



MONTHLY UPDATE July 2022

Full Steam Ahead in July Here in Awosting



BBQ at the Beach

The summer BBQ was a huge success (“knocked it out of the Park” as one Member commented). Hosts Megan and Fernando Portero had a lot of help to make the summer BBQ a success. The tables, chairs, and grill tent were donated by Chris Weidmuller. Ryan Christman and Dan Sperry manned the burger grill most of the day; many families helped with buying items on the fly the day of the event, and stayed around to help with tear down of tables, tents and grills. The day ended with a fantastic light show by The Bobs.

A huge thanks to Matt Kiburtz and his fire truck for being on the ready to entertain kids during the day and supply water for safety control all evening.

Cocktails at the Boathouse

This perennial favorite event returned this year. Hosted by Chris and Brandy Weidmuller with Frank and Debbie Purdy, attendees enjoyed beer, wine and a selection of signature cocktails while nibbling on appetizers and desserts served up by all the attendees. And then there was the band, “ Down 2 Earth ”, who entertained the crowd with a wide range of musical selections.



The hosts shout out thanks to Megan and Fernando Portero and Dan Sperry for huge amounts of help setting up and cleaning up for the event. Neighbor Bruce Hardy commented how amazing it was to see 95% of the cleanup finished on the same night. "For everyone that couldn't make it, you missed a great get together."

Rebel Regatta

Awosting hosted the National Rebel Sailboat Regatta July 13th through 16th. Between boats from Awosting and three clubs in Michigan, we had 13 Rebels on the lake – quite an impressive sight. Races took place on Thursday and Friday. The wind was great both days as the sailors and crew took to the starting line four times on Thursday and twice on Friday. A seventh race was planned for Saturday morning, but the wind was not cooperating. By noon, the race was called off, lunch served, trophies presented, and then visiting boats were pulled to trailers, prepared for travel, and hit the road.



The Awosting Yacht Squadron would especially like to thank Ryan Christman for manning the "chase" (safety) boat on Thursday and Friday, and for escorting visiting sailors on a motorboat tour of the lake Friday afternoon. Thanks are also extended to Dan Sperry for being ready to provide the chase boat on Saturday even though the wind was not fueling a race.

Supporting the effort was the Race Committee headed by Rose Steele with support from Binnie Norton, Marge Martin, and our sharpshooter, Mary Dykes, who fired the shotgun to signal instructions to the sailors on the water. Also key to the event were Mary Dykes, Eileen Roe, Karyn Schuchardt and Marge Martin who attended to food and cleanup for the event.

Photos from the event are included here, but you can get a better view from drone shots captured by Kay and Jay Roe on the [Rebel Website](#).



Swim Team News

Two down and two more to go – that's swim meets at the Awosting beach. The Awosting team hosted swimmers from Lake Walkill and Glenwild so far this month. The children enjoyed the competition, and Awosting and visiting families enjoyed dinner at the concession stand up in the boathouse. Lots of volunteers helped with preparing food, keeping score, and monitoring starts and finishes.

The next Awosting home meet is with High Crest on August 2. On August 8, we have our last meet of the season which will be at home vs Cupsaw Lake. Arrival time is at 5 pm and racing begins at 6 pm. Please come support the children and the time-honored tradition of Awosting Swim Team.

Children's Activities News

The summer is flying by with so many fun activities for the kids. They have been able to enjoy many more fun activities based on a higher enrollment and more counselors. A huge shout out to our head counselor Kate Elsishans for running an amazing program that all the kids have really loved!



Kids' Activities Director, Melissa Sperry is so proud of all the counselors for becoming CPR/First Aid certified; they have been great with having their first aid kits each day and their binders with each child's allergies. Luckily, we have not had a need to use them but they are all ready and equipped. New this year is a craft counselor that has been a big hit with lots of fun and beautiful crafts.

We have had mom volunteers to help out with fun little projects as well as pizza fundraisers. The ice cream social was a big hit--special thanks to our wonderful CIT's that ran a great night.



Playground Safety

A crew of Awosting regulars – Frank Purdy, Chris Weidmuller, Ryan Christman, and Dan Sperry- pulled out their tools to tighten bolts and replace missing parts at the playground, primarily focusing on the monkey bars. I suppose they had a bit of fun while they were at it! But now the playground is ready for its regular band of happy children when they are not at the beach.

The Diving Board is Finally Here!

After several delivery delays, the replacement diving board finally arrived. The 16 foot, 275-pound wood and fiberglass board was a bit cumbersome to handle, but our faithful crew - Frank Purdy, Chris Weidmuller, Ryan Christman, and Dan Sperry (notice a pattern here?)– supervised by Beach Director, Megan Portero- was successfully installed and tested.

Open Board Meeting Session

About 30 Members joined Board Members at our July 12 meeting to hear about the previously noted anonymous complaint letter to the Board and the trial Safety Guard. Specific issues from the letter were reviewed with commentary explaining that the vast majority of issues were not Board responsibilities, rather personal, parental, or state and local government responsibilities. In some cases, the complaints leveled at the Board reflected a misunderstanding of current Awosting rules. The attending group provided positive reactions to

having the safety guard on-site and seemed open to continuing the experiment into the future.

The Board also heard about additional concerns of Members and will circle back to consider how these can be addressed.

Although Board meetings are generally “closed”, any Member is welcome to ask for time on the agenda to present concerns or suggestions. But there is no need to wait. All of your Board members are open to hearing about concerns and communicating with the rest of the Board. And you are welcome to shoot off an email to board@awosting.org to make sure all Board members hear what you have to say.

Meet the Awosting Board Members! *Megan Portero and Marge Martin*

Beach Director, Megan Portero, has been in Awosting for 5 years. She lives with her husband Fernando, grandfather BJ, and two sons Andres and Enzo.

As beach director, Megan trains the lifeguards, meets with the health inspector, coordinates the water quality tests to keep our beach license, as well as maintaining the beach and dock facilities.

Megan worked for 8 years as a lifeguard in Daytona Beach, so this position on the board is a good fit. Plus it's kind of her back yard which makes the commute to work an easy one.

The guards are excited for this summer and are grateful for the busy beach and all the members enjoying the lake life. When members aren't at the beach it can be very boring..

Board Secretary, Marge Martin, has been in Awosting since 2004, full-time since 2014. Marge's job as Secretary includes the usual tasks of taking minutes and preparing correspondence at the direction of the Board. This includes general announcements as well as emails and letters to individual Awosting residents. Marge also handles communications such as this newsletter and the Awosting website.

Prior to retiring in 2019, Marge was an actuary with a number of retirement benefits consulting firms such as Aon and Buck Consultants. Her focus was on monitoring government regulations and writing client bulletins.

Now that she is enjoying retirement here in Awosting, a favorite pastime (in addition to Board duties) is MahJongg with Rose, Mary, Veronika, Barb, Carole, and Marlene right here in Awosting. Reach out to her if you'd like to learn and form a group.

Marge lives with hubby, Dean, and MIL, Barbara, and has a new grandson, Rami, in Philadelphia with son Tyler and DIL, Megan. Her daughter, Kelsey, teaches in London with SO Ned, also a teacher.

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Mailbox: a secure mailbox is located on Ramapo Rd., just around the corner from Lake Ave about ten feet from the Awosting bear.



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