



## MONTHLY UPDATE April 2026

# Daffodils Rising!

### **Reminder: Association Dues are due by May 15**

All outstanding fees must be paid to remain in good standing if you plan to attend events or receive beach badges for access to Awosting facilities.

Checks can be dropped in the Awosting mailbox. Please see the mailbox photo and description at the bottom of this newsletter for details.

A \$10 monthly finance charge will begin accruing on June 1. We encourage you to take advantage of this grace period to avoid additional fees.

For households with unpaid Road and Parkway fees, liens will be placed if payment is not received by June 15. Any legal action will include associated fees, starting with a \$100 initial legal fee.

### **Awosting Social: Spring Highlights + Upcoming Fun!**

#### ***A Sip of Celebration – Senior Tea Recap***

On Sunday, April 12, the Awosting Clubhouse was steeped in charm as our seniors and some younger tea lovers gathered for an afternoon of tea, treats, and terrific company.

From classic Earl Grey to fruity herbal blends, the teapots were piping, and the conversation was flowing. Small plates were piled high with



finger sandwiches, buttery scones, and cookies that almost looked too pretty to eat (spoiler: we ate them anyway).

Thanks to Deb Purdy for a wonderful afternoon.

### ***Teen Girls Spa Night Recap***

What a fun and memorable night! The girls learned all about skincare, including how to properly care for their skin, the benefits of exfoliating, and why natural ingredients can be so beneficial. They even got hands-on and made their own custom exfoliants and designed personalized labels for them!



We also spent some time talking about business and marketing, encouraging creativity and entrepreneurial thinking in a fun, age-appropriate way. Between skincare, sweet treats like cookies and brownies, gymnastics fun, and lots of laughs, the girls had such a special bonding night together.

Thanks to Heather Bivone for hosting.

### ***More to Come***

Spring has officially arrived at the lake, and with it comes a fresh season of community events, lakeside traditions, and memories in the making! The Awosting Social Committee has been hard at work putting together a calendar full of fun for all ages.

In addition to our featured events, watch for pop-up fun throughout the season—like movie nights, a 100-year scavenger hunt, game nights, kickball, cornhole, and more to keep the good times going all summer long.

## **Upcoming Events**

Opening dance- Moss & Moonlight Gala hosted by the Maloney family on the night just after membership payments are due (hint, hint!)

Fishing Derby – A favorite for all ages! Get your tackle boxes ready for this friendly lakeside competition.

4th of July BBQ - Celebrate Independence Day with great food, fun, and friends at the beach

Cocktails at the Boathouse- a favorite annual event

Family Day- A summer favorite with games, food, and activities for the whole family!

### **Get Involved**

Awosting events are powered by you—our amazing volunteers! Want to help plan an event, lend a hand, or share an idea? We'd love to hear from you. Email us at: [social@awostingnj.com](mailto:social@awostingnj.com)

### **Swim Team and Children's Events**

We're excited to share that swim team will be returning to the neighborhood this summer. Please note that swim team will not be a drop-off program.

We are currently looking for coaches. Please reach out to [aschenk@awostingnj.com](mailto:aschenk@awostingnj.com) if interested!

Be on the lookout for an upcoming interest survey, where families can indicate swimmer participation and share input on preferred practice times.

We're also looking into planning some pop-up activities for the kids this summer; including traditional events such as the egg drop, sailboat race, and scavenger hunt. More info on those will come as summer gets closer.

### **At the Beach**

We are getting ready for an exciting beach season.

A lot of work is planned to be done prior to this season's opening day. Please keep an eye out for upcoming emails about opening day and help that will be needed to ensure a fun beach season.

### **Lifeguards-**

If interested reach out to Candice Patton 973-271-1694. Local certification programs are available

### **Sailing Starting Soon**

Awosting has always been a sailing community. Throughout the summer skippers and their crew race weekends starting mid-May (weather permitting). If you'd like to observe or learn more about opportunities to get involved, reach out to Jack Roe at [jr@labelingsystems.com](mailto:jr@labelingsystems.com).

## Boathouse has a new Ramp!

A spanking new ramp has been installed at the boathouse. It looks better and is much safer than the weary old structure. Thanks to Properties Director Pat Benson for moving this project along to completion.



## Insurance Rental Agreement Reminder

The recent insurance renewal process highlighted a few important considerations, including parkway safety concerns and liability coverage for events held at the Clubhouse.

To better support future insurance negotiations and ensure we have proper documentation, we will be taking a more proactive approach in requesting proof of private event insurance for all rentals.

As a reminder, this requirement has always been part of the Clubhouse and Boathouse rental agreements.

## A Reminder About Safety and Motor Vehicles on the Parkway

Now that it is getting warmer out, more and more people are out walking, riding bikes and motorized toys and driving around in golf carts.

Residents, a reminder to be careful when driving around the neighborhood and **mind the speed limit of 15 mph**. There are many kids excited to be playing outside, and we want to keep them safe. Speak to your kids about watching out for cars and trucks when they are out and about, tell them to stop at intersections and look all ways for other vehicles before going in the street and going through intersections because some drivers do not slow down.

And while we are on the topic of motorized vehicles, please don't forget that golf carts and other motorized vehicles are off limits on the Parkway. Just don't do it!

## Dumping Duties

This spring, Roads Director Chris Weidmuller brought in vendors to jet out storm drains that have 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 or on to the Clubhouse lawn-- 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.

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