



MONTHLY UPDATE December 2021

**Happy
Holidays
to All!**



Christmas in Awosting

Ho, Ho, Ho! About 60 youngsters enjoyed a breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 11. The event was hosted by Lisa Johnson. Santa Jamie was joined by Elf Mary for pictures and secret whispers about what the children would like to see under the tree. Check out all those smiling faces in the pictures above.



Awosting bakers had their annual Cookie Exchange on the 16th. Large plates of cheese, fruit, crackers, compote, nuts and olives were arranged by host Margaux Schnieder with help from her sister, Kyla. Attendees enjoyed an array of holiday beverages and lots of chatting before they got to gathering a variety of home-made goodies from an enormous selection spread across two long tables. The winners of the sweater contest were Lynne Spinner and Melissa Sperry, with each receiving a prize of Margaux' special treats. If you missed it, be on the lookout for this event next year—it's much more than just

cookies!

Next up was the annual tree lighting hosted by Abby and Ryan Christman, followed by a movie and crafts night at the Clubhouse sponsored by Amanda Schenk and Lacey Forman. 50 kidlets with pillows and PJs munched on snacks and pizza slices as they enjoyed the classic, *Elf*.

And then there was the caroling parade hosted by Kathy and Sean Rice with Santa in his huge sleigh followed by three brightly decorated golf carts.

But There's More! Upcoming, we have a New Year's Eve party being planned by Melissa Sperry, Megan Portero and Chris Weidmuller. Stay tuned for details.



New Party Option at the Clubhouse

In response to Member suggestions, the Board has approved a new Clubhouse rental option for small parties. Effective as of 2022, the Clubhouse can be rented, up to four weeks in advance, for small afternoon parties of up to 50 folks for a maximum of four hours at a rate of \$250. All other rental terms are the same as for the full day \$500 rental (deposit, responsibilities, etc.) Parties will need to finish up by 5:00 PM to accommodate general community usage.

New Furniture at the Clubhouse

For those who have not dropped by the Clubhouse recently, in the spirit of making the Clubhouse more comfortable for smaller informal gatherings, three leather couches have been purchased. While we are happy for all Members to use the Clubhouse facility and especially enjoy sitting in the new couches, please use with care and respect. Do not let your kids bounce on the couches and/or eat sticky sweets and drinks on them. There are plenty of tables and chairs to use.

Clubhouse Director, Veronika, asks that in case of spills, immediately use a dry cloth to blot. It is important to blot instead of wiping because you want to get all the moisture out instead of spreading it. Never use soap or solvents on the couches. Watch out for scratches. Avoid using sharp objects near the furniture. Again, lets enjoy sitting, chatting and keeping nice for years to come. These couches will remain in the Clubhouse for private parties and cannot be moved out to the shed or elsewhere.



Cleaning up! Drawdown, Dumpsters, and Bulkheads

Take a walk along the Parkway and you will see plenty of activity and updates to the waterfront as Awosting neighbors take the opportunity offered by the current lake drawdown to fix docks and bulkheads without fighting the waves. Some folks have asked about dumpsters for debris being pulled out of the muck. Currently, the Board is not planning dumpsters specifically for the drawdown, but may possibly make arrangements in the Spring.

The Board does have a good deal of drawdown work going on at the boathouse involving lots of cement! Sean Rice is working on shoring up the north end of the

boathouse and reconfiguring the launch area.

And Ditches and Trails

As a follow up to our reminder last month about keeping clear the road gutters adjoining your property to keep water diverted away from roads where it can turn to slippery ice or work its way under the pavement and do serious damage, our many resident hikers ask that folks refrain from dumping on trails -- not fireplace ashes, not tree branches, not leaves, etc. We all have a stake in keeping Awosting in tip-top shape for everyone's enjoyment.

Road and Parkway Fees

You probably do not want to hear about the ash borer again, but the reality is that Awosting Association has only gotten about half way through the removal of infested trees even though so many have already been felled. With that and general inflationary costs that affect insurance, road and drainage cost, etc., we will be raising the base Road & Parkway fee by \$50 and continue the additional assessment for another year. The result will be a cost of \$550 per Awosting home for 2022.

For members, there will also be a \$25 increase in membership fees. Watch for emails from the Treasurer at Awosting.org in January.

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