



# LCPOA NEWSLETTER

## *SECOND QUARTER 2025*

**GENERAL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025**  
**7:30 P.M.**

### **MEETING AGENDA**

FLAG SALUTE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

READING OF THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 30, 2024  
GENERAL MEETING

STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY ACT UPDATE

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT

NEW BUSINESS

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

***President***  
*Scott Ghysels*

***Vice President***  
*David Festa*

***Secretary***  
*Devin Welch*

***Treasurer***  
*Eileen Sciscoe*

***Legal Director***  
*Mark Whitman*

***Recreation Director***  
*Susan Blanchard*

***Road Director***  
*Carryl Daza*

***Buildings and Grounds  
Director***  
*George Tadiello*

***Trustees***  
*Kat DeFabrizio*  
*Tony Horler*  
*Tracey Smolder*

## OFFICE INFORMATION

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## OFFICE HOURS

We are in the office 5 days a week!

MONDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

8:30am - 3:30pm

## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

**Garbage Collection:** Every Wednesday

**Recycling Collection:** Every Other Wednesday

(See Enclosed Schedule)

**Garbage and Recycling must be out by 6:30 a.m.**

## 2025 MEETING DATES

### ***GENERAL MEETINGS***

Second Quarter:

**APRIL 30, 2025 7:30 P.M.**

Fourth Quarter:

**OCTOBER - TBD**

### ***BOARD MEETINGS***

**THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**7:00 P.M.**

All meeting dates and changes are posted  
at the clubhouse, on the website, by email, and on  
social media

## **SCOTT GHYSELS, PRESIDENT**

Spring has sprung in Barry Lakes, and with it comes a renewed sense of energy and opportunity! This newsletter highlights upcoming events, important reminders, and a chance to get involved in making our community even better. Let's work together to help spruce up our community! Spring is the time for renewal, so what needs to be renewed in our community? George Tadiello (buildings & grounds director) could always use some help with Beach Cleanup, some minor painting at the clubhouse, removing junk from the basement, and more. Susan Blanchard (who does a wonderful job as recreation director) needs help putting on all the wonderful community events she has planned! Volunteering is a meaningful way to give back to our community, connect with others, and make a positive difference. Check out our new & improved website at <https://www.barrylakes.org/> ! It is now very user friendly, and includes minutes from recent board meetings, new rules and regulations, trash & recycling schedules, you can find upcoming activities & events, upcoming board & general meeting dates, community news & previous newsletters, and much more! You can also sign up there to subscribe to our email list to receive updates, news, and more delivered directly to your inbox! And don't forget to follow LCPOA's official social media page on Facebook "Barry Lakes – LCPOA".

Please see Eileen Sciscoe's important article regarding the Structural Integrity Act/ reserve funding law that was signed by Governor Murphy in January 2024.

This law is a result of the catastrophic 2021 collapse of the condominium towers in Surfside Florida. This new law in NJ mandates structural inspections, reserve studies, and reserve funding by all community associations, and was intended to ensure those communities are financially secure and structurally safe. Legislators say this Act applies not only to condo associations, but to private lake communities like us! As a result, LCPOA will be required to substantially increase your dues (see my previous newsletter articles for details). So LCPOA has been contacting our legislators requesting they improve this law to provide relief for HOA lake communities with private homeowners, such as you! Eileen's newsletter article will give you details on how you can help!

Last but not least, our next General Meeting is scheduled for Weds April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. General Meetings are crucial for keeping LCPOA's business moving forward, and also serves to update our members on what is happening in the community. We urge you to attend!

Board members are volunteers, meaning they serve without pay or compensation, and are elected by the members of our community. Unlike employees or hired professional property management companies in many other private communities, LCPOA board members do not receive a salary or any other form of monetary compensation for their services. Board members share their spare time and expertise to manage LCPOA's affairs for you. So these meetings are your opportunity to address questions to the Board, and provide us with your feedback on any recent changes or updates that have already been implemented.

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

Hello Barry Lakes!

Now that the weather is getting nice, PLEASE drive carefully! Kids are playing outside, riding their bikes, and members are out walking. Slow down, pay attention and do not become that 'person' everyone writes about on Facebook!

Soon our resident black bears will be out and about. They are hungry and garbage will attract them just like a dinner bell! So if you do not want any uninvited visitors, please be mindful of your garbage, and put it out on Wednesday mornings or use bear-proof cans. You will save yourself a lot of time and aggravation by keeping your trash secured. Just a reminder, if you rent the clubhouse, please make sure that both the dumpsters' lids and latches are closed, along with the metal gate. The bears are always watching! Hope to see everyone at the General Meeting. Thank you,  
 David

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

Happy Spring, everyone! Birds are chirping, flowers are blooming and I'm excited to dive into some paving projects. I've already compiled a list of areas based on calls to the clubhouse from residents. While every area will be reviewed, please remember that our budget is limited, so not everything can be addressed. Priorities will be set to ensure the most pressing needs are tackled. I personally drive every road to assess conditions and create a list, but the budget determines what's feasible.

A quick reminder: maintaining a swale (if you have one) is the homeowner's responsibility, just as city residents are responsible for their sidewalks. If you experienced any winter-related damage from plowing, please contact the town directly to resolve it.

Lastly, I can't stress enough the importance of having a visible house number on your home. If I can't locate your address, I can't address the issue. More importantly, clearly displayed house numbers are critical in emergencies for police, fire, or ambulance services. Let's work together to keep everyone safe and accessible.

**EILEEN SCISCOE,**  
**TREASURER**

As you are now aware our lake associations have been swept into NJ Structural Integrity Act, which is not applicable to Barry Lakes and will cause our members financial strain. With the assistance of Senator Space we can now dialogue the Honorable Troy Singleton-Chairman, Senate Community and Urban Affairs and the Honorable Yvonne Lopez-Chairwoman, Assembly Housing Committee. Both of which have introduced bills into the Senate and Assembly, that could remove us as being described by Condo requirements. We need your help to get these bills heard and voted on! We will be providing pre-printed letters, available in the office, emailed and on our web site. Please fill one out, sign it, and mail it in.  
 Thank you.

**SUSAN BLANCHARD,  
RECREATION DIRECTOR**

Spring has sprung!!!

Hope everyone is getting outside and enjoying the nicer weather.

Here are some events to look forward to this spring and start of summer... For more information follow **Barry Lakes**

**Recreation** on Facebook. All events and activities are posted there, as well as, our website **Barrylakes.org**

- **Firepit Fridays 6:30pm-9:30pm**  
5/2- Dave and John Acoustic  
5/9- TBD  
5/16- The DeLear Brothers
- **Yoga with Cindy:** Wednesdays  
(Starting mid May) check website for more information
- **BEACH OPENING LUAU: 6/21**

Please check our website or like Barry Lakes Recreation on Facebook for more upcoming events as they get planned.

\*\*\* If you have any recreation ideas, interest in volunteering, or leading an activity please reach out to me at

[barrylakesactivities@gmail.com](mailto:barrylakesactivities@gmail.com). I look forward to an amazing year and making memories for a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Susan Blanchard, Recreation Director



***FROM THE OFFICE***

***BEACH BADGES and PARKING  
PERMITS***

***WEDNESDAY***

***May 14th - 5:00-7:00 p.m.***

Badges and permits will be available starting Wednesday 05/14/25 from 5-7:00p.m, and then during regular office hours after that.

You will not be allowed entrance to the beach without them!! If you would like the badges mailed, please contact the office

The office sends out e-mail blasts for all upcoming events. If you would like to receive our e-mail updates, please go to our website, [barrylakes.org](http://barrylakes.org) and sign up to receive future e-mails.

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Follow us on Facebook!

Our official page: ***Barry Lakes - LCPOA***

To keep up with all of our community events/activities, please follow our ***Barry Lakes Recreation*** page

Board positions that will be opening up for the 2026-2027 term are: President, Treasurer, Legal Director, and Recreation Director. Two(2) Trustee Positions will also be open for nominations. So, if you are interested in Volunteering your time on the Board, please submit a nomination when the 'Call for Nominations' notice goes out in August.

\*\*\*Just a friendly reminder to please help out the community by keeping the drains and swales in front of, or on, your property clean and clear.\*\*\*

## ***DUES***

***DUES PAYMENT:*** The **THIRD** quarter payment is due by **June 15**. This payment will receive a late fee if it is not received in the office or postmarked by July 1st.

## ***GARBAGE CUTOFF***

**May 14-** Your Trash Service will be interrupted if your Second Quarter dues have not been paid.

**July 16 -** Your Trash Service will be interrupted if your Third Quarter Dues have not been paid.

Please remember that you can drop off your payments in the drop box by the front door of the clubhouse, and we accept payments over the phone by credit or debit card.

## ***DISCOUNTS***

Members are only eligible for one of the following discounts:

### ***SENIOR CITIZEN DUES 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 (such as a driver's license or birth certificate) to receive the discount. This discount will not be applied if the account is currently receiving the 10% Vet/Active Military Discount.

### ***VETERAN/ACTIVE MILITARY DUES DISCOUNT***

Members in good standing that are veterans or active military shall be offered a 10% discount in 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.

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

**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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FREE ESTIMATES**

## BEACH RULES

**Guests & Guest Passes:** Guest passes will be issued up to ten (10) guests per family with a refundable deposit.

1. A member NOT in good standing may NOT be a guest of a member in good standing.

2. Other non-members as described in the CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE III, Section B, may NOT be guests.

**PETS:** All pets must be properly licensed in accordance with the Vernon Township ordinances and must be leashed at all times. **NO** pets will be permitted in the beach area at any time.

**Beach & Boating Safety:** No fishing or boating at any time will be permitted in the designated swimming areas. All N.J. State boating regulations will be adhered to. No motors other than a battery powered trolling motor will be permitted on any lake in the L.C.P.O.A.

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