



# THE CREEK

Newsletter for Residents of Sawyer's Creek  
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## Letter From The Board...

Greetings friends and neighbors! Here's the latest update on recent events in our community. This newsletter can also be found on our website [www.sawyerscreek.org](http://www.sawyerscreek.org)

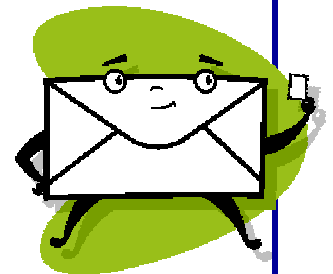
A meeting was held in March with the developer and attended by the Board, TWP Solicitor, Public Works Director, and Engineers. The developer is working on fixing the outstanding issues by April 15<sup>th</sup>. After that date the Board is ready to begin maintenance of the Open Space, including trash pick up and Landscaping. We have waited several years for this moment. Some may ask "Why didn't we do it before" The answer is that if we decided to maintain only a portion, then we would be responsible for everything and the developer would be free of any outstanding obligations. This would have meant a significant financial burden on every homeowner. Since the TWP did not (and/or would not) pull the bond for the developer, we had to wait for compliance. The Board has spent many, many hours,

workdays, and evenings with the current and former administration (Council, Mayor, Solicitor) to bring this to closure. The Board recently won a huge decision regarding the Open Space near the entrance by the fabled horse corral. With this behind us we are ready to move forward and finally maintain the neighborhood in a professional and timely fashion.

After a competitive bidding process, Hammerhead Landscaping has been hired to maintain the open space landscaping needs of the Sawyers Creek Association. Look for a dramatic improvement this Spring. During the summer months we will begin bidding out Landscaping Improvement projects to improve the look and image of the neighborhood. It has been a long process and we appreciate everyone's patience. Your ideas are welcome as we look to remake the entrance way and basin areas as well as the common areas along Blackwood-Barnsboro Rd.

Association Dues of \$175 were due last month for 2009. If you have not already paid please do so to avoid late fees and interest. There is a flex payment plan as well.

Failure to pay will only lead to costly collection



fees, interest penalty, and liens. Ultimately these outstanding obligations also put undue pressure on our small budget and may lead to higher association fees for the entire community. The economic downturn has negatively impacted many segments of our economy, especially the financial markets. As a non-profit entity, the Board did not chase the risky investments with our cash reserve, but rather sought a more prudent fiscal approach. Due to this decision, our cash reserve and equity remains strong and intact. We are well positioned to maintain the open spaces as we move forward through the transition of the neighborhood.

### Sawyer's Creek Homeowners Association Board of Trustees

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CMSG  
Ann Driscoll  
856 802-1055 ext. 104

## Being A Good Neighbor Means...

Curbing your pet-It is not only a common courtesy, **It's the law**. Many neighbors have complained regarding the blatant disregard some pet owners have demonstrated. This is not a SCHOA Board issue-It's a health issue and comes with fines. If you see neighbors out of compliance, please contact the Municipal Services office immediately at 856-589-0523.

Practice Safe Driving—Children are at play in this neighborhood. We have a **large** amount of children residing in our development and a lot of cars parked on the streets. That means blind spots. Remember to observe the Speed Limit of 25 mph and be careful while driving. Observe STOP signs. Our children are counting on you.

Do not litter– The trash that goes down into the sewer grates and culverts end up in our detention basin. Please pick up any recyclables that may have blown away on

trash day. Encourage your children to use proper trash receptacles instead of the sewer while at a Bus stop or walking in the neighborhood.

Knowing the Rules-The Board of Directors, acting on concerns from many of the homeowners, has adopted a resolution regarding the House Rental Policy which was adopted unanimously at our last meeting. A copy of the policy is included in this mailing and posted on our website for everyone to review. Again, compliance standards and enforcement are established by local municipal code. Please feel free to contact the board regarding any questions or concerns. For a complete list of Washington Township Municipal Codes like construction, animals, landscaping, zoning, taxes, swimming pools and 285 other chapters of information, go to the website [www.generalcode.com](http://www.generalcode.com) choose New Jersey-Washington Township-Gloucester County. The Township Clerk's office can also answer any questions Call 856 582-0520 ext. 213.

## Thank You!

A special "Thank You" goes out to Rocco Siravo for his years of hard work and dedication to the SCHOA Board. Rocco resigned from the Board in November 2008, after many years of service and we would like to wish him all our best! Rocco and all our former Board members and volunteers are to be thanked for their efforts over the years.

At our last open Board meeting only a handful of residents were in attendance, despite the low turnout we were able to appoint a few new faces to the Board Nick Cerulli—Member At-Large. Nick brings a quiet but knowledgeable spirit to the Board. We look forward to his valuable input.

Paul Marques – Secretary Paul is not so new to the Board as he has attended all our meetings. He would like to help get more residents involved in our community. Greg Wilson – Treasurer Greg realizes our development has some challenges but has decided to join the Board to help move us forward. Greg has a background in Finance which makes him a natural for the Treasurer's seat.



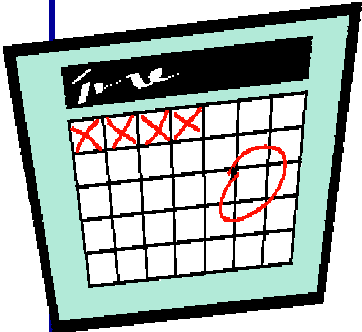
### Sawyers Creek Homeowners Assoc. Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2009  
Wash. Twp Municipal Building  
Egg Harbor Rd., Sewell

Flyer with details to arrive soon!  
Bring a Neighbor!

## Got Honor? Let Us Know.

Submit your child's full name and grade level to be added to our sawyerscreek.org Honor Roll. Visit the Kids tab on our site to see the current list and for more details.



## 2009 Upcoming Events

April

17 & 18-Spring Yard Sale

May

20-SCHA Board Meeting  
Tentative Date

October

17 & 18-Fall Yard Sale

November

SCHA Board Meeting  
Date TBD

December

Happy Holidays!

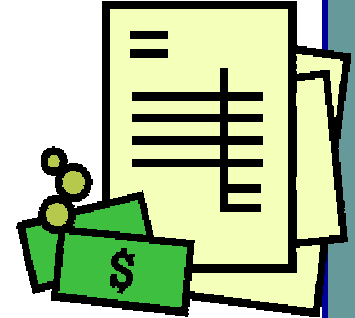
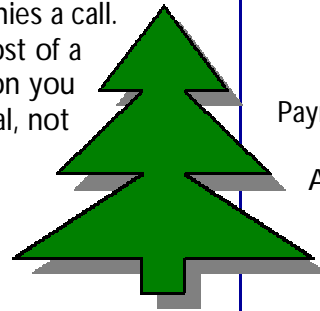
Check our website  
for schedule updates.

## Help Us Go Green!

The Board of Directors will be streamlining our communications for more timely, environmentally-conscience and cost effective options. We are asking for your help. Please email the Board with your name, email address, mailing address and phone number. Visit our website [www.sawyerscreek.org](http://www.sawyerscreek.org) and click on the Contacts tab. Choose the communications link to email us your information. We will update our database and try to have an e-based newsletter, instead of paper, to keep everyone up to date on current Sawyer's Creek events.

We may even call you at home using a communication called Voice Broadcasting. We can call a list of neighbors and leave a pre-recorded message, all for pennies a call. It is much cheaper than the cost of a postage stamp. The information you give us will be kept confidential, not overused and certainly not shared or sold to anyone.

Thank you in advance for your participation.



## Dues Are Due!

The Annual Sawyer's Creek Association fees were due on March 15, 2009.

Avoid further late fees  
legal fees,  
penalties and  
eventually liens by  
paying in full.

Payment plans can also be arranged through Ann Driscoll at CMSG  
856 802-1055  
extension 104.



## Neighbor To Neighbor—N2N

Computer Sales and Service 856-228-4854  
Upgrades, Repairs and Training available by Paul.

Hammerhead Landscaping 609-929-7728  
Discount for Sawyer's Creek Residents. Free Estimates.

Restoration Roofing 856-227-7664  
Can replace or repair. Will beat any written estimate!

Neighborhood Hair Stylist 267-265-0303  
Expert in Color. Call Jacqueline.

Notary Services Available 609-315-2670  
Contact Melissa Redrup at [mredrup1@verizon.net](mailto:mredrup1@verizon.net)

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## The Creek Contest

*"Why does Washington Township store water in elevated tanks?  
Provide two reasons."*

Submit your name,  
home address  
and your answer  
By May 15, 2009 to  
[creekcontest@sawyerscreek.org](mailto:creekcontest@sawyerscreek.org)



Winner receives a \$50 Visa Gift Card!  
One entry per home address. The winner will be chosen by random from all correct entries received. Winner's name will be posted on our website 5/17/09.

## Spring Clean Up

Check your house this Spring. We had a very windy winter and now is a great time to address any outstanding issues.

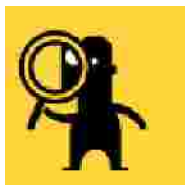


- Look over the outside of your home and clear your downspouts and look for missing caulk around doorways, windows & garage.
- Clean off the outside chairs, sidewalks, driveways, umbrellas and stained exterior walls. Power washing does wonders!
- Change your heater/air conditioner's air filter.
- Clear your yard of debris or your neighbor's yard of your debris!
- Check your deck and swing sets for wear and warping and tighten any loose bolts, screws, and or nails.
- Replace any siding or flashing from your roof or eaves. Moisture and weather will quickly rot and ruin your home if not corrected. A small repair now will save hundreds if not thousands of dollars later.
- Most garage door opener springs need to be sprayed with a lubricant such as WD-40. Check your owner guide for directions.
- Change your clocks and check the batteries in your smoke detector.

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Be a Sawyers Creek Chef—Post your recipe on [sawyerscreek.org](http://sawyerscreek.org) (Neighborhood Tab) to share with your friends and neighbors. Check out Colleen's recipe for Swiss Almond Dip. A must-have appetizer at any party!

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## Town Watch

The [sawyerscreek.org](http://sawyerscreek.org) website is updated twice a month with the latest Town Watch news from Sgt. Bill Lee of the Washington Township Police Department.

He provides to us the latest criminal activity around our community.

Please check the site frequently for areas of concern in our Township.

Some easy things to remember to help deter thieves are:

- Remember to always lock your car doors. Even in your own Driveway. This is an open invitation to criminals. Don't be a victim.
- Keep an outside light on overnight.

If you would like to contact the Washington Twp. Police

Community Response Unit for more tips or questions on Town Watch contact Sgt. Lee at 856 589-8594 or email the Board at [townwatch@sawyerscreek.org](mailto:townwatch@sawyerscreek.org)

## Community Reminders

If you see a street light on a utility pole out call PSEG at 1-800-436-7734 and follow the prompts. Respond to computer with "Street light out". Please note the number on the utility pole and street name.

Report any illegal or unusual activity to the proper authorities. Dial 911.

Any problems or concerns about the streets, street signs or potholes contact the Wash Twp. Municipal Services Dept  
Dir.: Nicholas Pileggi  
856 589-0523.

Questions about Washington Township Government, Services, Parks and Recreation, various forms or to pay your taxes? Visit [www.townshipnj.com](http://www.townshipnj.com)

Questions about your child's local school, board policies, want to email the teacher or learn about grade level curriculum and more? Visit [www.wtps.org](http://www.wtps.org)

Interested in submitting content to our newsletter or volunteering for a committee? Visit [www.sawyerscreek.org](http://www.sawyerscreek.org) and let us know via email.