



## 2024 FIRST QUARTER NEWSLETTER

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### OFFICE INFORMATION

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### OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, &  
 FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**GARBAGE COLLECTION:**  
 EVERY WEDNESDAY

**RECYCLING COLLECTION:**  
 EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY  
 (See Schedule)

## 2024 MEETING DATES

### GENERAL MEETINGS

April - TBA  
 October - TBA

### BOARD MEETINGS

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
 7:00 p.m.

All meeting dates and/or changes  
 will be posted on the clubhouse door, website, email  
 and social media

**SCOTT GHYSELS, PRESIDENT**

Hello Barry Lakes Community,

Recently a settlement was reached in the litigation between certain private Lake Communities of Vernon (including LCPOA) and the Township of Vernon. As a result, effective January 1, 2024, Vernon Township will provide the snowplowing services to LCPOA / Barry Lakes' roads. If you have an issue, problem, concern, request, or anything that involves the removal of snow or ice on our roads, you must now contact the Vernon Township Police Dept at (973) 764-6155. Vernon Township has assumed responsibility for snowplowing. They elected to subcontract out the snowplowing services for Barry Lakes, and Notchwood won the bid. So while our members will continue seeing Notchwood plowing our roads in Barry Lakes, they are no longer contracted by LCPOA, but Vernon Twp.

Although we are a private lake community and LCPOA owns & maintains the roads, under NJ's Municipal Services Reimbursement Act (aka the Kelly Bill), a municipality must provide a qualified private community with snowplowing services or reimburse the community for its costs to obtain them elsewhere. This Act was intended to eliminate a "double payment" for these services by our members who pay for them both through dues and property taxes. Previously LCPOA had always bid out snowplowing services, directly hired and paid a contractor, then sought reimbursement from Vernon Twp per the Kelly bill. Simply put, the issue that gave rise to the litigation was that LCPOA (and 5 other private lake communities in Vernon Twp) believed the reimbursement amounts from Vernon were unreasonably low. So – to reiterate - as terms of this settlement, Vernon Township is now in charge of snowplowing.

Please do not call the clubhouse about snowplowing. You now need to call the Vernon Township Police Dept at (973) 764-6155.

I want to give a big thank you to Tracey Smolder for serving as President of LCPOA for the past 4 years! And thanks to all of you who voted for me to be your current LCPOA president! I did serve as president previously for 4 terms, and was a Trustee before that. So I plan to hit the ground running. "Just when I thought I was out, they pull me back in!". Serving on the LCPOA board is a volunteer position, and everyone serving on the board have their own jobs and lives outside of the board. But it is a great way to become more involved, exchange ideas, and have conversations about how to improve our community. And I hope to serve you well! Happy New Year!

**JON TVERSLAND,  
ROADS DIRECTOR**

Greetings and Happy New Year from your Roads Director. I am back for another year! The past two years have been a struggle for roads and I hope to do some great work this year to get caught up. We will do a fairly extensive paving bid this year and we have been working on a list of problem areas. All paving will be prioritized by severity and any other areas of concern will be added to next years work if funds are exhausted. We plan to address drainage issues around the community with a bid package in the early spring. Areas include but are not limited to the following areas, we will be replacing the culvert and diverting a drainage ditch on the corner of Emerald and Jay. Glenn Road will have its drainage pipes jetted, and repaired if needed, and we also will dig out the drainage ditch and jet/replace the pipe on Hickory Road which will hopefully expedite and clean up drainage there.



I have been driving around in heavy rainstorms to find areas where water is overwhelming the drains, we will address those issues as well. I would like to get most of our drainage work done prior to any paving work. I hope to put together a tree trimming package again this year which will address overgrown ditches. With regards to the drainage ditches, we do what we can maintenance wise, but if a ditch is on your property, I ask that you please do what you can to keep it clear. Please do not blow/dump leaves in any drainage ditches, and avoid dumping/blowing grass clippings into them as well...it helps keep costs down on road trimming if you keep the ditches and wood lines along the roads trimmed.

I hope to make some positive changes this year to get us on track for better road conditions with in our community. I want to thank you all in advance for your patience as we work through these issues. I expect a drainage bid to go out by the end of March and hopefully the work gets done by the end of June. Paving bids will go out in July with a September/October completion goal. Thank you all and have a great winter!

### **BRIANNA WAGNER,** **RECREATION DIRECTOR**

First of all, I want to thank each and everyone of you that stepped up over the past year and helped me in the Recreation department! You are very appreciated! I will be looking for help throughout the year for different events. I would like to have at least 2 volunteers help with each event, otherwise some events may unfortunately have to be cancelled. I obviously don't want that to happen, but I am unable to do it by myself. I am really looking forward to Cabin Fever coming up on March 2, so please start getting your babysitters ready and save the date! The theme this year is "Proms through Time" ...picture a time travel party! (Picture steam punk meets Salvador Dali with a splash of elegance!) Two weeks after Cabin Fever is our Easter Party (03/16/24), if we

can find the volunteers to run it, unfortunately I will be away that weekend. SO if you can help out, please reach out to [BarryLakesRec@gmail.com](mailto:BarryLakesRec@gmail.com). This year, I would like to get our basement painted and fixed up so that we can eventually start doing smaller events, such as family game nights, down there and not have to worry about clubhouse availability. If you have an idea for a community event, please let me know at [barrylakesrec@gmail.com](mailto:barrylakesrec@gmail.com) Also please let me know if you would like to have certain comedians, or bands perform for events. The more volunteers and helpers we get, the more things we can do! Please keep an eye out on Facebook and your email for future events and calls for help! One last thing I am trying to set up is CPR classes for those residents interested in getting certified, so please let me know if that is something that you would like if it was offered. Here is to a happy, healthy, and drama free 2024!

### **MARK WHITMAN, LEGAL DIRECTOR**

Hi all in the LCPOA Community! First, I hope we all have a Happy and Healthy New Year. I look forward continuing the work for the Community as the Legal Director! Just a quick note, all 2023 board and general meetings have been conducted according to the by laws. We would like to take a moment and welcome Scott Ghysels as our new President, and Tracey Smolder returning as one of our Trustees.



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## ***FROM THE OFFICE***

### **PAYMENT DUE DATES:**

FEBRUARY 15TH	LATE AFTER MARCH 1
APRIL 15TH	LATE AFTER MAY 1
JUNE 15TH	LATE AFTER JULY 1
AUGUST 15TH	LATE SEPTEMBER 1

**GARBAGE CUTOFF:** GARBAGE SERVICE WILL BE SUSPENDED **MARCH 13TH** IF YOUR PAYMENT FOR THE 1ST QUARTER HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY **MARCH 12TH**.

Credit and debit cards are now accepted. Payments may also be put in the drop slot on the front of the building.

The boat racks will be available again this year from April 1st through October 31st. This is a first come, first served basis. Having one this past year does not guarantee you one this year. You must request one again and fill out a new contract.

**Contracts will be available starting MARCH 15 at the LCPOA office**

## ***DISCOUNTS***

*Members are only eligible for **one** of the following discounts:*

### **SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT**

Members who are 62 years of age or older are eligible for a 10% discount on the Dues. You must provide the office with proof of age to receive the discount. (license or birth certificate). This discount shall not be applied if the account is currently receiving a 10% Veteran's Discount.

### **VETERAN/ACTIVE SOLDIER DISCOUNT**

Members in good standing that are Veterans or active soldiers shall be afforded a ten (10%) percent discount on their yearly dues. Proof of service must be provided. This discount shall not be applied if the account is currently receiving a 10% Senior Citizen Discount.

Please be aware that any mail that is being "temporarily forwarded" will be returned to our office due to the "Change Request" printed on our envelopes. Please contact the office to make arrangement for payment prior to starting your temporary forwarding, otherwise you may receive a late fee.

## ***E-MAILS & FACEBOOK***

The office sends out email blasts for all upcoming events. If you would like to receive our email blasts, please go to our website, [barrylakes.org](http://barrylakes.org), and sign up to receive future emails and "Like" us on Face Book at: Barry Lakes — LCPOA.

## ***REMINDERS***

- Do not park on the streets in the winter months due to snow removal efforts.
- Remove all free-standing basketball hoops and other equipment from the roads for the winter months
- Do not leave vehicles parked along LCPOA roadways for extended time, as it will be considered abandoned, and the Township Police may be notified to assist with removal.
- Driveway snow removal should not result in leaving excess amounts of snow on LCPOA roadways.
- The speed limit for all LCPOA roadways is 25 mph
- Please Drive safely!!!





### ***FROM THE OFFICE (CONTINUED)***

As some of you may know, NJ law governing associations such as LCPOA has changed in recent years. LCPOA made changes to its By-Laws in 2023 to comply with the law (the new law allows the Board to vote on By-Law changes, if made to bring the By-Laws in compliance with the law). However, since the LCPOA nomination procedure was already underway, the change to the nomination procedure was not made at the time. For 2024, the By-Laws will be amended to follow the law for the timing of the nominations and elections. Nominations will not be made at the second quarter meeting. The new law requires a call for nominations 30 days before the meeting notice is sent, then notice of the election must be sent between 14 and 60 days before the election meeting. Therefore, the call for nominations will be sent to all members in August of 2024, then ballots will be sent to all members in September of 2024, for the fourth quarter election.

### ***SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER***

Just a reminder that the Clubhouse can no longer dispatch the salt/plow trucks. So any concerns regarding snow and/or ice **MUST** be called into the Vernon Township Police Department at (973) 764-6155. This includes any snow that has blown across the roads, or water that has frozen and created ice patches. We wish everyone a happy, healthy New Year, and a wonderful 2024!

### ***CLUBHOUSE RENTALS***

The Clubhouse is available for rent for parties and personal events! Just call the office or send an email to [lcpoa@warwick.net](mailto:lcpoa@warwick.net) to reserve your date. Just an FYI, dates are starting to fill up, so if you have a date in mind, do not hesitate in contacting the office. Cost of renting the clubhouse is \$150.00 for a member and \$400.00 for non-members.

### ***ADDITIONAL INFORMATION***

Just a reminder that you should wear your badges on LCPOA property. Also, the dumpsters located at the clubhouse and beach house are for clubhouse trash only. They are not to be used for illegal dumping. There are cameras on them and if need be, the police will be notified.

If you own a small business, or know someone who does, and would like to advertise in our quarterly newsletter, please contact the office, or send an email with your information and business card.



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*There is "NO PARKING" permitted on our roads during a snow event. Vehicles are subject to towing at the owner's expense. All personal items such as basketball hoops, must also be removed from the roadway during a snow/ice event.*

*Please put stakes up near any berms. Driveway snow removal should not result in leaving excessive amounts of snow in the roadway.*

*Do not leave vehicles parked along LCPOA roadways for extended time, as it will be considered abandoned and the township police may be notified to assist with removal.*

*Speed limit on all LCPOA roads is 25 mph*



**BARRY LAKES**  
**2024**  
**RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

**JANUARY 03, 17, & 31**

**FEBRUARY 14 & 28**

**MARCH 13 & 27**

**APRIL 10 & 24**

**MAY 08 & 22**

**JUNE 05 & 19**

**JULY 03, 17, & 31**

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