



Social Committee

Valerie Cicconi



Wednesday, October 7 th at 5PM will be our Taco night social. We will have plenty of fixings to make your own taco or taco salad, your choice. We will provide water, iced tea and lemonade, but feel free to bring your own choice of beverage. There will be poke cake for dessert. If you haven't signed up yet, please see the signup sheet in the mail house.

Next month will be our Chicken and Biscuit social on November 11 th at 5PM. Watch for the sign up sheet. We will be serving a salad with the chicken and biscuits along with dessert.

Bible Study

Karen Neubauer

As we ready for the cooler weather, **we will be having Bible Study on October 7 and October 21.** We will be continuing our study of Romans, Chapter 13. Anyone can join at any time, as God's Word is eternal and applicable to our lives all the time. It's amazing how you can read through a passage over and over and each time God says something new to us! Hope you can join us. If any questions, contact Karen Neubauer at (724)229-6977 or karencrochet22@gmail.com

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Building and Roads

Ron Richards

We are wrapping up the work associated to our building inspections. The painting may linger into October if the weather conditions dictate. Ron Belensky our resident professional painter, has completed the gray component painting and is moving to the cream color now. Many of the shutters were in need of repair. Jay Rush to the rescue. Thanks, Jay! Many downspouts and gutters were clogged. Bob Romain to the rescue. Bob called for assistance from Premier Power Cleaning for the difficult ones. Thanks, Bob! We will be coming around and removing wasp/hornet nests in early October.

Todd's Asphalt completed the driveway sealing for all but 1 driveway in September. They are scheduled to return as soon as weather permits. They also perform our crack repair for driveways and roads, which typically is scheduled for November.

With all of the rain, along comes roof leaks. Our roofer, Garside Contracting has been here several times this summer. We continue to encourage you all to periodically scan your ceilings for any water marks. Please submit a Service Request should you see any. The sooner we can get the repair scheduled, the less damage will be incurred. Just a reminder: the Association is responsible for the repair, but any painting that is needed is the resident's responsibility. We don't make these rules, we just try to explain them.

We have been working with Mike Kirby, the electrician who has installed heat tape for several residents, and has currently quoted 2 locations, to determine a higher wattage heat tape that will be more effective in dealing with the ice dams we have experienced in the last couple of years. Most residents have installed the more popular 5 watt/foot heat tape which has proven to not be fully effective lately. We are looking at an 8 watt/foot product now, which of course will be more expensive. We will conclude this shortly. If you are considering a heat tape installation, remember this requires an Alteration Request.

Sunday Afternoon Steeler Games

The Sunday afternoon Steelers games can be watched at the VOAM clubhouse. Bring a snack to share as well as your beverage of choice. Everyone pitches in to clean up after the game

LET'S GO STEELERS

A Special thank you to Stephanie Sinovich for the beautiful fall decorations at the clubhouse .

Grounds Committee

Ron Richards

Mother Nature continues to provide opportunities for us to deal with. Beside the nice greenery we all enjoyed this summer instead of the dormant brown from the last 2 years of drought, with all the rain we have developed several drainage and erosion issues. Water is seeping out of hillsides. MMM's crew has to cut a little higher due to wet conditions, The bright side is the new shrubbery is not requiring a lot of extra watering.

Our fragile pin oaks continue to require special feeding. We did have to remove 1 at the end of MCL and a couple more there are not looking good.

We have an influx of *Alianthus* trees and sprouts which require treatment to kill the roots followed in a few months by removal. This invasive species also is a nesting spot for lantern flies. Our Arborist Jarosh will be treating these before the end of September, and MMM will remove them around March. They typically colonize along the perimeter of woods.

We are planning a limited fall planting this year which will be done in early October. Watch for the new look around the Mailhouse.

Pool Committee

Mike Zaremba

Another pool year has sadly ended however; we did celebrate the last day with a wonderful group of friends. Until next year may everyone have a wonderful, safe, fruitful rest of the year!



Labor Day Pictures



**Lots of food
and desserts
as always, and
a 50/50 raffle**



**2 volunteers
lead the Pic-
tionary game
moderated by
Karen
Neubauer**



*A special thank you to Leona Fowler for the pictures
for all of our celebrations.*

Fall Festivals in Washington County

- **Saturday, October 3 — Hickory Apple Festival.** Mt. Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Company area in Hickory; local crafts, demonstrations, food, and family activities. .
- **Friday, October 9 through Sunday, October 11 — Houston Pumpkin Festival.** Downtown Houston; food and craft vendors, children's activities, a parade, contests, music, and entertainment.
- **Wednesday, October 7 — Mon Valley Fall Fest & Carnival.** Palmer Park, 1400 Palmer Park Road, Donora.
- **Saturday, October 17 — Scenery Hill Fall Festival.** Scenery Hill Town Square.
- **Weekends through October 25 — Fall Fun on the Farm Festival.** The SpringHouse; seasonal farm activities.
- **Weekends through October 25 — Trax Farms Fall Festival.** Recurring Saturday and Sunday fall activities.
- **Through Sunday, November 1 — Simmons Farm Fall Festival.** Five days a week with hayrides, a corn maze, apple and pumpkin picking, and other activities.

More listings: The [Visit Washington County event calendar](#) showed dozens of October entries when checked; use its date and category filters for additional concerts, history programs, children's activities, Halloween events, and festivals.

Saturday, October 31, 5:00–7:00 p.m. — City of Washington Trick-or-Treat. The city has announced official neighborhood trick-or-treat hours.

