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Penn Estates Property Owners Association

August/September 2013

## President's Message

### How to Effect Change

By Jody Perkin, President, PEPOA Board of Directors

Comedian George Carlin said "If you vote, you have no right to complain". This is often mis-quoted and accepted into the vernacular as "if you don't vote, you have no right to complain"; ultimately, it all depends on your perspective.

We are a community of over 1700 properties.

Every year on the first Saturday in May, we hold the Association's annual meeting. The published agenda dictates the meeting contents, but for certain, three Directors will be elected to the Board. Votes can be cast either in-person, or by directed proxy mailed to the Association's CPA. It seems that each year, the number of eligible members who vote is fewer and fewer.

The nine people who have been elected to the Board represent you, me and everyone around us. In a perfect world we would see every eligible property cast a vote. Yes, I understand we can't all be there personally because of work, family and other commitments. That's why the directed proxy and envelope are sent with the package for the annual meeting. If a member is unable to attend, the directed proxy allows them to cast a vote.

The participation in this year's annual election left something to be desired. There were a total of 160 ballots cast; that's less than 10% of the total number of properties in the development. Think of it this way, 10% of homeowners are electing the folks who will set policy for 100% of the Association. Does that seem lop-sided to anyone other than me?

Personally, I don't subscribe to "If you don't vote, you have no right to complain." Any homeowner has a right to complain. And the Community Manager and Board of Directors is the 'body' to complain to.

If all of us take the stance that complaints are an opportunity to improve, whether it's improvement in a condition or a service, then the result is a win-win for everyone. The members are given the opportunity to be heard, and the Board and Management are given the opportunity to learn. Everyone may not be able to get what they want, but the lines of communication are open. That is part of the reason we (the Board and Community Manager) are here, to listen to the concerns of the members and take action where appropriate.

Here's what puts a bee in my bonnet, sniping and griping in venues that don't allow for the opportunity to improve.

When I was a child, cell phones were two cans and a string, the web was something a spider left behind, and social networking was a business card exchange. Times certainly have changed; there is instant access to people and information, and in some cases, all in one hand-held device.

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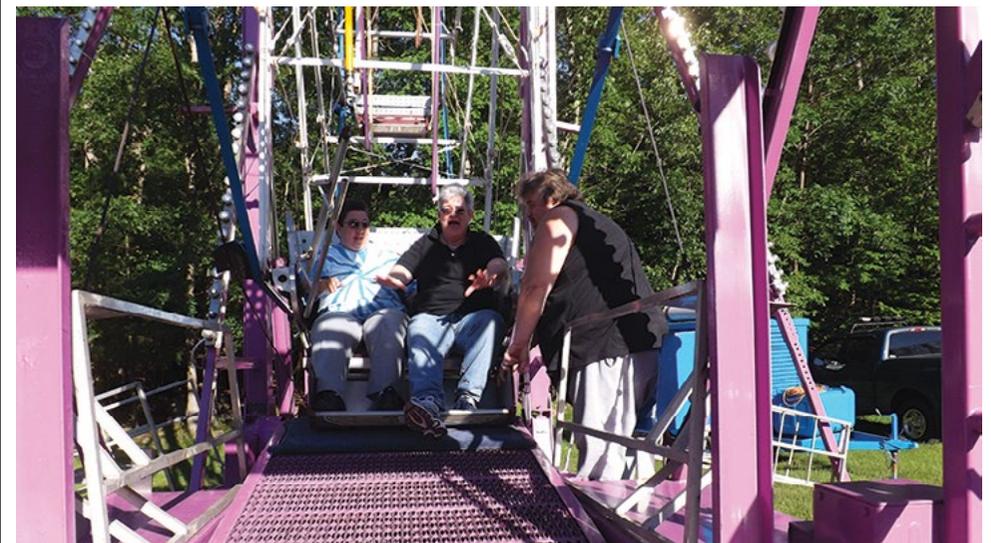
## Meet Your Board of Directors Social Hour

**When:** Saturday, September 7, 2013  
From 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

**Where:** Rear patio of Community Center; weather permitting  
(alternate location in the Community Center Oak Room)

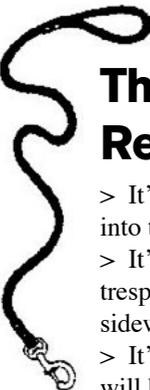
**Why:** To give all residents of Penn Estates an opportunity to meet their elected Board of Directors.

**Note:** This is an informal social hour hosted by the Penn Estates Long Range Planning Committee and is open to ALL residents of Penn Estates. Light refreshments will be served.



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## President's Message cont.

Technology and electronic messages can be confusing. There are no social cues, body language to read and intonations to guide responses, just characters on a screen. The anonymity of social media and electronic messaging affords some people a level of bravado they may not otherwise display.

I've cringed at some things I have seen blasted out on social media sites - unprovoked one-sided attacks; situations that are convoluted by supposition and complete lack of information; mob mentality; and statements that in many cases have a curious relationship with the truth. What's worse is there are those who will accept the mis-information as gospel, and that is when the complaint fests begin.

This is why, quite some time ago, I elected to remove myself from all the social media sites. However, periodically someone will send a post that elevates my blood pressure, and it's not because of the content of the complaint(s) but because folks fail to realize they are griping to a very small handful of people who aren't in a position to fix the problem (provided it can be fixed).

Everyone needs to remember one thing: Once a message or post goes out on the Internet, it's there permanently. Hit delete all you want, it never really goes away. So if it's inaccurate, or paints people or places in a poor light it's there for anyone to discover and read. It can be a little unnerving if you think about it.

None of us is perfect, and in all sincerity I'm not bothered by complaints; complaints are an opportunity in disguise. But in a perfect world, everyone eligible would vote at the annual election (or mail in the proxy ballot), and we would all have the right to complain. However, it's not a perfect world so what we can hope is that anyone with a complaint will direct their issue directly to the person or people who are in the best position to handle them, rather than take it to the court of popular opinion.

Please understand that the intent here isn't to finger point, it can be healthy and productive to disagree, which is what fosters creative problem solving. For us to be productive as an organization, we really need to try and avoid the back-door sniping, insults and insinuations. We can accomplish more collaboratively and harmoniously. Ultimately, that is how we effect change.

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Appeals.....	1st Saturday .....	10:00 am
ARB.....	3rd Saturday.....	7:00 am
Board of Directors Meeting.....	1st Friday.....	7:30 pm
Buildings, Grounds & Roadways.....	3rd Saturday.....	8:30 am
Communications.....	3rd Saturday.....	10:00 am
Community Documents.....	TBA	
Community Safety.....	1st Saturday .....	9:00 am
Finance .....	4th Saturday.....	9:00 am
Government Relations.....	TBA	
Long Range Planning .....	4th Thursday .....	7:30 pm
Nominating and Steering.....	1st Thursday.....	7:00 pm
Real Estate .....	2nd Thursday.....	6:00 pm
Recreation .....	2nd Thursday.....	7:00 pm
Wildlife and Forestry .....	3rd Tuesday.....	7:00 pm

## Upcoming Events:

- **August 10, 2013 – Movie Night at the Pool; 8:00pm**
- **August 31, 2013 – End of Summer Luau; 8:00pm**

## Weekly Activities

<b>Monday</b>	
Mah-Jongg.....	12:30 pm
Darts.....	7:30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Bookmobile .....	4:00 pm
Bingo.....	7:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	
Understanding the Bible.....	7:30 pm
Women's Bible Study.....	7:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	
Softball .....	5:30 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	
Horseshoe League .....	3:00 pm



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# Home Finance and Credit Forum

## Saturday, September 21, 2013

By Sue Lyons, Chair, Government Relation Committee

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Fortunately help is available. On Saturday, September 21st in the Oak Room, the Government Relations Committee will offer a free community forum on home credit and finance. The forum will feature Linda Gerkenmeyer, Executive Director of Integra Home Counseling in Tannersville, a non-profit consumer credit counseling agency that provides free counseling services to assist homeowners.

**Topics include:**

- Foreclosure prevention
- HEMAP loans and Act 91
- County foreclosure diversion programs
- Information on budgeting classes
- HARP and HAMP refinancing options



**Carnival**  
More photos on page 8...





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*"Until the next big article, stay in harmony with your community. Get out, volunteer and get involved!"*

## Relay For Life at ESU

By Cub Reporter Matthew Jacobsen

Sadness, happiness, remembrance are only a few of the emotions that can describe the event that took place on June 15th. Relay for Life is an event where we come together to remember those who are fighting the good fight against cancer and those who have unfortunately passed away from this terrible disease.

The event kicked off at 10AM on Saturday June 15th and ended at 10AM the following day. This event had it all - vendors, music, give-aways and awards. I am proud to say that Team Penn Estates walked away with its fair share of awards. One was for second place for the Top Fund-Raising Team Award. Team Penn Estates also won Best Decorated Tent and Cake Award. I don't want to sound boastful but I can't help myself. The Most Creative



Fund-Raising Event Award was given to my brother Christopher and myself for the Murder Mystery Dinner we wrote and directed.

This is an annual event and like the fight against cancer, Relay for Life will never stop. All we can hope for is that a cure will be found. We must keep fighting until then. This is your ace cub reporter saying, stay in harmony with your community and get out and become involved.

More Relay photos on next page...

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# Rain Barrel Art Self Guided Tour

By Cub Reporter Matthew Jacobsen

Every summer many of us look for new fun and exciting things to do. This summer I discovered something locally that fits the bill. Right here in the Stroudsburg/East Stroudsburg area, decorative rain barrels are scattered all over town. This is a hunt like no other. It was organized and promoted by the Monroe County Conservation District to make us aware of water conservation and to provide an adventure finding them as well. It runs through October 2013.

I suggest viewing the barrels in order because each leads to the next. There are 20 barrels, each one created by a different creative individual. My brother Christopher and I took the tour without the aid of a GPS. We just relied on our knowledge of the area and a little dumb luck. Each is painted and designed differently but all serve the same purpose, to capture rain water to be used for whatever the need (except for drinking).

It took us over four hours to complete the tour, with a combination of walking and



driving. If you chose to drive to each barrel it would take less time, but since they are relatively close to each other, you can mostly walk. Not only did we get to view the area in a new light, seeing streets, businesses and buildings we had never seen before, it was good exercise to boot.

This may be the best free summer event you'll find this season. I took pictures of all the barrels, 40 pictures in all. A few are included in this article but go to my Facebook page to see them all. Just a friendly reminder, most of the barrels are on private property. Please be quick and respectful.

Go to [www.mcconservation.org](http://www.mcconservation.org) for more info. Just click on the Rain Barrel link for a map of the barrels which includes the artists' names and address. There is also a link to a google map which is very helpful as well. If you give this a try, take pictures and post to my Facebook wall. I'd love to see them.

Enjoy the summer and until the next big article, remember to stay in harmony with nature and get involved in your community.



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# Carnival Time in Penn Estates

By Cub Reporter Matthew Jacobsen

Once again a carnival came rolling into Penn Estates, bringing all kinds of games and rides for the residents to enjoy. June 12<sup>th</sup> was the start of the four day event and the turnout was amazing. The carnival was sponsored by the Recreation Committee and took place on the ball field.

Though there were many attractions for the children, there were still plenty for the adults to enjoy as well. There was something for everyone, including ferris wheels, slides and some other kiddie rides and all who came out had a great time. Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> was a rain out so to make up for that the carnival stayed open until 11pm the next night allowing a little more time to enjoy the event.

Along with the carnival vendors, Penn Estates had extra vendors as well, who sold miscellaneous items including food, jewelry, soaps and candles. Once again this was one of our most successful events and everyone who attended can't wait for the carnival to ride back into our community next year.

The next major event will be Community Day on August 3rd, so to all our readers I say, please come out and enjoy some fun in the sun. This is your ace cub reporter saying stay in harmony with your community and come out and get involved.



# Tricky Tray Basket Bingo

By Cub Reporter Matthew Jacobsen

On May 18<sup>th</sup> Team Penn Estates Pride held a tricky tray basket bingo in the Oak Room to benefit the American Cancer Society. At the door, bingo goers bought their cards and could also buy tickets for \$10 each for a chance to win one of the many tricky tray baskets which were on display on the upper level. Refreshments were available to purchase including soft drinks, chips, cookies and cupcakes.



The doors opened at 4PM, but the games didn't start until 7PM so everyone who got there early had a chance to take a good look to see what they might want to try and win from the tricky tray part of the event. Donations for the baskets were gathered by Lucy Jacobsen, Joanna Huffman and Kathy Ranne.

At the end of the evening, bingo was called and the baskets were given out. An announcement was made letting everyone know that the total amount raised was over \$1,600

which included the bingo, tricky tray proceeds and refreshment sales. Thanks to all who came out to support this event and a big thank you to those who donated money and items for the tricky tray.

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Penn Estates Drive is 25mph from the front gate to Mill Road then posted at 35mph up to the back gate. Please approach the Community Center complex with caution; this area is 25mph with speed bumps for the safety of the Community's children.

**\*\*\*Please note that the No-Tolerance zone has not changed but the hours have. The hours are now 6:00am to 8:00pm daily. Speeding fines double in this zone.\*\*\***

As per page 64, Schedule of Fines, Speeding

- First Offense: In excess of posted limit; equal to speed up to 10 miles over posted limit. Speeds in excess of ten miles per hour over the limit \$100.
- Second Offense: In excess of posted limit; two times speed up to 10 miles over posted limit. Speeds in excess of ten miles per hour over the limit \$200.
- Third and all subsequent offenses: \$500 each violation

### Fireworks

PEPOA Rules and Regulations, page 28, Article XVII, Firearms, Section 2a:

**Fireworks**, states 2a. All fireworks, as defined are specifically prohibited in Penn Estates. That is any combustible or explosive composition prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation. This includes, but is not limited to, sparklers, smoke bombs, firecrackers, skyrockets, roman candles, aerial fireworks or other fireworks of



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As per page 64, Schedule of Fines, the fine for fireworks is up to \$500.00 per offense. There will be zero tolerance of any violations.

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## Winding Through PA Wine Country - Part 4

By Michael Tyrrell, Communications Committee

It may be a hard job, but I am up for the challenge. The challenge? Visiting every winery in Northeastern Pa. This continuing quest recently brought me down to Big Creek Vineyard and Winery in Kresgeville. The winery itself and parking lot are at the foot of the vineyards which sit on a hill and make for a stunning setting. The modest tasting room and winery are all in one building; you can peer down at the small staff actually filling the bottles and sticking on the labels. This is a small mother/son operation. Eighty three year old Mom conducts the tasting while son keeps the wheels turning in the bottling operation.

Tastings consist of whatever wines they are currently producing and there was no charge. They were offering 8 wines that day, 2 whites, one dry and one semi-dry, 1 Rose, 2 dry reds and 3 sweet wines. The whites were fine but a bit sweet for our taste. We especially liked a unique Rose, Vin Di Pasqualina (\$8.00) named after a beloved aunt. It's a blend which includes our local chambourcin grape which give the wine a more lush character than normally found in a Rose. Frontenac (\$16.00) was so special, I bought 2 bottles, one to enjoy and one to give as a gift. This would normally be out of our price range, especially for a local wine, but it was excellent and worth making an exception. Sweet wines are not usually my taste but their Apple Raspberry (\$9.00) was a surprise and will match well with ham or pork roast. No grapes; the apples are mashed whole like grapes and produce the same alcohol content.

Check their website [www.bigcreekvineyard.com](http://www.bigcreekvineyard.com) for hours and directions. It is about 10 to 15 minutes past the big Shoprite in Brodheads ville. On a nice fall day it would be a wonderful destination to bring guests.



## Waterfall Hikes in the Poconos

By Michele Valerio-Trinkle, Board Liaison, Communications Committee

The Poconos boasts quite a few wonderful hikes with views of spectacular waterfalls. My favorites are right in our neck of the woods while others require a bit of drive.

Ricketts Glen State Park is about an hour and half drive from Penn Estates and is located in Benton, PA. I find this park well worth the drive because of the 22 named waterfalls ranging from 11 to 90 feet high. This web site link gives a description of the waterfalls, trail maps and directions to the park. <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/rickettsglen/>

To see most of the waterfalls, park at the Lake Rose trailhead and take the Highland Trail to a 3.2-mile loop hike in the middle section of the park. You can also park at the lower end of the park at the Route 118 Trailhead and hike the entire Falls Trail which is a 7 mile loop. Be prepared for a very difficult steep rocky hike since the trail follows right along the stream bed. I have gotten wet from the splash of the falls on several occasions but seeing so many waterfalls in such close proximity is quite enjoyable. There are camping and picnicking areas in the park so it is easy to make this adventure an entire day trip.

If you prefer something closer to home just drive north on Route 209 and you can find several locations and trailheads, within the Delaware Water Gap Recreation Area, that will take you to different waterfalls.

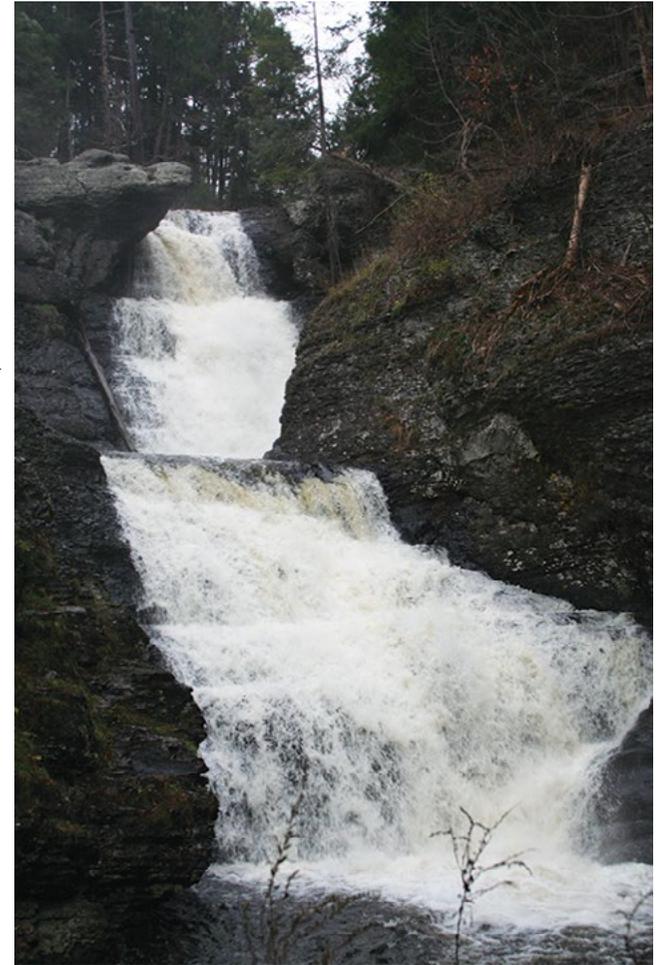
The first stop as you go north is the Pocono Environmental Education Center located to the left near mile marker 8 on Emery Road and has 12 miles of hiking trails. Please see this link for trail maps. <http://www.peec.org/pdfs/peec-hiking-trail-map.pdf>. Tumbling Waters trail is a very nice three-mile loop hike that will take you the waterfall. You do have to walk down a switchback path to get a good view of the waterfall.

PEEC offers quite a few workshops and programs for both kids and adults so there are other activities besides hiking. The next stop is Indian Ladders on Hornbecks Creek trail and is a bit of a secret since the trailhead is very hard to find. The trail is located half way between mile marker 10 and 11 on the left hand side of the road. The trail itself is about 2 miles long with waterfalls at the one mile point and at the end of trail. Next on the list is Dingmans Falls which is right before Route 739 and is short ½ mile hike to the falls.

Lastly, Raymondskill Falls is the tallest waterfall in the State of Pennsylvania and consists of three cascades that drop 165 feet; it is located right off Raymondskill Road. The parking area is at the top of the falls with a 200-foot descent to the falls. Across the street from the parking area is access to the eight mile Cliff Park trail system. Use the following link for park maps and additional details. <http://www.nps.gov/dewa/planyourvisit/trail-maps-pa.htm>

If you wish to find additional maps of the waterfalls on Route 209 with a bit more detail you can purchase the Kittatiny Trails maps from the New York New Jersey Trail Conference, Inc.

Remember: Take only pictures & leave only footprints. Follow a leave no trace policy, which means, what you carry in please carry out. Always wear proper foot wear and bring plenty of water when hiking.



# Michael's Kitchen

By Michael Tyrrell, Communications Committee

Salads are a favorite warm weather dinner in our house, especially during the "dog days of August." They can be prepped ahead (don't dress the greens until serving) and are really easy to throw together on busy days. Here are some recipes that are family-friendly, healthful and somewhat economical. Although angled as dinners, the Buffalo "Wing" Salad and Nicoise Salad could be served alongside grilled foods at a barbecue. The Southeast Asian-Style Lettuce Wraps also make fun finger food at a party.

## Buffalo "Wing" Salad (6 servings)

### Dressing

- ½ cup light mayonnaise
- ¼ cup bottled barbecue sauce
- ½ cup crumbled blue cheese
- 1 tsp hot sauce, such as Tabasco
- 2 tbsp milk

### Salad

- 1¼ lbs boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- ½ tsp hot sauce
- 1 large carrot, peeled and shredded
- 1 head romaine lettuce, cut into bite-size pieces
- 1 head iceberg lettuce, cut into bite-size pieces
- 4 ribs celery, cut into 1-inch matchsticks
- 2 tbsps crumbled blue cheese

### Dressing

- Combine mayonnaise, barbecue sauce, blue cheese, hot sauce and milk in a small bowl.

### Salad

- Place chicken in glass dish. Add 1/3 cup of the dressing and hot sauce; turn to coat. Cover and refrigerate 30 minutes.
- Heat broiler or grill. Broil or grill chicken 6 minutes; turn and broil additional 6 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 160 degrees. Discard excess marinade.
- Mix together carrot, romaine, iceberg and celery in a large salad bowl. Toss with remaining dressing.
- Cut chicken into thin slices and place on top of salad. Sprinkle with blue cheese.

Per Serving - Calories: 318; Fat: 22g; Sodium: 488mg

Bulk It Up: Serve with additional celery sticks, carrot sticks, crumbled blue cheese and hot sauce, if desired. Serve with some warm flour tortillas or pitas and you can make wraps.

## Nicoise Salad with Spinach (6 servings)

- ¼ cup olive oil
- 3 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 1 finely chopped shallot
- ½ tsp Dijon mustard
- ¼ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp black pepper
- 10 oz small new potatoes, cut into ¼-inch slices
- 12 oz baby spinach leaves
- 3 plum tomatoes, cut into ½-inch wedges
- 6 oz green beans, steamed and cut in half
- ½ cup chopped Kalamata olives
- 4 cans (5 oz) albacore tuna in water, drained
- 3 hard-cooked eggs, peeled and cut into wedges

- Whisk together olive oil, red wine vinegar, shallot, mustard, salt and pepper.
- Bring a medium-size saucepan of salted water to a boil. Add potatoes and cook 6 minutes; drain and run under cold water.
- Place spinach in a large serving bowl with potatoes, tomatoes, green beans, olives and 3 cans of the tuna. Drizzle with the dressing and toss to coat all ingredients. Place salad mixture on a serving platter and crumble the remaining can of tuna over the top. Add hard-cooked eggs and serve immediately.

Per Serving - Calories: 295 Fat: 15g Sodium: 371mg

Kick It Up a Notch: Substitute 6 small grilled tuna steaks or 3 larger ones, halved, for canned tuna. Simply brush tuna with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Grill until medium-rare. Place on plate with salad and drizzle with a little of the dressing.

## Southeast Asia-Style Lettuce Wraps (6 servings)

- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 lb ground beef
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh ginger
- ½ tsp red pepper flakes
- ½ cup plum sauce or ketchup
- 2 tbsp reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- 1 pkg (7 oz) thin rice stick noodles
- 1 sweet red pepper, finely chopped
- 2 heads Boston lettuce, rinsed and dried
- 4 scallions, sliced
- ½ cup mint leaves
- ½ cup cilantro leaves
- 1 lime cut into wedges

- Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add beef, breaking up with a spoon, and cook 5 minutes or until no longer pink. Add garlic, ginger and red pepper flakes. Cook 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add plum sauce, soy sauce, lime juice and 1/3 cup water.
- Take off heat and keep warm.
- Soak and cook noodles following package directions. Drain and gently stir noodles and red pepper into beef mixture. Transfer to a medium-size bowl.
- To serve, spoon beef mixture into lettuce leaves with some of the scallion, mint and cilantro. Fold over to enclose. Squeeze with lime.

Per Serving - Calories: 332; Fat: 10g; Sodium: 352mg

Try This: Make an easy Scallion Oil for dipping or to drizzle over the wraps. In a small saucepan heat ¼ cup Canola oil until shimmering. Stir in 3 finely chopped scallions, ½ tsp sugar and ¼ tsp salt. Take off heat and allow to steep at least one hour.

BTW - if you don't feel like buying a bunch of mint and cilantro, either will do. I just like to use both!

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# Out & About

## Things to Do and See in the Poconos

By Sharon Kennedy, Communications Committee

The summer heat is ON! Phew. It seemed that summer would never come this year. Now I am sweltering, but enjoying the sound of July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks as I write this. The next two months are full of many festivals and events. The sad aspect of writing this column in early July is that I am already thinking about the end of summer before I have ventured down to enjoy our outdoor amenities this year.

Here is a summary of local events that will be happening in coming months. As always, I have drawn from a variety of sources. Most local events can be found through the Pocono Record or the website 800Poconos. If you want to search within an hour's drive, you might also check njskylands.com and/or discoverlehighvalley.com. The former lists events in Northwest New Jersey and the latter lists events in the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton area. Please call or check the websites to confirm dates, times and cost.

I often report on outdoor activities at PEEC and MCC. PEEC has been hosting various activities for families, singles and children throughout the summer. Some are free, some have fees and some require reservations. Check out events, times and fees at [www.peec.org](http://www.peec.org) or call 570-828-2319. You can drum at night, or learn new skills or learn about nature. Similarly, the Monroe County Conservation hosts many nature walks and educational events throughout the year, such as the Public Bog Walks. Check out their events and whether pre-registration is required at [www.mcconservation.org](http://www.mcconservation.org) or call (570) 629-3061

I always enjoy taking out of town guests to the Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm. They host the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Pocono State Craft Festival on 8/24 and 8/25. For information on all their events, go to [www.quietvalley.org](http://www.quietvalley.org) or call 570-992-6161. For this particular event, you can print out a coupon for a dollar off at [www.poonocrafts.com](http://www.poonocrafts.com).

Music festivals abound! The Buck Hill Sky Top Music Festival runs from 7/26-8/10. Expect anything from opera to dance to jazz to chamber music. Check it out at [BuckHillSkyTopFest.org](http://BuckHillSkyTopFest.org) or call 570-616-0317. The Pennsylvania Blues Festival will be at Blue Mountain Ski Area in Palmerton on 7/26-7/28. Call 610-826-7700. The COTA Jazz and Arts Festival will be at Delaware Water Gap 9/6 to 9/8. Call 570-424-2210. The Musikfest in Bethlehem runs from August 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Other festivals also abound! Blue Mountain Ski Area in Palmerton has the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Beer & Wine Festival on 8/3. Call 610-826-7700. The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Wood will be at Grey Towers National Historic Landmark in Milford on 8/13 and 8/14. Call 570-296-9630. The Pocono Garlic Festival will be on 8/31 to 9/1 at Shawnee. Call 570-421-7231. Stroudfest in downtown Stroudsburg is the same weekend. Call 570-424-0325. Railfest 2013 will be on 8/31 to 9/1 at Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton. Call 570-340-5204. Mt. Pocono Harvestfest will be in downtown Mount Pocono on 9/28. Call 570-350-6793 or go to [festival@mtpoconoassn.com](mailto:festival@mtpoconoassn.com). The PRCA Rodeo and Chili Cook Off will be at Shawnee on 9/21 and 9/22. Call 570-421-7231. Jim Thorpe Fall Foliage Days will be on 10/5 to 10/6. Call 570-325-5810.

Looking for a challenge? The Pocono Challenge is 9/15 at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area; [www.poonochallenge.com](http://www.poonochallenge.com). Or you might enjoy the Shawnee Mountain Mud Run on 8/17; call 570-421-7231. The prices for both depend on how early you register.

There are also fairs throughout the area at the end of the summer. The Carbon County Fair is in Palmerton on 8/6 to 8/10. The West End Fair is in Gilbert on 8/25 to 8/31.

Have fun. And, I welcome your suggestions!



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Monday - Thursday 11:00am - 7:00pm  
 Friday-Sunday & Holidays 11:00am - 8:00pm  
 After 4 pm the lake may be closed for lack of use

## Lake Rules

There is absolutely no swimming in the lake unless lifeguards are on duty. Use of the beach area for sunbathing and picnicking is permitted.

1. HAVE FUN!
2. Amenity badges are required for lake use. Property Owners must wear badges. Guests must pay guest fees of \$3.00 per day per person.
3. Children under twelve (12) years of age are not permitted in the facility unless accompanied by a responsible person 16 years or older.
4. Supervisor on duty may close the beach for reasons of safety, weather or maintenance without prior notice.
5. Small children still in diapers must use plastic diaper covers or swim diapers. No disposable diapers are permitted in the lake.
6. Only appropriate swim attire may be worn in the lake. This is a family oriented facility. No thongs or backless/bottomless bathing suits are permitted.
7. Picnicking is limited to the designated areas and all trash should be placed in the provided containers.
8. No running, dunking, pushing or other horseplay, no sitting or hanging on ropes will be permitted.
9. Socializing with or distracting lifeguards while they are on duty is prohibited. No loitering or congregating will be allowed.
10. No glass containers and absolutely no gum is permitted. Trash is to be deposited in containers provided.
11. Do not overcrowd any boat. All occupants under the age of 16 must wear a U.S.C.G. approved flotation device.
12. No diving or swimming from boats will be permitted.
13. Boating during thunderstorms is not permitted. Boats must be docked at the first signs of a storm.
14. Association owned lounges, chairs and gazebos are available on a first come first served basis.
15. HAVE FUN!

## Fishing Rules

1. Fishermen must comply with the State Fishing Laws and Regulations. They must possess and display a Pennsylvania license if sixteen (16) years of age or older.
2. Fishing is not permitted from the beach or boat dock.
3. All fishermen must wear amenity badges.



For a complete and more formal listing of Pool Regulations please refer to the PEPOA Rules and Regulations, pages 18-19, Article VIII.

## 2013 Pool Hours

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 Friday-Sunday & Holidays 11:00am - 8:00pm

## Pool Rules

There is absolutely no admittance to the pool facility unless lifeguards are on duty.

1. Have FUN!
2. Pool badges are required for pool entrance. Property Owners must wear badges. Guests must pay guest fees of \$3.00 per day per person.
3. Children under twelve (12) years of age are not permitted in the facility unless accompanied by a responsible person 16 years or older.
4. Supervisor on duty may close the pool for reasons of safety, weather or maintenance without prior notice.
5. No diving will be permitted in the shallow end of the pool. No flips, back dives or other stunts will be permitted at any time.
6. No running, dunking, pushing or other horseplay, no sitting or hanging on ropes and no swinging on ladders will be permitted.
7. No glass containers, food or beverages are permitted in the facility. Absolutely no gum is permitted. Trash is to be deposited in containers provided. Water in plastic bottles is permitted.
8. There is absolutely no smoking permitted at the facility. Designated smoking areas are available outside of the enclosed area.
9. Small children still in diapers must use plastic diaper covers or swim diapers. No disposable diapers are permitted in the swimming pool.
10. Only appropriate swim attire may be worn in the pool. This is a family oriented facility. No thongs or backless/bottomless bathing suits are permitted.
11. Only radios equipped with and used with headphones shall be allowed in the enclosed pool area.
12. Only U.S. Coast Guard Approved flotation devices are permitted. No Exceptions.
13. Socializing with or distracting lifeguards while they are on duty is prohibited. No loitering or congregating will be allowed.
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15. Have FUN!





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