



**2025 FIRST QUARTER NEWSLETTER**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- President..... Scott Ghysels*
- Vice President..... David Festa*
- Treasurer..... Eileen Sciscoe*
- Secretary..... Devin Welch*
- Legal Director..... Mark Whitman*
- Road Director ..... Carryl Daza*
- Recreation Dir..... Susan Blanchard*
- Buildings & Grounds..... George Tadiello*
- Trustee..... Tracey Smolder*
- Trustee..... Anthony Horler*
- Trustee..... Kat DeFabrizio*

**OFFICE INFORMATION**

www.barrylakes.org  
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 Facebook: Barry Lakes-LCPOA

*Email Addresses*

Office: BarryLakesOffice@gmail.com  
 Bookkeeper: BarryLakesBookkeeper@gmail.com

**OFFICE HOURS**

MONDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY  
 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY:  
 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**GARBAGE COLLECTION:**  
 EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

**2025 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**

Happy New Year! There's been a lot of changes in the past year!

Our webpage [www.barrylakes.org](http://www.barrylakes.org) has been completely updated and is much more user friendly. Please check it out! We've switched phone and internet service providers for the clubhouse to Planet Networks, but were unable to maintain our old WVT email addresses. So please be sure to use our new email address [BarryLakesOffice@gmail.com](mailto:BarryLakesOffice@gmail.com). Our office manager Jess Hatke has done a great job of keeping our community informed by sending out emails and posting notices on our official Facebook page (Like us on Barry Lakes – LCPOA), keeping members informed about events, social gatherings, and neighborhood initiatives. If you are not currently receiving emails from LCPOA, please go to our webpage [www.barrylakes.org](http://www.barrylakes.org), scroll down to the bottom of the home page, and you'll see where to subscribe to our email list for updates, news, and more delivered directly to your inbox.

Our longtime bookkeeper Beth Festa has resigned (thank you for everything Beth!) We've hired Jackie Loeffler as our new bookkeeper. (Welcome aboard Jackie!). And between Jess and Jackie, we've expanded their hours so that we now have someone in the clubhouse every day during business hours. By the way, the new email address for bookkeeping is: [barrylakesbookkeeper@gmail.com](mailto:barrylakesbookkeeper@gmail.com).

Susan Blanchard (who has been doing a wonderful job as recreation director) also has a new email address: [BarryLakesActivities@gmail.com](mailto:BarryLakesActivities@gmail.com) .

Thanks to all who ran for the open Board member and trustee positions, and participated in our election process in the Fall. Thank you very much to those Board members whose terms have come to an end! Conrad Ricklefs had stepped up and did a fantastic job filling in as interim Vice President, after Chris Cooke retired and moved south. Thank you Conrad!!!

Also, please welcome our new Vice President, as of January 1st, Dave Festa! Congrats and welcome Dave!

Thank you to Gabe Grigonis for all your efforts serving as our Building and Grounds director the past few years, It isn't easy! And welcome back George Tadiello, who will be replacing Gabe as our new (old?) Buildings and Grounds director!

Thank you also to Jess Crum, who served us admirably as LCPOA Secretary! And welcome newcomer Devin Welch, who will be taking over for Jess as our new secretary!

Plus thank you very much Carryl Daza for serving as interim Road Director, and now being formally elected as our new Road Director! It's not an easy job, but Carryl does a great job!

And last but not least, congratulations to Kat DeFabrizio for being re-elected as Trustee!

All Board members and Trustees are volunteers, who are members in good standing of Barry Lakes. Like you, we all work, have families, hobbies, etc. So we serve on the Board in our spare time. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please contact the clubhouse at (973)764-6262 or email us at [BarryLakesOffice@gmail.com](mailto:BarryLakesOffice@gmail.com). The Board of Directors/Trustees meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM in the clubhouse. All members are welcome to attend.

The Board of Directors and Trustees each hold office for a two-year term. When a position on the Board opens up, it is announced in the newsletter, on the BarryLakes.org website, by email, and the signboard in front of the clubhouse (Well, we're working on getting that fixed!). For your convenience newsletters, General meeting and Board meeting minutes are being posted to our webpage. So now all members can see board decisions, financial matters, and ongoing projects being discussed. I hope this creates a more inclusive and collaborative environment. I believe this

transparency should alleviate concerns and build confidence in the boards leadership. These newsletters serve as a platform for the Board to share their voices, express concerns, and contribute to the community dialogue. Lastly, please be sure to attend our General Meetings where we encourage your feedback and assistance, as your participation helps our shared community interests!

Please remember, for any snow or ice concerns, you must contact the Vernon Township Police Department at (973)764-6155. They will then dispatch the appropriate trucks, the office can no longer dispatch the trucks!

As a reminder, dues will be increasing because of the Structural Integrity Act. On January 8, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law this new legislation (bill S2760 and A4384). This has significantly impacted community associations throughout New Jersey. These laws address two critical areas: building inspections and reserve funding. This legislation was a direct response to the tragic collapse of the Chaplain Towers building collapse in Florida in 2021, which resulted in the devastating loss of 98 lives. The reserve funding requirements of this new NJ law is why our dues will be increasing this year and next. This was discussed in detail at previous General meetings and board meetings, and spelled out in great detail in my prior newsletter articles (which are available on our website). I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season, and I look forward to another year!  
Sincerely, Scott

**DAVID FESTA,**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**

Happy New Year Everyone!  
My name is David Festa and I'm your new Vice President of Barry lakes Community.  
A Little about myself, I have been living in Barry lakes for over 37 years with my beautiful and amazing wife, Beth. We've raised 2 children here, one lives in Barry Lakes with his beautiful wife and 3 great kids. My other son has moved out of

BL, but has great memories growing up in a small close knit community.

Now on to 2025, we have 2 very skilled and professional ladies that work in the BL office. Jess is our Office Manager. If you have any concerns and need to get a message to one of the board members, she is the one to contact. If your looking to rent the Barry lake club house, please reach out to Jess and she will be glad to assist all members in good standing.

Jackie is our Bookkeeper. She is in charge of dues and billing along with all other bookkeeping duties. If you have a question about dues or billing she is who you want to speak with.

She knows the answer to any questions you may have regarding you statements, due dates, and amounts owed.

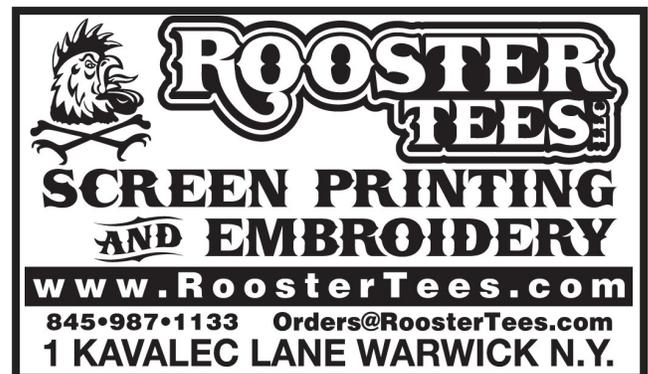
Please, if you need to reach out to these ladies, please always be polite and professional. Don't take your frustration out on them.

I believe in transparency and I'll always be straight and honest with you. You may not always like my answer but I'll always tell you the truth. Like it or not.

If you have a problem with snowplowing or ice on your roads, please remember the town is now in charge. Please call the Vernon Twsp. DPW at (973)764-4055 opt 8, or the police non emergency number at (973)764-6155. They will send someone to take care of it.

We have a lot on our plate this year as a community, some good things, and some are going to be a challenge. But if everyone communicates and tries to work as one team, I know we will make Barry lakes a place people want to move to and raise their children.

Hope to see everyone at the next General meeting.  
Thank you,  
David Festa



**SUSAN BLANCHARD,**  
**RECREATION DIRECTOR**

Happy New Year Barry Lakes!  
Hope everyone is having a great start to the new year! As we enter 2025, I am looking forward to organizing upcoming events in Barry Lakes, but first I want to thank everyone who has helped me during this past year! Thanks to you we were able to have wonderful events and bring some new activities to our community. You are all the BEST!

Here are some more things to look forward to this winter and spring... For more information please follow **Barry Lakes Recreation** on Facebook, all events and activities are posted there, as well as on our website **Barrylakes.org**.

- **Indoor Movie Nights**
- **Cabin Fever on 3/1: Murder Mystery Dinner**
- **Easter Egg Hunt/Party on 4/6: time TBD**
- **Firepit Fridays** to start back up in the spring
- **Yoga with Cindy: Wednesdays** (Starting mid May)
- **BEACH OPENING LUAU: 6/21**

Other events I am looking to add for this year are the following:

- **Cornhole league or tournament**
- **Paint and Sip**
- **Trivia Night**
- **Walking club**

\*\*\* If you have any recreation ideas, interest in volunteering, or leading an activity please email me at : [barrylakesactivities@gmail.com](mailto:barrylakesactivities@gmail.com) . I look forward to an amazing year and making memories that last for a lifetime!  
Sincerely,  
Susan Blanchard, Recreation Director

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

Hi all in the LCPOA Community! First, I hope you all had a Happy and Healthy New Year. I look forward continuing the work for the Community as the Legal Director! Just a quick note, all 2024 board and general meetings have been conducted according to the by laws. Stay warm!

Mark

**CARRYL DAZA,**  
**ROADS DIRECTOR**

Here we are in a new year and the fun just never stops! Did I say fun? I meant work. The Board is always striving to better the community as this is our home. We recently had a road clean up done as there were several trees hanging low over the road from the ice storm that we had, as well as some downed branches. We certainly want to try to keep the roads as open as possible and safe. If there is any issue with snow plowing, please call the town, not the clubhouse.

Thank you,  
Carryl Daza

**GEORGE TADIELLO,**  
**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DIRECTOR**

I'M BACK!! I'd Like to wish everybody a healthy and happy new year and thank everybody for voting me back in! I'd also like to welcome Dave Festa back to the board and a new member to the board Devin Welch. Just like to remind everybody the board meetings are open to the public and are welcome to come down and voice your opinions and any comments or ideas you have, let's make Barry Lakes great again! peace out!

**DEVIN WELCH,**  
**SECRETARY**

Hello Friends!

My name is Devin Welch, the new Board Secretary for LCPOA. Many of you may know me, as I have lived in Barry Lakes for my entire life. Some of you may recognize me from working with your children through Pizazz! Dance Academy. Being a member of this community is such a pleasure, and we are more than just a community, we are a family. I could not ask for better neighbors, and friends! Growing up in Barry Lakes is truly something special, as I grow older and prepare to start my own family, there is no other place I could imagine living. I look forward to serving this community and continuing to make Barry Lakes the ideal place for current and future members. Thank you all so much for this opportunity, It truly is an honor. Here's to a spectacular 2025!  
Warm regards and good vibes,  
Devin M Welch



***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 19TH** IF YOUR PAYMENT FOR THE 1ST QUARTER HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY **MARCH 18TH.**

Credit and debit cards are accepted, please do not hesitate to call or stop by the office! Payments may also be put in the drop slot on the front of the building.  
(The drop-box is on the right side of the Clubhouse main doors)

**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.

***FROM THE OFFICE (continued)*****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!!!

***SNOW/ICE REMOVAL REMINDER***

Please remember that the Clubhouse can no longer dispatch the salt/plow trucks. Any concerns regarding snow and/or ice MUST be called into the Vernon Township Police Department at (973) 764-6155, or the Vernon DPW at (973)764-4055 Option 8. This includes any snow that has blown across the roads, or water that has frozen and created ice patches. Also, PLEASE remember to put stakes up, or mark, any berms around your property, so that they do not get torn up or broken during a snow storm.

We wish everyone a happy, healthy New Year, and a wonderful 2025!

***CLUBHOUSE RENTALS***

The Clubhouse is available to rent for parties and personal events! Just call the office or send an email to BarryLakesOffice@gmail.com and reserve your date. Just an FYI, dates are filling up quickly, so if you have a date in mind, do not hesitate in contacting the office!!

The cost of renting the clubhouse is \$150.00 for members (in Good Standing) 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.

***Please help our community!***

Please keep any drains or swales on, or near, your property clear of any debris. This will help with water drainage, and potential ice build up! Thank you!

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.

Michael Kidd



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**BARRY LAKES**  
**2025**  
**RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

JANUARY 02, 15, & 29

FEBRUARY 12 & 26

MARCH 12 & 26

APRIL 09 & 23

MAY 07 & 21

JUNE 04 & 18

JULY 02, 16, & 30

AUGUST 13 & 27

SEPTEMBER 10 & 24

OCTOBER 08 & 22

NOVEMBER 05 & 19

DECEMBER 03, 17, & 31

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