



MONTHLY UPDATE December 2023

Happy Holidays!!!



December Social Wrap Up

December was a busy month for the Awosting community! We had several events, including the Tree Lighting/ Open House (above), Caroling/ Holiday Parade with Santa, Cookie Exchange, and Breakfast with Santa. We want to express our gratitude to Frank and Debbie Purdy, Ryan Christman, Sean and Kathy Rice, the Schenk Family, and Veronika Kohlbrenner for decorating the Clubhouse and hosting these events. We are also grateful for all the helper volunteers who lent a hand to make the events possible. And let's remember to give a special thanks to Santa and his elf (Jamie and Mary Dykes) for making these events memorable.

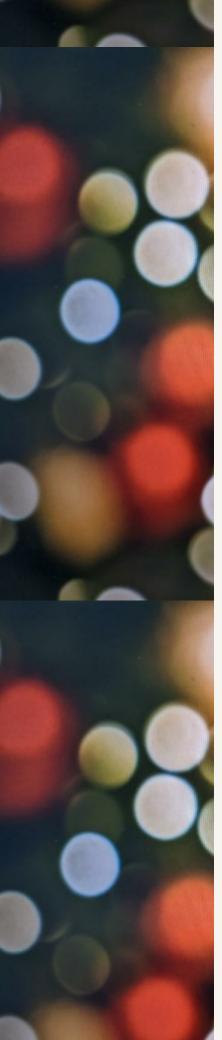
A big congratulations to the winners of the first-ever house decorating contest. It was a tough competition, but the votes are in, and the winners are:

- Griswold Award- The Ambriano's 285 Awosting Rd
- Misfit Award- Best Inflatables The Connors'- 19 Wanaque Rd
- Classic Christmas Traditional The Siemer's- 64 Ramapo Rd



Thanks to everyone who participated and voted; we brought the holiday spirit to Awosting. We look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come.





As 2023 is winding down, we'd like to thank the community for coming together and making this a fantastic year. Stay tuned for a list of upcoming events, starting with a Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 11, 2024. Happy New Year!

Here are pictures and a few more details on our December events:

Holiday Parade

Winners for best-decorated rides: 1st place- Christman Family, 2nd place- Sperry Family, and 3rd place- Debra Hull & Family.







Breakfast with SantaLoads of children, hosts, Santa and his Elf:





Cookie Exchange

Congratulations to Eileen Roe and Eileen Curran for winning the Christmas Movie Trivia contest, and Karyn Schuchardt for winning the holiday sweater contest!













New Year's Eve

Although we were not able to find a host for an official New Year's Eve Party, the Clubhouse has not been reserved for a private party so Members are welcome to wing it and share the space with all who wander in for the night.

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. Email social@awostingnj.com to offer your assistance.

2024 Budget Includes Fee Increases for 2024

The 2024 budget prepared by Treasurer, Jamie Dykes, was approved by the Board at their December meeting with few changes to what the Treasurer proposed. Unsurprisingly, the budget includes membership and Road & Parkway increases due to the cost of inflation presented by higher insurance premiums, taxes, food and labor costs for events and beach employees.

Road & Parkway base fees will be increased to \$600. We will continue the special assessment for Ash Borer remediation at a rate of \$55 so as to catch up with other projects that had been deferred. Annual Membership dues will also see an increase to \$975.

The garage and outside storage fees are remaining the same as 2023; \$650 and \$240.00 respectfully.

We will also be increasing Clubhouse rental fees to \$300 for the 4-hour, 50-attendees or less option. All other Clubhouse and Boathouse rental rates remain at the 2023 rate. Reservations booked prior to this announcement for 2024 parties will remain unchanged.

Watch for emails from the Treasurer at Awosting.org in January for annual invoices for Road & Parkway and Membership fees.

Vehicles off the Road PLEASE!

Once again, we ask you to get vehicles off our Awosting roads, particularly for messy snow and ice events. It's not just Awosting - it's a town-wide rule ("parking is prohibited on all Township, Public/Private or County roadways for snow plowing and snow removal.") Families who have carved out parking spaces alongside the road are the exception. If you have vehicles on the road when plows come though, it is difficult for the drivers to clear out the snow to make the roads passable for all vehicles as well as yours. Please be attentive to this so that we don't need to call you out based on neighbor complaints. We do get those!

Leaves out of the Gutters and Drains, too!

Anyone who ventures out on a chilly day after rain puddles up likely encounters large icy patches such as the monster at the top of Lake Road. Your Road and Parkway Director, Chris Weidmuller, says the vast majority of this problem is from leaves and other debris that gets into our stormwater system. Please don't add to this with leaves from your lawn, and it wouldn't hurt to clear out the gutters near your home if





you see a problem developing. Thanks for your help!

Reminder: Contact Board about Your Projects

Please reach out to the Board whenever you are having work done on your property that could have an impact on Awosting properties such as the roads, parkway, or other common properties. Adjusting drainage, adding blacktop, or other landscaping projects could alter the dynamics of the community's drainage system, for example. If we are made aware of changes in advance, we can help with recommendations that assure everyone's safety.

Are you Missing an Umbrella?

There are numerous umbrellas on the coat rack in the foyer of the Clubhouse. Feel free to stop by to reclaim your property!

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