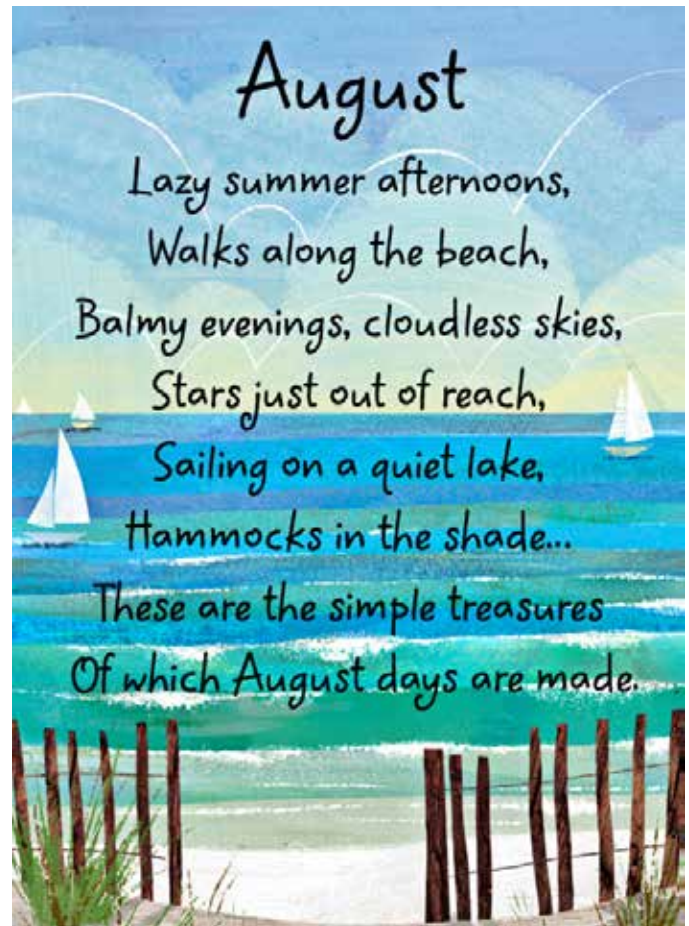
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is no entrance to pool without a pool badge. Wristbands for additional guests may be purchased for \$2.00 2. Guests are not allowed without the resident. All members and guests must sign in at the pool monitor station. 3. The pool will be open Memorial Day weekend until the week after Labor Day at the discretion of the Pool Director. 4. Pool hours will be 10:00am- 6:00pm. Friday and Saturday the pool will be open 10:00am to 8:00pm. If no one is using the pool, or a monitor is not available, the pool will be closed at our discretion. 5. You must shower each time you enter the pool, especially after applying sun screen. 6. Bathing suits and swim trunks only. No street clothes allowed in the pool. 7. Children are permitted in the pool as long as they are accompanied by a resident. 8. If a child is not potty trained, a swim diaper is mandatory. 9. Children who cannot swim, must stay in the shallow end and not proceed past the rope. They must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for their supervision and safety. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Small pool toys are allowed as long as they do not interfere with others. 11. Diving, running and running jumps into water are prohibited. 12. No glass of any kind is allowed inside the pool area. 13. No smoking, vaping or chewing tobacco is allowed inside the gated area of the pool. 14. Pool safety equipment (painted red triangle on both sides of pool), must remain accessible at all times. 15. Long hair must be tied back. 16. Pool director, pool manager, and pool monitors are not lifeguards. You are responsible for you, your children, and your guest's safety. 17. No one is allowed in pump house except the pool director and pool manager. 18. Everyone who works at the pool are VOLUNTEERS. Rude behavior or arguments with staff will not be tolerated. Check your attitude at the door. |
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Joe Kindregan
Pool Director
267-304-6710

POOL VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE 2026

Certified Pool Operators (CPO): Joe Kindregan and Tracy Barnard

Pool Director: Joe Kindregan - 267-304-6710

Pool Manager: Tracy Barnard - 843-754-8927

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10:00-12:00	10:00-12:00	10:00-12:00	10:00-12:00	10:00-12:00	10:00-12:00	10:00-12:00
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Neighborhood News

July 2, 2026

Dear President's Corner,

I am writing to you directly as a fellow neighbor regarding your "President's Corner" piece in the July 2026 issue of The Fawn Lakes Press. Many of us in the community were deeply disappointed by the political and negative tone of your message for the second time in recent publications to the point where we are appealing to each other as neighbors for moral support and to the upcoming Board of Directors meeting for action.

Many residents hold our self-less veterans, heroes, the brave military, all patriots who serve our great nation in high esteem. Hence, patriotism is taken whole-heartedly and joyously in Fawn Lakes regardless of your views, festive mood, or lack thereof. You decided unanimously to rain on our **250th Birthday Celebration** with your article which alienated our patriotic free spirit, sense of unity, our joy, and we take issue.

In your letter not one compliment was bequest to our great nation. That would have been rather appropriate. Not one word of respect for our country was spoken. That would have been very much appreciated. In two hundred and fifty years of our country's existence you couldn't find anything nice, uplifting, or noteworthy to write about? Our community is home to some great veterans, yet there was no special mention. That would have been a nice touch to our military family don't you think?

Instead of using the community platform to spotlight America's incredible accomplishments and continued progress with the deep respect we owe to our service members, your article heavily focused on a long list of our country's uncomfortable past with a good dose of your own misfortune. Where is the glory in that? Your article was entirely self-serving. I counted (13) thirteen "I's". Where are the "We's"? Tell me how shall we "Choose to create a community that reflects the very best of us.", when our community leader is stuck on I?

If you broke free from history-loathing tunnel vision for just a moment, your eyes would be wide open to see there's a lot of extraordinary **American** people, places, events, inventions to be proud of that could have easily and rightfully been highlighted. And I wouldn't be writing this letter.

Being **Americans** and proclaiming our **American Pride** especially on a national patriotic holiday should never be intentionally frowned upon or omitted on our community platform. It should not be overshadowed by one's personal endorsement of shame and remorse for their country. Do that in your own home, not our house.

The personal political ideology published in Fawn Lakes Press under The President's Corner no less is inappropriate and must come to an end. It makes neighbors feel alienated, creates division, and broadcasts a miserable deafening tone that most of us can do without.

It is our right and duty to collectively voice our concern and push back strongly against being subjected to the inappropriate use of our community's public platform. It is not your soap box. We've had enough. We ask you to stop and focus on discussing Fawn Lakes community related updates, topics, and relevant information as you are authorized to do. If you are unwilling or incapable, then please voluntarily omit writing The President's Corner during your remaining term period.

Sincerely,

Elise Topchev (condo II resident)

Meet the Candidates Night Cancelled

The Fawn Lakes Community Association Board have cancelled, "Meet the Candidates Night," and have decided not to publish submissions of candidates who are running for seats on the board. Instead, the letters were part of the voting packets that were to be distributed.

Blessing of our Pets

My sister Tina and I are trying to plan a pet walk that would end with a blessing of our furry little friends. We would like to gauge your interest in such an endeavor and would welcome any suggestions you might have

It will take place in Late September or early October when the weather is a little more suited to our little ones.

At this time, we have no specific plans but we are thinking that we would have the blessing at the Grove. We do have someone who would perform the blessing.

Many of us have pets and they make our lives so much better. We hope that you will find this idea interesting and will want to participate.

Please contact me at 617-504-8593 or via email at bobsylvia1948@gmail, if you are interested.



Neighborhood News

Public Service Announcements

Bulk pick up is noted in our Fawn Lakes and Stafford Township Calendars. If you are in doubt of the day, call the Township to verify. Store the bulk items on the side of your residence not at the curb. Kindly be courteous to your neighbors and our community.

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Feeding Wildlife



Stafford Township prohibits the feeding of unconfined wildlife on both public and private property. This includes scattering edible material to attract or feed waterfowl (ducks, geese, seagulls), squirrels, raccoons, and other

wildlife. It does not apply to enclosed, elevated bird feeders or baiting for legal fishing/hunting.

The specific regulations for Stafford Township are outlined as follows:

- **Public Property (Chapter 60-26):** Feeding unconfined wildlife in any public park or township-owned property is strictly prohibited.
- **Private Property:** Except as permitted by law, it is also illegal to feed wildlife on private property within the township limits.
- **Domestic Pets:** The restriction explicitly excludes confined wildlife in rehabilitation centers or feeding your own domesticated pets.
- **Enforcement & Fines:** The ban is enforced by the Police Department, Animal Control, or Code Enforcement. Violators are generally ordered to cease feeding immediately, with potential fines for repeated or uncorrected nuisance offenses.

The full ordinance can be found online here: <https://www.staffordnj.gov/Archive/ViewFile/Item/179>

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Potluck Supper Invitation

Bring a Dish, Share a Smile!



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Potluck Supper

Date: Wednesday, August 12th

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Fawn Lakes Clubhouse

How It Works

- Bring your favorite homemade dish to share.
- All types of food are welcome: appetizers, main courses, desserts, and beverages.
- Enjoy a variety of delicious food and great company!

Questions? Contact Deb Paton 732-552-6850. No need to RSVP. Just show up with food or desserts!!

FAWN LAKES CODE OF CONDUCT

We ask all residents of Fawn Lakes to make our community a welcoming and respectful place to live. As such, we expect our residents and their guests to treat others with respect and to abide by the rules in our Code of Conduct at all times.

If a resident experiences or witnesses unacceptable behavior, it should be brought to the attention of a Fawn Lake's officer or Director responsible for handling that issue. If any unacceptable behavior occurs in the pool area or at an event in the clubhouse, it should be reported to the person in charge. Residents are totally responsible for the behavior of their guests.

PROHIBITED ACTIONS:

1. Verbal abuse including insults, derogatory name calling and foul language
2. Aggressive or threatening behavior
3. Hostile touching or physical contact
4. Sexual harassment
5. Defacing, damaging or destroying any condo property or the property of other residents
6. Non-compliance with rules posted in the pool area, clubhouse and common grounds

If a resident is asked to stop displaying inappropriate behavior, immediate compliance will be expected.

CONSEQUENCES:

1. 911 will be called if behavior is deemed to be dangerous to others or to the person exhibiting the dangerous behavior or refusal to leave the area at the time an event is finished.
2. Written warning will be given to the offender by the Board of Directors, for the **first** offense.
3. A **second** offense within a **six-month** period of time will result in a **three-month** loss of privileges to the clubhouse pool, or area where the offense has occurred. A meeting with the community board will be required before privileges are restored.
4. No refunds will be given if a resident or their guest is removed from an event due to non-compliance with Code of Conduct Rules.

Fawn Lakes is a volunteer community where residents give hours of time to maintain services, lower costs, and to provide a safe environment for fellow residents. Please help us continue this tradition.





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Sunrise And Sunset

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It is important to use the rule of thirds. Try not to put the sun in the middle of the frame. Place it toward the side. Having something in the foreground will strengthen your image, especially if it is on the opposite side from the sun.

If you want a silky look to the water, use a tripod and a long exposure. Sunrise images are much better with some clouds to reflect the sun's colors.

Check the monitor on the back of your camera to make certain the



exposure is good. Your foreground objects will generally be silhouetted but you want them not to be completely dark.

If you include people in the shot and you don't want them silhouetted use your flash to light them up.

That's it for this month. As always, you can send me an email at bill@kirmsphotography.com if you have any photographic questions. If you'd like to see more of my images visit my website, www.kirmsphotography.com. Keep shooting and trying to improve your images, but most importantly, have fun with your camera.



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