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Our Sagamore Board of Directors is always busy with a lot of work to ensure we have a great place to live. Unfortunately, we are losing one of our directors who is moving to another home. **Jay Rowan** (#466) has served for two years and has made significant positive contributions to Sagamore in that short time. Jay has been a great neighbor and good influence in making decisions for our community. He will be missed.

Elections to the Board will take place at our Annual meeting in May. Including Jay's spot, we have three Board positions on which to vote. More to come on that later.

Here's a shout out to our other Board members who spend their own time to help manage Sagamore. **Anthony DeNight** has been doing a great job in watching our financial situation and ensuring we have the correct amount saved for capital projects. **Suzanne Blossic** is so very detailed and accurate in recording our Board meeting minutes. And **Tom Swift** keeps an eye out for what's happening in the community and with contractors and keeps the rest of the Board informed.

Plans for 2022

Maybe you have some resolutions for the new year. The Board would like to share some of the plans for Sagamore in the new year.

Winter

- Trim back the wooded areas around our properties so that the grass can be cut closer to the woods.
- Prune trees in the center area as needed.
- Landscape Committee will review the overall plantings plan for the community to determine priorities and establish phases by year.

Spring

- Install concrete at some locations that need replacement. List has been put together.
- Implement major capital project to line / replace rusting storm water lines to and from the retention basins as required by the Township. Expected cost \$130,000 +.
- Continue with the Landscaping Committee walks and development of plans.
- Walk with a team to identify any maintenance issues that are outside homes and the responsibility of homeowners.
- Review the need for any driveway repairs or other maintenance / capital projects.

Summer

- Inspect all maintenance issues that have been taken care of by homeowners.

Fall

- Plant new shrubs / trees per the overall Landscaping phased plan.
- Get bids for an updated engineering capital reserve study to be done in 2023.

Home Owner Association Fee

As you all know, our HOA fee is now \$280 per month as of January 1, 2022. Please remember to adjust your payments to the new amount.

Thank you to everyone who pays the HOA fee on time!

Sagamore Current Budget & Assets

Total Expenses:

2021 Actual \$228,040

2021 Budget \$212,623

Over budget by \$15,417 mainly driven by:
\$13,388 over on snow removal
\$1,729 over on landscaping contract
\$1,337 over on landscaping improvements

2022 Budget \$235,450

Operating Fund Equity Dec 2021 \$45,249

Capital Reserves Equity Dec 2021 \$306,560

Home Sales in Sagamore

#403	\$415,000	October 1
#467	\$430,000	December 1
#466	\$460,000	February 3



The Board reviewed, with PENCO's help, installing a walking trail in the woods. After feedback from impacted homeowners and review of the situation, we will not be pursuing the trail at this time.

Please remember to pick up after your dog. Walking through what's left out there is not fun.

Our snow contractor is Weaver. **Tom Swift** is managing their work when they are on-site.

Remember our speed limit on Lake George Circle is only **15 mph**. The Board is considering what other changes can be made to ensure safety.

Meet Your Neighbors

Sandy and John Gilpin #404



1. What made you decide to buy in Sagamore and how long have you lived here? We both moved to Sagamore at different times (I moved here 12 years ago and Sandy moved here 4 years ago). We both love Sagamore because this is where we met (with the help of Tom and Jane Swift).

2. In which town/state did you grow up? Sandy grew up in Upper Saddle River, NJ and I grew up in Media, PA until I was asked to leave.

3. What job have you had that you enjoyed the most? Sandy's favorite was being a short order cook. I've always been an artist and can't think of being anything else except rich.

4. If you were going to order food for delivery, where would you call? Shockingly, we have never had food delivered.

5. What are some words that people would use to describe you? We have to pass on this one because most of the words people use to describe us are unprintable. But wait a minute, that would make us honest and trustworthy. LOL.

6. What's the first car you ever owned? Sandy's was a Little Tikes Cozy Coupe. Mine was a VW Beetle with a Porsche engine. I couldn't afford the entire Porsche.



7. What's the farthest place to which you have traveled? For Sandy it's Hawaii. And for me it was Moscow, Russia. But we've both made many stops in Europe.

8. What is something about yourself that most people don't know? That I've actually never been convicted and Sandy can swear in Turkish and Chinese. 😊

9. What song(s) reminds you of high school? I can't remember high school and any Grateful Dead song works for Sandy.

10. What is it about Sagamore that makes it a good place to live? The people! And that there's only one way in and out.

Fire Pits at Sagamore

It is important for everyone's safety to follow what is in the Rules and Regulations at Sagamore which are as follows:

6. General Use M. No above ground tank of gas or other flammable liquid may be maintained on any lot, except for propane gas grills and propane fire pits. Only propane fire pits are allowed in Sagamore. Fire pits must be placed on a non-combustible fire pit pad and must be a pedestal type (raised on legs) to allow for appropriate ventilation on a deck. The pit must be placed away from walls, overhangs, and any flammable material. A fire extinguisher must be available and no cooking will be allowed in the pit.

N. No burning of trash, leaves, or other material is permitted in the common elements. No wood burning is permitted anywhere on the property. Open flames of any kind are not permitted. Butane lamps, chimineas, lighted torches, fuel-filled torches, etc. are not permitted.

This is not a new Rule / Reg. Living in a townhouse community puts the responsibility on each of us to ensure the safety of not only our own house but those of others. Propane can be turned off. Wood burns with embers that travel and cannot be extinguished completely quickly.

Another Rules and Regulations Reminder. 6. *General Use.* **Holiday decorations** are permitted to be displayed two (2) weeks prior to the holiday and must be removed within two (2) weeks after the holiday. Exceptions are: 1) Halloween decorations are permitted to be displayed beginning October 1 but must be removed by November 14. 2) Christmas / Holiday decorations, including holiday lighting, are permitted after Thanksgiving and must be removed no later than January 15.

Meet Your Neighbors

Cary Brooks #460



1. What made you decide to buy in Sagamore and how long have you lived here? I moved in December, 1997, so that would be around 24 years. I decided to buy here because I wanted a garage – at the time I worked rotating shifts. So sometimes I did not get home until 1am. I used to live in a condo where, at 1am, I would have to park in dark corners of the parking lot – not good. At the time, it was hard to find townhouses with garages.

2. In which town/state did you grow up? I grew up in Strafford, about ½ mile from the train station.

3. What job have you had that you enjoyed the most? My graphic design job, in video production, then the web site at QVC was certainly, we'll say, never a dull moment.

4. If you were going to order food for delivery, where would you call? I don't order food for delivery.

5. What are some words that people would use to describe you? Creative, perceptive, detail-oriented, logical.

6. What's the first car you ever owned? Used Dodge Dart

7. What's the farthest place to which you have traveled? Probably Warsaw. When I took a trip to eastern Europe in the 1990s, we flew into Warsaw. All the cities and countries on the tour were south or west of Warsaw.

8. What is something about yourself that most people don't know? I moved around when I was younger: Cincinnati & Columbus OH, Lansing MI, & Cheyenne WY. Then I moved back to Chester County.

9. What song(s) reminds you of high school? Jim Croce's "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown". Our family cat was named after Leroy Brown.



10. What is it about Sagamore that makes it a good place to live? Great location! Close to the West Chester borough, close to Brandywine Valley activities, lots of trails all around Chester County. There is also a lot of history in this area, if someone is interested in history.

Congratulations!

*Josh and Gabby (#468) have a new baby boy.
Welcome Henry!*

Please let us know if you have any family news (weddings, anniversaries, babies or new pets) you would like to share with your Sagamore neighbors.

Pumpkins for Pigs in Pocopson



Sagamore pumpkins didn't get tossed in the trash. They were collected and fed to local pigs! Thanks, **Jane Swift**, for coordinating.

Things We Can Let Go Of per Real Simple Magazine

- Mystery cords and chargers
- Uncomfortable shoes
- Hotel toiletries
- Old t-shirts
- Sad underwear
- Random coffee mugs
- Ancient textbooks
- Ratty linens
- Plastic containers without lids
- Lids with no container
- Gross sneakers
- CDs, DVDs and VHS tapes
- Broken crayons

Natural Sciences at Drexel University



Here's what you can do to use less water in your everyday life, starting now:

In the bathroom

1. Turn the faucet off when brushing teeth or shaving.
2. Stop using the toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket.
3. Take shorter showers.
4. Drop a plastic bottle filled with sand or pebbles into the toilet tank to trick the toilet into filling up with less water.
5. Install water saving showerheads and flow restrictors.

In the kitchen

1. Use the dishwasher and washing machine for full loads only.
2. Scrape food off plates instead of rinsing before placing them in the dishwasher.
3. Dip fruits and veggies in a bowl of cold water or clean sink to clean them instead of running the faucet.
4. Keep a container of drinking water in the fridge instead of running the tap until the H2O gets cold.

In the yard

1. Don't use hose water to push around leaves and debris in the gutter or the yard. Use a broom, dustpan and muscles.
2. Water outdoor plants only when needed.
3. Wash the car with water from a bucket instead of from a hose. Consider a commercial car wash that recycles water.

In general

1. Check faucets, hoses and pipes for leaks. Then stop them.
2. Drink tap water (filter if you want) and carry a reusable water bottle.



**SAGAMORE WINTER
GATHERING
DECEMBER 4**

**BEAUTIFUL NIGHT AND LOTS
OF NEIGHBORS!**

 



Holiday Lights at Sagamore



LONGWOOD GARDENS

Community Read Events 2022

Together with our community partners, the Community Read features a variety of events from book clubs and discussions, to author visits and film screenings, all related to the year's theme.

<https://longwoodgardens.org/education/community-read>



Chester County's Brandywine Valley
Appreciating Chesco Parks & Recreation
<https://www.brandywinevalley.com/appreciating-chesco-parks-recreation/>

Check out a few of Chester County's gorgeous local parks that are well worth a visit.



Share Your Favorites!

Recommendations based on your own experience (not your 3rd cousin twice-removed!).

Send to Suzanne Gerrity Blossic at sgerrity@verizon.net

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Name of person / company</u>	<u>Contact information</u>
Kitchen remodeler		
Bathroom remodeler		
Plumber		
General Contractor / Handy person		
Deck builder		
Flooring		
Appliance store / repair		
HVAC		
Electrician		
Gutter cleaning		
Painter		
Garage door work		
Fireplace work		
Window installer		
Window cleaning		
Deck clean / stain		
Siding cleaning		
Mover		
Hardware store		
Veterinarian		
Kennel		
Dentist		
Place to give material donations		
Take out food		
Restaurant		
Bakery		
Favorite shops in the borough		

The schedule for Board meetings is online. You can request Board meeting minutes by contacting PENCO.

Previous versions of the newsletter are online at sagamorehoa.com.

Do you have any ideas for Sagamore community events? Can you be the leader of an event?

Trivia game Road rally in the surrounding area Scavenger hunt Cooking contest
Prom Movie night Ice cream sundae party Campout
Modified Olympics Talent show Bingo Lip sync contest
Parade Pumpkin painting / carving contest Guessing games (how many beans in a jar)
Driveway chalk drawing contest Assemble a Sagamore cookbook Community charitable activity
Holiday caroling Murder mystery Visit from local police or fire persons

Of course, we will have our Labor Day picnic, our June garage sale, and our Winter Gathering when circumstances like COVID don't interfere. We also have a Welcome Committee and a Landscaping Committee.



Lenape Road?

The Lenape (English: /ləˈnɑːpi/, /ˈlɛnəpi/, or Lenape IPA: [ləˈnɑːpe]), also called the Leni Lenape, Lenni Lenape and Delaware people, are an indigenous people of the Northeastern Woodlands, who live in the United States and Canada. Their historical territory included present-day northeastern Delaware, New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania along the Delaware River watershed, New York City, western Long Island, and the Lower Hudson Valley. Today, Lenape people belong to the Delaware Nation and Delaware Tribe of Indians in Oklahoma; the Stockbridge-Munsee Community in Wisconsin; and the Munsee-Delaware Nation, Moravian of the Thames First Nation, and Delaware of Six Nations in Ontario.

During the last decades of the 18th century, most Lenape were removed from their homeland by expanding European colonies. The divisions and troubles of the American Revolutionary War and United States' independence pushed them farther west. In the 1860s, the United States government sent most Lenape remaining in the eastern United States to the Indian Territory (present-day Oklahoma and surrounding territory) under the Indian removal policy. In the 21st century, most Lenape now reside in Oklahoma, with some other communities in Wisconsin and Ontario.

Did you know?

- **Sagamore Hill** in Oyster Bay New York was the home of Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States, from 1885 until his death in 1919. Known as the Summer White House.
- **The Sagamore Resort** on Lake George is a landmark hotel with a prestigious history that dates back to the 1880s. The Sagamore opened its doors in 1883 with luxurious Lake George accommodations that attracted a select, international clientele, and quickly became the social epicenter for the wealthy residents of Green Island and Millionaires' Row.
- **Sagamore**: a subordinate chief of the Algonquin Indians.
- **Sagamore**, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. The new coal town of Sagamore literally sprang up in a period of four years after the extension of the railroad into the area in 1904. The necessary mine buildings were completed in 1908. William Hays built a 60-room hotel, Hyde-Murphy Company built ninety homes and the Keystone Company Store was constructed in 1905-1908. The first post office was opened on December 7, 1908. By 1913, 806 men were employed and the annual coal production was 600,000 tons. A theatre was constructed in 1916. At the Sagamore Hotel (which burned down in 2005) a passerby can still find a good cup of coffee and good conversation, and imagine the days when, in the words of Norman Coy, "There was no place like Sagamore!"

