



## MONTHLY UPDATE April 2022

**Spring  
is  
Here!  
Enjoy!**



***Reminder: Membership Dues are due by May 15.***

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

This year's Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by Abby Christman was a hopping success! Despite rescheduling due to weather, the Hunt on April 3rd was well attended by giggling, basket-carrying kiddos. Attendees enjoyed a pizza party in the clubhouse following the hunt. Thanks to Abby and to Easter Bunny, Anthony. Abby also says thank you to Abigail Smith who spent a great deal of time organizing, sorting eggs, and setting everything up, "I could not have done it without her."

***Next up*** – Members Spring Dance will be hosted this year by Lacey Forman and Amanda Schenk. As requested in the email from Social,

*please let them know if you plan to attend so that they can order accordingly.*

## **Planning for Kid's Activities**

We are planning for an awesome summer. See your email from Kids Activities to sign up for the day program and/or swim team. It's going to be a fun-filled summer in Awosting, so, sign up early. We want to see all our Awosting children at Kid's Activities this year.

**Note** – *The swim team fitting for the new suit design will be held Saturday, May 28 from 9-11 AM at the Clubhouse.*

## **Survey Result Overview**

Thanks to all the Awosting Members who provided feedback about activities and facilities. The overall response affirmed support for the Spring Dance, Family Day, Beach BBQ, Cocktails at the Boathouse, Oktoberfest, and Fall Dance. There was also support for continuing more targeted activities such as the Fishing Derby, Progressive Dinner, Bonfire, House Crawl, and various kids events for Easter, Halloween and Christmas. Twice as many respondents indicated a preference for an adults-only New Year's Party over a family party. Ad hoc suggestions stressed having more casual activities such as game nights at the Clubhouse.

**Reminder:** *we are always in need of volunteers to host and assist with running, setup, and clean-up for events. Multiple volunteers make it easier to manage all the moving parts to get an event up and running.*

As to facilities, again there was an affirmation of what is currently available (beach, tennis courts, etc.).

The most popular suggestion for inside the Clubhouse was for a pool table, followed by Foosball. The Board has already agreed to pursue a coin operated, bar-style pool table that locks up balls so that they do not become toys for the young set to toss about. Other ideas will be evaluated in the near future.

Other ideas to add to the Clubhouse area include bocci courts, volleyball/ badminton court, and shuffleboard. Multiple write-ins suggested a firepit area and putting green. Additionally, a kayak launch was frequently requested.

The Board appreciates all the feedback including supportive notes such as: "Awosting's facilities look better and better with each passing year" and "Thank you all for everything you do to make Awosting a beautiful place to live."

## Your Road and Parkway Dollars at Work

Awosting community infrastructure projects are costly. As many will recall, in 2018 a project was undertaken to repave all Awosting roads using funding from the Association reserves that was administered as a loan that is being paid back at a rate of \$30,000 per year from R&P. This has left fewer funds for new projects each year. But unexpected new projects have demanded attention.



As has been noted in many of our newsletters, our community has been hard hit by the Ash Borer Beetle, which has required payment of a little over \$100,000 to remove destroyed Ash Trees over the last three years. And there are more trees to be done – prioritized by the level of danger assessed by our arbor experts.

Despite this unexpected expense, we advanced many other projects, particularly at the two boat ramps where the lake drawdown presented an opportunity to address serious problems of warped pavement and encroaching rocks. Additionally, the Board has needed to address numerous drainage issues.

In addition to all of the above work, workers needed to be hired to jet out storm drains that had become clogged with leaves and other debris that had gotten into the system from your front lawns, your neighbor's back yard, the swale across the street from you, and so on. We have observed neighbors cleaning up their lawns, blowing leaves out to the street -- and leaving them there. This aggravates the problem. Please! Finish your Spring clean-up by bagging up your debris and carrying leaves over to the recycling center, branches and brush to Skytop, **for free disposal**. Same goes for the Fall.

If neighbors do not do their part to reduce the junk that is left out for heavy rains to wash into our drains, all households may see a sizable increase (estimated to be \$100 per household) in Road and Parkway fees to cover this expensive process – so feel free to remind your neighbors if you sense they did not get this message.

The Awosting Board of hardworking volunteers expends countless hours on projects to keep the community infrastructure working for you. Please do your part to make this job just a little bit easier and less expensive for everyone.

**Note:** To protect the new blacktop at the Boathouse, the dumpster for Spring cleanup will **ONLY** be positioned on the Parkway at Pompton.

## **Parking on the Street**

Please be reminded that commercial vehicles should not be parked on Awosting roads aside from the time while work is going on at your home by a vendor. There is concern that neighbors have trouble getting through our streets at times and that delivery or emergency trucks can't get through. For your own vehicle, make sure to pull it into your driveway when you have it at home. Additionally, we hear complaints about folks parking too close to corners which makes it difficult for others to make turns. We'd like to avoid adding signs (for example, *no parking here to corner.*)

## **Meet the Awosting Board Members!**

This month, the spotlight is on Mike McGarvey.

**Mike McGarvey** has served on the Awosting Board as the director of Docks and Parkway since October 2019. The Docks and Parkway Director has the authority and responsibility to enforce all rules and actions concerning the Docks and the Parkway that the Awosting Board may decide. Mike has lived in Awosting since 2012 with his wife Chrisanne McGarvey. Mike retired from New York City government after 50 years of service with the NYPD and Dept of Investigation. Mike enjoys walking around Awosting with his dog Bo and boating on the lake.

## **Current Awosting Association Board**

**Veronika Kohlbrenner - Chairperson**  
**Ryan Christman - President**  
**Lynne Spinner- Vice President**  
**Jamie Dykes - Treasurer**  
**Marge Martin - Secretary**

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