

The Escape Newsletter

Fall 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

It is hard to believe that summer is over already. After a crazy Spring, summer went way too fast. I want to welcome all the new homeowners that have bought over the last few months.

Enclosed you will see two ballots: one for election for the Board of Directors and the other for By Law changes. There are seven (7) candidates running for the board for the 2021 term. Please review all their letters carefully and place your vote up to four (4) people.

Please remember to winterize your home and call the office to have your water shut off. By properly winterizing your home you can save yourself and your neighbors a lot of aggravation. Please protect your home; drain your pipes of all water by opening the faucets and do not forget to flush your toilet to clear the water from the bowl. Have the pipes blown out to ensure they are drained. Also, heat tape is meant to be insulated as well to effectively prevent frozen pipes so it is a good idea to buy some insulation to cover the pipe after the heat tape is on.

Enclosed please see information regarding smoke testing in the community. This is very important.

Congratulations to Robert & Joanne DiBlasi the winners of the 2020 Dues Raffle. We will be selling dues raffle tickets for 2021 in November. There will be no increase to the maintenance or sewer/water fees for 2021. The Board of Directors voted on Saturday 10/10/20 to not raise the fees.

We will be changing parking stickers for 2021. They will be valid for one (1) year. We must have your valid registration before issuing stickers. We will be writing the license plate number on the sticker and the stickers are to be placed in the back window or bumper of the vehicle.

We have been working on the sewer project for about 3 years. This project is going through the USDA. Our engineer, KBA Engineering, the association attorney Chris Farrell, and myself are in constant contact with the USDA. As of now they are reviewing the environmental report. I will update accordingly.

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Board of Director Election Resumes
(In Alphabetical Order)

JASON ABBOTT

I would like to run for re-election for the board of directors of the Escape Property Owners Association.

My past year of participation has been enjoyable.

For those who are unfamiliar with me, I have lived in the Escape full time for the past 4 years. I am married with two children.

I am employed as an Industrial Designer and Project Manager with a large industrial construction company located in northeast Pennsylvania.

I have over 24 years of experience working in my field.

I would like to continue offering my knowledge and experience to the community moving forward in a positive direction.

Sincerely,

Jason Abbot

KEVIN KELLER

Thank you for your consideration in re-election to the Escape Property Owner's Association Board.

As noted in my original application, our family was fortunate to buy our home in the Escape in December 2011. Anne and I were born and raised in Indiana and have happily been married for 35 years. We have both been active on committees and in the community because we enjoy the amenities and opportunities that we have in the Escape.

I hope my participation has been of benefit to the community and, if so, would appreciate your consideration for re-election to the Board.

BRIAN MCGUIRE

My name is Brian McGuire. I am interested in running for a Board of Director position for the Escape. I have been in the escape for 6 years now and have seen a steady increase of the neighborhood improving. I would like to add my assistance in Making the Escape Great Again. My goals to help improve the community that we live in are, Create a ZOOM program for those who can't make committee or board meetings. I had recommended this in the late spring when the Covid-19 pandemic occurred, so I would like to create this and help those who are unable to attend meetings. My other goals are to bring the community together with more family and children activities. Memories are built in the Pocono Mountains and having family events will build a lifetime memory with our children and families. This year was tough do to restrictions to keep everyone safe, but I would like to help plan events in the coming years. I am active on the Dock committee for a few years now, with also joining the By-laws committee this year. I want to be the voice for the members in our community so everyone can enjoy their future stay here in the Escape. Thank you for taking your time to read this and God Bless America

Brian McGuire

EDWARD PELLIKAN

My name is Ed Pellikan and I am running for a renewed position on the board. I have been serving on the board for about a year now. I am a retired captain from the NYC Fire Department. I was reluctant at first to take the position because it does require a considerate amount of time when things need to be decided. Also, I'm not one to have to argue and barter about situations that need to be dealt with.

However, I saw what happened to this community shortly after I purchased my home 15 years ago. And I have also witnessed how it has turned around significantly in the past several years. I realized I'd like to be a part of keeping it going in the right direction. I've always said that the Escape is a hidden gem. It just needs to be managed right and have the right people that care about it to see it continue to progress in the right direction. And I believe that is what we are doing.

It takes a little time for a board to come together, get used to one another, work together cohesively, and I feel we are on that road. I certainly do not claim to be an expert in any area but I do have a lot of knowledge and experience in many areas that I think are very helpful when it comes time to making decisions for this community. I have the best interests of this community at heart. My boys spent every summer growing up here and are showing no signs of going anywhere anytime soon! I intend to continue to help in any way to ensure that this community continues to move in the right direction.

Warm regards,

Eddie Pellikan

DAVID POOL

I am a lifelong resident of Pennsylvania and a member of the Escape Community since 2016. I've been married to my wife Helen for 36 terrific years. We have four children and eleven grandchildren. I am a graduate of Ursinus College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Pace Institute and have held various managerial positions in both public and private venues.

We maintain residences both here and in Berks County, PA. My main interest in seeking board membership with the EPOA is to achieve fiscal restraint balanced against responsible investment in services and equipment needed to maintain and improve the community for all property owners.

SCOTT RESNICK

In the past year I have moved my family into the Escape community from New York City. The transition has been seamless as we have found all of the neighbors excessively friendly. We move to be near family and friends who have been enjoying “The Escape” life. The pandemic created an extraordinary moment in our life and gave us the necessary push to make this choice. We could not be happier. My wife and I live on Southerton Lane, with our nearly 11-year-old daughter, Olivia and our Yorkshire terrier, Max.

I feel can add value to the board with the breath of my experience. I have a strong background in real estate finance, as I operate commercial real estate brokerage for the past decade. I also have been investing in real estate through the years. I have served on several charitable boards and have been hands on with the annual budget review for the largest Coop in New York City.

ROBERT SNYDER

Let me introduce myself I am Robert A Snyder Jr. (Bob), my wife Caprice and I have been married for 23 years and have been visiting Lake Wallenpaupack regularly for the last 25 years. We have two daughters Alexandra 20 and Mackenzie 16 if life isn't crazy enough we also have multiple pets including three dogs, Ginger, a Weimaraner, Jessie and Diesel, both English bulldogs, and three horses Hurrikane, Willy and Lilly my daughters have been riding since the age of 2 and both compete with the horses doing eventing.

We have been coming to the Escape for years as guests of family friends and in 2015 we decided to become owners in the Association ourselves.

My wife Caprice is a Registered Nurse at Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health in New Brunswick NJ where she has worked for the last 27 years.

I am employed by the Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority in Middlesex, NJ since 2003 where I am currently the Executive Director / Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Our service area includes 8 towns and 3 Counties in central NJ. I am directly responsible for managing all aspects of the Authorities day to day operations with an operating budget of budget of 13 Million annually. I am a licensed Class 4 sewer collections operator and serve as PARSAs licensed operator of record (LOR) for the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

When I am not working or doing things with family, I enjoy all types of motorsports cars, ATV's boats and jet skis.

Thanks for your consideration,

Bob Snyder

*911 Address Signs are available for sale in the office.
Only \$20 each. Order yours today!

EPOA REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKER SIGNS

Get Help in Case of Emergency!

If you can't be FOUND, you can't be HELPED!

Order your ADDRESS SIGN today

BEFORE you NEED it!

Sign Features: Highly Visible Day or Night

**Only
\$20**

Reflective Material on Both Sides

Fade Resistant, Lasts for Years

Pre-drilled Holes (you supply post if needed
or can be installed on house)

White Reflective Numbers on Green Background

Sign is also great to get deliveries (UPS, Fed Ex, Flowers,) or give directions via GPS devices.

Signs need to be picked up from the office. Please fill out the form below and return it with a check or money order for \$20 per sign to the office either in person or by mail.

The Escape POA, P.O. Box 282, Greentown, PA 18426

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

Physical Escape Address (Number To Be On Sign – NOT LOT #) _____

Vertical – 2 sided for post _____ Horizontal – 1 sided for house _____

If you are unsure of you address number, please call the office 570-857-9090

The Escape Property Owners Association, Inc.

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION SHEET

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

LOT #: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

ESCAPE ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT NUMBERS:

1) _____ HOME / CELL / WORK

2) _____ HOME / CELL / WORK

3) _____ HOME / CELL / WORK

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO:

NAME: _____

BEST NUMBER TO CONTACT: _____

Below are Escape lots for sale. The lots are \$5000 each. The buyer is responsible for the deed transfer & capital improvement fee of \$900.

If you are interested in any of the lots, please email an offer to managerattheescape@ptd.net with the lot # in the subject line.

LOT #		
64	64 Hillside Drive	
148	148 Marina Way	
150	150 Marina Way	
167	129 South Granite Drive	
168	168 South Granite Drive	
169	169 South Granite Drie	
195	192 Southerton Lane	
204	204 Granite Dr	
205	205 Granite	
221	221 Stone Dr	
222	222 Stone	
231	231 Southerton	
237	143 Southerton	
385	385 Granite Dr	
393	393 Granite Dr	
394	394 Granite Dr	
395	395 Granite Dr	
396	396 Granite Dr	
397	397 Granite Dr	
521	521 Gingersnap	
527	527 Gingersnap	
528	528 Gingersnap	
529	529 Gingersnap	
530	530 Gingersnap	
551	551 Gingersnap	
552	552 Gingersnap	
553	553 Gingersnap	
554	554 Gingersnap	
555	555 Gingersnap	
576	114 Teak	
629	629 Spruce	
634	634 Spruce	
635	635 Spruce	
693	112 Oak	
704	144 Oak Drive	
720	720 Forest	
721	721 Forrest	
723	723 Forrest	

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Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus we were not able to have any events at the Marina. The Recreation Committee will be meeting to discuss future events. If you have any ideas or interest in this committee or any others, please send me an email at managerattheescape@ptd.net.

The office personnel are selling Escape t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats. They will be doing some raffle surprise for Christmas along with the house decorating contest.

Please keep an eye out on Facebook and the website for more information. I will send an email blast with any information too. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office or email me.

Thank you

Ann Marie Miller
Property Manager



Coming soon!

Christmas Raffle Surprise. What will it be?



Soon we will see.

Tickets will be on sale in the office.

www.theescapepoa.com

570-857-9090