

GOLD KEY NEWS

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President's Message

I begin my sixth and last year on the Board of Directors and second as your president. To say it has been a busy year is an understatement. We have done much work on improving and maintaining our community while staying in budget.

We received the draft financial audit of Gold Key and the really good news is that all Gold Key departments including the Office, Maintenance, Security, and Beach and Recreation spent less money year-over-year compared to last year. We did this, while maintaining or improving the services to the members. All of the directors and employees are to be congratulated on this accomplishment.

Besides being good stewards of the community's monies, the Board has:

1. Implemented the Natural Lake Management Plan, which uses non-chemical alternatives to manage aquatic vegetation. Fawn Lake was drawn down this year for good results and new

services like hydroraking and the purchase of maintenance tools are helping us achieve lakes in environmental balance. Instead of spending thousands of dollars on testing and chemical treatments, we have been investing in our own program to monitor and protect the lakes.

2. Refurbished and painted the community's buildings and entrance.
3. Protected the community water supply with DEP requested work completed on our wellhead at the lodge.
4. Installed new fire alarms in the lodge, restaurant, and rec room.
5. Purchased new picnic tables and grills.
6. Implemented a septic sewer plan at the lodge that saves money and limits problems.

7. Completed a \$600,000 capital improvement of road paving, the largest in the community's history. Because of the timing of the project, we were able to get \$800,000 in today's paving prices done for the \$600,000.

8. Completed the South Beach Park with a new flagpole and green area.
9. Completed the review of Gold Key's employees and granted bi-annual raises.

These are some of the accomplishments the Board has made this year. But there are lingering issues facing us, including two in particular:

1. **The culvert problem.** With 37 miles of road and almost 1000 houses, we have a lot of culverts that need to be

replaced or maintained better. Whenever there is a heavy rainfall we find new problems that need attention. I am sad to say some members have been negligent in taking care of their culverts and this has negatively impacted other members' properties.

2. **The new Township Park.** There are serious security issues facing Gold Key regarding the new Township Park that borders Gold Key. Issues about access and trespassing need to be resolved in the months ahead. We will be meeting with the township about these matters in the fall.

We will get these issues resolved. For now, I want all Gold Key members to know that we have excellent employees in our office, security, maintenance, and beach and recreation departments. It is their hard work that has enabled so much progress this year and my hat is off to them and the Board for what we have accomplished.

Enjoy the Fall Season! Until next issue,
Francis Ruggiero, President

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Important Numbers

Medical, Police or

Fire Emergencies 911

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PA Game Commission 570-675-1143

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Other Information

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In an emergency, call 911 or your local emergency number immediately from any wired or wireless phone.

An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from the police, fire department or ambulance. Examples include:

- A fire
- A crime, especially if in progress
- A car crash, especially if someone is injured
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When you call 911, be prepared to answer the call-taker's questions, which may include:

- The location of the emergency, including the street address
- The phone number you are calling from
- The nature of the emergency
- Details about the emergency, such as a physical description of a person who may have committed a crime, a description of any fire that may be burning, or a description of injuries or symptoms being experienced by a person having a medical emergency

When to call Gold Key Security 570-686-3636

- After you contacted 911 for any of the above
- Loose dogs
- Graffiti or other vandalism
- Erratic drivers
- Suspicious Activities
 - Individual walking around a

residence, looking into windows or trying to force open doors.

- Individual carrying any kind of weapon
- Solicitors asking unusual questions, appearing uncertain of questions or the purpose of their questions
- Unusual noises for the time of day
- Individual carrying property out of residence or business at unusual times
- Car driving past area repeatedly, or parking and no one exits
- Individual running from a residence or building
- Open or broken doors/windows in homes
- Open doors or broken windows in cars
- Car or house alarms

Fires and Burning in Dingman Township

Fall is a great time for a campfire. Here are some important notes to follow:

1. Must have a responsible adult present at all times.
2. Adequate supply of water.
3. Fire must be contained in a 'fire' ring (metal, stones).
4. Please call the Pike County Communication Center to log your campfire. 570-296-7700
5. Light the fire – enjoy S'mores!!
6. No fires between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am.
7. No burning of recyclable materials.
8. See Dingman Township Fire Department's website for burning bans. <http://www.dingmanfire.com/Burning%20Ban.htm>
9. Once the fire is out re-call the Pike County Communication Center. 570-296-7700

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Department Reports:

• Security

So far this has been a quiet year with no vandalism and burglaries (knock on wood). We continue to secure our entrance and Turf Road, as well as enforce the rules and regulations in the community. I want to congratulate our security officers for their continued hard work serving the community.

As I reported last month, one of the perpetrators of burglaries and vandalism in Gold Key Lake last summer was sentenced to 5-12 years in state prison. Matt Rimli pled guilty to burglarizing seven homes in Gold Key and Sunrise and stealing jewelry, electronics, tools, guns, and an ATV. He also pled guilty to starting a small fire in a house under construction.

The court also ordered him to pay a \$2000 fine and pay \$30,000 in restitution to the victims. Juvenile accomplices also received time in a correctional facility.

Gold Key Security played a critical role in solving these crimes and seeing justice done. Without Security's investigative work, this outcome would not have been possible. As of now, all acts of burglary and vandalism in Gold Key over the last five years have been solved and there are no outstanding unsolved cases.

One security issue we are now addressing is the new township park. Last week I had several conversations with the Dingman Township Chairman Tom Mincer about Gold Key's concerns. We agreed that a meeting with the Township and Gold Key Board will be held this fall to ascertain what can be done to protect Gold Key members' property. A fence is one possible solution.

Leaving For The Winter Please fill out the "Leaving for the Winter?" form and return it to the Gold Key Admin. Office so that we have the information on file in case we need to contact you during the winter or in order to forward your Gold Key News to your winter address. Our records will not reflect your relocation unless we receive this form completely filled out.

Leaving for the Winter?

Date leaving Gold Key for the winter _____

Name _____

Winter Address _____

Winter Telephone _____

Date Returning to Gold Key _____

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Gold Key Telephone _____

Signature: _____

Article 32

Deer Feeding

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From The Treasurer's Desk

This my final article as the Treasurer of our community. Our new Treasurer is Erwin Guberman who will be responsible for the finances of Gold Key while I will be responsible for collections as the Assistant Treasurer.

As of August 31, 2011 all invoices on hand have been paid as well as salaries through August 28th. As of month end August our Equipment Replacement Fund had a balance of \$439,852 and our Operating Fund had a balance of \$516,758. Between September 1st and May 31, 2012, the end of our current fiscal year we will need to average about \$15,000 of income monthly to insure that we have sufficient funds this year. In August 2011 we received \$24,200 so that this is a distinct possibility.

As I have previously indicated we have members who are in significant financial difficulties, including current and potential foreclosures as well as bankruptcies. These, as well as homes that have been vacated, number between 45 and 50 or about 5% of our homes. Some of these as well as others account for the 48 homes currently on the market.

We have 42 homeowners on payment plans and about 50 homeowners who owe mostly only this years dues. We have 9 liens and may be filing 8 civil complaints next month. Nineteen lot owners owe dues for this current year. When we identify the

bank or credit company foreclosing we usually receive payment with in 30-45 days but only current and 6 months back. In addition we currently have 86 accounts with our collections agent, 20 of which the property was lost a year or more ago.

Our auditor delivered a preliminary audit for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2011. Important portions of the audit appear in this edition of the Gold Key News although our assets declined \$193,500 the entire decline was due to the three-year road-paving project of almost nine miles of road at a cost of almost \$600,000. Of this amount \$152,000 came from the funds remaining from the 2009/2010 budget, which temporarily inflated assets and \$100,000 from our Capital Improvement Fund. Although revenue increased only \$5,565, year over year operating expenses declined \$22,449 with expenses of our four major departments showing a decline. After reviewing what we received from our auditor I have some questions that I will discuss with the Board. As soon as we have a final audit we will advise the community and any member who wishes to receive a copy can obtain one in our office. Key parts of the audit will appear as always in this issue of the Gold Key News.

I have enjoyed working as your Treasurer since 2002 except for a period of a few months and would like to thank the members of the Board for their assistance during these years.

Ed Ward, Treasurer

Pre-payment of Gold Key Dues

2012/2013 Dues Prepayment Plan

The Board of Directors is pleased to offer once again to member's in good standing a Pre-Payment Dues program for the 2012/2013 season. The purpose of the program is to allow you to break up your payments prior to the date the total amount is due, making the payments much easier to achieve.

Here's how it works:

1. Starting October 1 and every month until April 1, you will pay \$125.00, (or any amount you choose).
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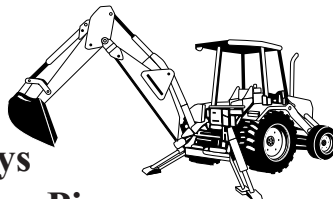
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Board Resolutions

RESOLUTIONS – June

RESOLVED, to accept the donation of a member's lot across the street from the Tennis Courts on Sunnylands Road and to direct the dues paid in 2011/12 by the Williams family be used to cover any transfer fees. Motion was made by Erwin Guberman; Seconded by Ed Ward. All in favor. Motion passed.

RESOLVED, to void the claimed transactions between Gold Key Country Club, Inc. and Jay Gee

Photography/Jerry Goldberg totaling \$211.18 as submitted. Motion was made by Francis Ruggiero; Seconded by Evelyn Carter. Favored: 6 Opposed: 1 (Rick). Motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS - July

RESOLVED, to purchase new smoke detectors with battery back-up systems for the Clubhouse from our current vendor Horizon Security Systems for the amount of \$1935. Monies to come from the Capital Improvement Account. Motion was made by Ray Shares; Seconded by Erwin Guberman. All in favor. Motion passed.

RESOLVED, to approve the Gold Key Country Club, Inc. Election Operation Procedures as stated (read new procedures). Motion was made by Erwin Guberman; Seconded by Randall Brown. Favored: 6 Opposed: 1 (Rick). Motion passed.

RESOLVED, to approve the bi-annual employee pay raises as submitted by the department directors and reviewed by the Board. Motion was made by Ed Ward; Seconded by Erwin Guberman. All in favor. Motion passed.

RESOLVED, to email all members on the community email distribution list a copy of the board meeting minutes upon their approval by the Board of Directors. Motion was made by Evelyn Carter; Seconded by Erwin Guberman. All in favor. Motion passed

Sale of open lots

by Ed Ward

The Judicial Tax Sale takes place in September followed by the Repository Sale in October/November. Gold Key currently owns about 460 lots and will probably pick up an additional ten or more this fall from the Repository Sale. Many one-third acre lots currently owned by members probably do no perk and when this is finally determined the owner stops paying taxes. There are 48 properties listed in Gold Key for the

Judicial Tax Sale.

Of the 460 lots currently owned by Gold Key only 180 are considered "forever green". We have and will continue to sell any of the other lots to an adjacent homeowner provided that the new deed indicates that no home will ever be built on the lot. Should the property next to you be undeveloped and you might want to acquire it please come into our office to determine if it is available for sale by Gold Key. All sale proceeds are utilized for our roads.



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News From The Beach & Rec. Department

by Michele Nestman and staff

The summer's end has arrived, and sadly our beach is closed. We have had many happy faces present at our Beach and Recreation facility throughout the season. July held the most events for our community from the Mexican Fiesta to Gold Key Day, all events celebrating our community spirit in a big way.

We kicked off our 4th of July Celebration with Music Under The Stars. Parents and grandparents had a little grownup time listening to Rod Stewart's American Songbook. Favorite beverages were enjoyed while the kids played in the rec room or playground. Families came to the beach and enjoy the lake and games on the beach. The Rec Room hosted a craft table and the playground was always busy! The weather was perfect for a holiday weekend! The beach was near capacity and our community celebrated the holiday with live entertainment provided by the classic rock band "Xcalibur". All in all the turnout was great; we lit up the beach for

the kids with our donated lighting to allow for playing football and volleyball under the fresh night air. What could be better?

New faces and new events fell into place like our first Mexican Fiesta at the firehouse. Over 70 people enjoyed the delicious authentic Mexican food, catered by Riviera Maya Restaurant, and lively dance music. The kids were treated to a piñata filled with lots of treats to share. Festive decorations and music set the pace for a greatly enjoyed event.

Our Beach & Recreation Department made possible the enjoyment of an afternoon getaway to the Mohegan Sun Casino at Pocono Downs. It was a great way to relax and eat at the bountiful buffet and have fun at games of chance. This is one of most popular trips. We look forward to seeing you this fall as we plan another trip. Look for details on the website, Key Notes and email. Thanks to all who participate and support our trips!

The event of the month was Gold Key Day. The hot July day and B&R planning fell into place. The day was highly enjoyable from noon to night by everyone. We had many games-of-chance where you could win prizes. Big hits such

as the bounce house, snow cone maker and the Gold Key Gator Tricky Tray made it for nonstop action. All kids, both young and not so young, had a great time! The evening was capped off with DJ John Tone playing music from the 80's. Everyone was in good spirits with lots of dancing. Group singing could be heard across the deck, as this event was a total blast! Gold Key Day has always been a tradition, so we'll see you next season. We would like to thank all our volunteers for the help on this very busy day

Our trip to CamelBeach Mountain Water Park was a great way to beat the heat of a hot summer day. It was the perfect family getaway. There were many things to do, relaxing poolside, riding the waves and water slides. With different places to eat, shop and play this trip was one where you got to act like a kid again! CamelBeach is a great place to bond with your family! We are planning a CamelBack Mountain Resort adventure this winter for snow tubing. Look for details in the Key Notes, website and email. Just remember to sign up early; group tickets must be purchased in advance.

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with dinner at the Chatterbox and *Music Under The Stars* including CD's of *Music of the 70's* and *The Music of Motown*. The cool evening air adds to a relaxing night of music that had many dancing under the stars. *Music Under The Stars* is a great time for grown-up talk and a deck free of excited children.

The August 13th gathering included live music with Acoustic Guitarist, Seth Fleishman. The weather threatened thunderstorms and delivered. As a result, the gathering was moved to the firehouse. Forty guests supplied requests and a chorus of voices that could be heard as Seth entertained. Everyone enjoyed listening to his or her favorite tunes despite the rainy weather outdoors.

Finally our "Farewell To Summer" Labor Day holiday agenda was a great success! More *Music Under The Stars*, games on the beach, crafts, boats and a DJ! DJ Mogs did a great job playing to the crowd and offering a great song list to please both the kids and the grownups. He had the crowd on their feet for the most of the evening. Families enjoyed celebrating and saying goodbye to summer and to Hurricane Irene.

We are working on fall and winter events. The complete

details will be published as the event draws near. This is a tentative schedule of activities:

Saturday, October 8	Rain date Community Flea Market
Sunday, October 9	Ice Cream Social- Kids/Teen Dance
Saturday, October 15	Winery trip- details to follow
Sunday, October 30	Trunk or Treat followed by the Kids Halloween Party
Friday, November 11	Mohegan Sun Casino trip
Saturday, December 10	Teen Holiday Dance
Saturday, December 17	Milk and Cookies with Santa
Saturday, December 31st	New Year's Eve Party

We will be offering ping-pong & pool tournaments along with the second chapter of "In It To Win It" and much much more to keep the kids busy during the fall and winter months.

As always, we would like to **thank** our many friends and volunteers that come and lend a hand, donate supplies and support our efforts in the Beach and Recreation Department. We could not have had such a successful season without you! We look forward to seeing you at our next event!

Lake And Environment Report

The Gold Key Natural Lake Management Plan remains a work-in-process as we seek to determine best practices.

Water sampling of our main beach and south beach bathing areas were conducted on a weekly basis during the summer months as required by PA law. All analytical reports generated for the 2011 bathing season showed that Gold Key bathing areas conformed to PA safe swimming requirements. Additionally, lake water monitoring samples were taken from all three lakes including two from Gold Key Lake, and sent to the Penn State Lab for analysis in July. This activity is a continuance of our lake monitoring program. Results were very good. Reports will be posted on our website and other venues. Another lake monitoring sampling event will take place in September.

All Gold Key members have an important role to play in the preservation and protection of our lakes. Minimal use of grass fertilizers (if any at all) or the use of those products with low nitrogen content would be very helpful. Keeping a natural lake vegetation buffer zone along lakeside areas is also important. Keeping grass clippings out of the water is very helpful. Proper maintenance of septic systems and regular pumping of septic waste will promote the good working order of your septic system. Failure to properly maintain your septic system will



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Thanks to Marcia and Deb with Gus!*

become very expensive should your leach field system fail due to neglect.

Gold Key will apply for Lake draw-down permits for the 2011/2012 winter months. The purpose of the winter lake draw-down is to inhibit the growth of nuisance weeds.

Goose control activities are on-going and very successful in maintaining a healthy lake environment. The BOD appreciates the good work of those L&E volunteers who have made this activity a success.

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Lake & Environment

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The L&E Committee promoted a community forum on August 26, to discuss the Deer Herd Management initiative that has been presented to the BOD for consideration. This was the second time in as many years that USDA Wildlife Biologists have come to our community. The event was well attended and very informative.

Lake & Environment Observations

Some Gold Key members may reflect upon the summer of 2011 as being much too hot, wet, wild, and exciting. Witnessing temperature readings of 102 degrees and higher in some locations of our Pocono Mountain region was a first for me! The Pocono's experienced a wet, cool spring that may have a negative impact upon acorn and other mast crops that our native wildlife is so dependent upon. A few significant thunderstorms in early July kept our three lakes at near capacity. August brought Hurricane Irene and tremendous flooding to our community. Tropical storm Lee contributed as much. There were many wet basements and some property damage within our community due to falling trees. How could one forget the infamous four day power outage? There is little comfort in recognizing conditions could have been worse.

The high bush blue berry crop was very poor this year, likely due to the wet spring conditions. The once common low bush blueberry has practically disappeared within our community due to the extremely high deer density within

Gold Key. The same can be said for wild raspberry. Can't find them! Over-all forest regeneration is not occurring in our community. The deer are literally eating themselves out of house and home as the saying goes... A degraded forest habitat has a profound effect upon the health and diversity of all our wild creatures. Compounding an already likely poor mast crop, (acorns, hickory, beech nuts) the high winds of Hurricane Irene may have contributed to an early "drop" of this critical food source. This event may have a negative impact upon deer, bear, turkey, and other critters that are reliant upon this important food source to sustain them through our harsh winter months.

There were many bear sightings this summer. A very large male bear was seen on many occasions. The bear was sighted swimming from the Gold Key Lake Island and once seen swimming across Misty Cove. There was a mother bear and four cubs sighted on a regular basis in Gold Key. One key observation noted by many in this community is the bear strewn garbage on some properties. It must be very obvious when a bear gets into your garbage. SHAME ON THOSE MEMBERS WHO CHOOSE TO IGNORE THE MESS LEFT BEHIND BY THIS BEAR ACTIVITY. YOUR IRRESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR REFLECTS POORLY UPON YOUR FAMILY AND OUR COMMUNITY.

Large snapping turtles were sighted in our lakes. These creatures are harmless when left alone. Turtles do play an important role in healthy lake ecology. A few large Northern Water Snakes were sighted this summer, especially around the South Beach boat docks. Water snakes are also harmless creatures. They eat frogs, fish and a variety of aquatic

creatures. However, should you attempt to pick one up; you will soon notice they have an aggressive nature so beware. No need to worry, there are likely NO poisonous snakes in our community.

Fisherman reported nice catches of bass and walleye this summer. The Gold Key Lake & Environment volunteers will assist in the stocking of the same game fish this fall.

Bald Eagles were observed soaring on a few occasions. Turkey Vultures could be observed on most days doing what they do...flying around seeking to clean up nature's messes. The "whinny" of screech owls was heard on a few summer nights. Should you be curious, the vocalizations of birds and other creatures can be accessed via the internet to assist in their identification. Few turkey poults have been sighted this summer. While Gold Key has a plentiful turkey population, observing so few young birds suggests the cold wet spring may have taken its toll. Some level of natural predation surely occurred as well.

Rabbits were sighted on a few summer nights in the field near the Gold Key Lake Bridge. Red fox were sighted at night at the same location on several occasions. The vocalizations of coyotes were heard on many summer nights.

The nuisance barking of dogs were heard on too many days. Dog owners are responsible for their animals and need to respect the rights of your neighbors near and far for peace and quiet. Please keep your dogs from being nuisance barkers! Love your dogs by training them. Bringing them inside will help keep them quiet. Otherwise, you are at risk for receiving a citation for Unreasonable Continuous Barking.



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This has been a difficult summer to grow plants – some relishing all the rain, and others totally rebelling! We've been fortunate as most of our plantings include perennials, evergreens and grasses which seem to do well with lots of moisture and we appreciate the fact that they don't have to be watered as often! We maintain planting beds at the entrance to Gold Key, around the Administration Building and Memorial, and in front of the Firehouse, Chatterbox, Adult Lounge and Recreation Room. I've been out of commission for most of the summer due to medical problems, and Miriam and Roger DiPeppe stepped up to the plate and took over maintenance of most of our beds. Thank you so much to both of you for all you do for Gold Key! Many thanks, too,

to Lysette Lemoncelli who maintains the plants outside the Rec. Room, and Carl Schaub for helping with spring planting and weed spraying.

There are few people to cover many different areas. Please consider joining the Beautification Committee – any time you can give would be most welcome. Just leave your name and number at the office if you'd like to help. We would like to beautify other areas of Gold Key in the coming year, but we really do need a little more help to take care of these additional planting beds.

Lastly, although they are not part of the Beautification Committee, we'd like to extend our sincere thanks to Kurt and John for all the work they do keeping our roads litter free. Gold Key has never looked as good as it does now, due in large part to their efforts. THANKS, GUYS!



Full Moon Paddles!!

Our September Full Moon Paddle was awesome! There was a light wind when Jim and I started out. The sky was spotted by big puffy clouds which had the moon playing hide and seek! Thanks to our guest Maria Torffield for the photos. Along with Maria's husband Jack, Rick and Val Brairton, Roger and Miriam DiPeppe, Jim and Kerry Kovach, Steve and Lynne Funk, Lou Tripido, Mary Louise Grimm, and Pat Aldredge we enjoyed each other's company, shared wine, rum and cookies. It was a great evening on the lake! Look for the next year's full moon listing in the Dec/Jan Gold Key News and join us!



*Photos by
Maria Torffield*

New Take-out Table

The builder of the take-out table was Ulles (Foxy) Fox, a GK resident. Thank you Foxy for a great addition to the restaurant and deck!



WALLEYE



JITTERBUG

What's in your tackle box!

By: Frank Stack

Looking through my four tackle boxes accumulated over the years the other day, many fond memories came to light. Excellent fishing can be had in all three lakes within Gold Key.

Tops amongst spinners are the silver Bluefox, Daredevil, Mepps, Phoebe, and Panther Martin.

Tops amongst plugs are the Jitterbug, Rapala minnows, Yo-Zuri pin minnows, Rattletraps, and Hula Poppers.

Fine action can also be had on a lightweight fly rod using an assortment of flies and small poppers.

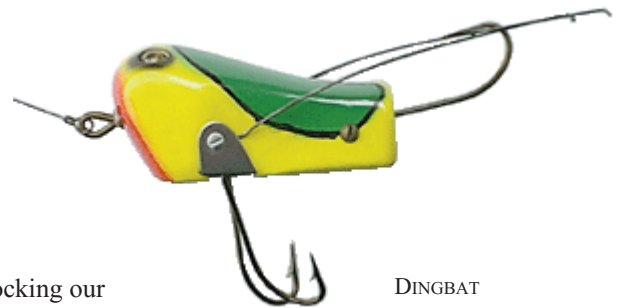
Never underestimate using various types of live bait such as shiners, crayfish, fathead minnows and sunfish. Most of your "targeted" game fish such as your bass and walleye subsist on these prey.

Please practice catch and release or keep only what you plan to eat. Calico bass or crappie also make fine table fare.

Gold Key Lake's Lake and Environmental Committee will again be stocking our lakes in October. We certainly appreciate the continued lake funding for this project.

Please obey all Pennsylvania Fish and Game regulations and be properly licensed. At times a Fish and Game Officer comes into GKL to check fishermen for compliance.

Good luck fishing. Hope to see you on our lakes.



DINGBAT



Halloween Community Watch

Gold Key is once again seeking volunteers for the Annual



Community Watch program to cover the weeks before, during and after Halloween. Please sign up at the Gold Key Administration Office.

Gold Key Curfew

A 10 PM curfew will be in effect from October 11 until November 8 for all persons under 18 years of age. All persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult past 10 PM or receive a fine of \$25 per incident.

A \$500 fine will be issued to anyone vandalizing or tampering with any Gold Key community property. Call Security at 686-3636.

Costco Card



Gold Key has a membership card for Costco that any resident may use. Leave a deposit at the Gold Key Office and the card is yours for 24 hours! The nearest Costco Warehouse is at 315 Route 15 in Wharton, New Jersey. Their phone number is (973) 659-2000. More details are available at the office.

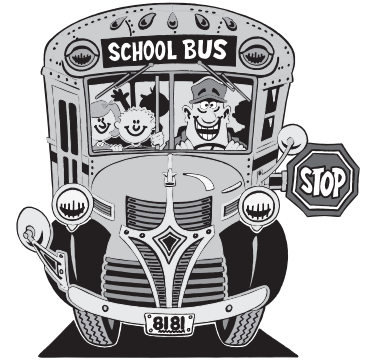
Submission by “Concerned Member”

Speeding in Gold Key continues to be a problem as more members complain that our roads are dangerous places for our children on bikes or just walking to a friends home and adults who walk or jog on our roads for exercise. We continue to write citations for exceeding our speed limits as everyone knows that the limit is 25 MPH. One resident has warned her children not to even go near the end of their driveway and another has advised that four of five drivers do not stop at the stop sign near their home.

We continue to use radar in an attempt to curtail speeding with an average of 250 citations annually but to no avail. During the past fifteen years automobiles have killed in excess of 300 deer resulting in some injuries and thousands of dollars in damages. Speed was a factor in some of these accidents. Why so many accidents? Deer are attracted when residents feed them and grow plants that they love. All our ground cover is gone and you can now



see hundred of feet into the forest from the rear of my house. If our residents continue to kill deer with their automobiles we probably do not need to cull our herd of an estimated 400 to 500 deer.



BUS STOP RULES

(effective immediately)

- Please arrive 10 minutes before the bus.
- Absolutely no moving at the bus stop while buses are present unless otherwise directed by a bus monitor or security officer.
- No child can enter or exit a vehicle outside the bus stop parking lot.
- Responsible person must be present with children under age 12 before and after school.
- No bike riding during bus stop hours.
- All members and their guests must comply with the bus monitors or security officers.

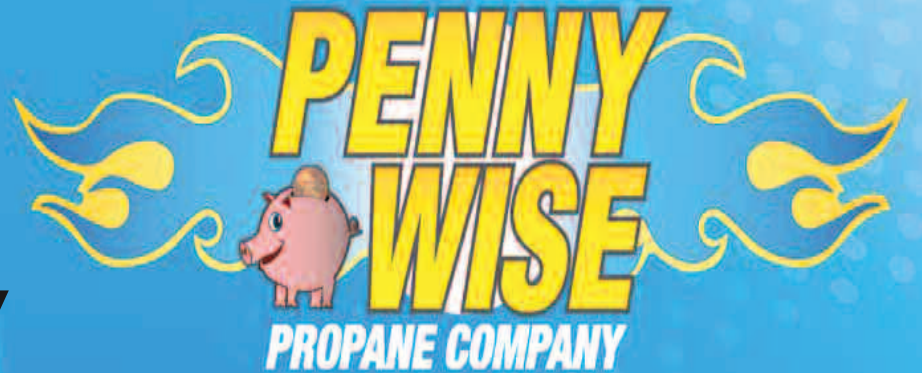
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Dog Freedom

by Vanessa Martinek LaSasso

On a hot summer day, Kansas, a border collie mix breed, makes a break for freedom by crashing through the screen door. As I watch with dread she runs full speed through the neighborhood. Every now and then I catch a glimpse of black and white whizzing by the house. After two hours with much anxiety and a roll of Tums consumed on my part Kansas comes strolling back home – exhausted, dirty and smiling. Those of you who are or have been dog parents know that dogs smile when they're happy and content!! Kansas sleeps for the next twelve hours. I, however, pace the floor trying to get rid of the images in my head of Kansas lying in the road hit by a car or being mauled by a black bear. She is a very smart dog in some respects but chasing bear and running in front of cars are fatal choices that a dog faced with that heady excitement of freedom for the first time might make. Well, she actually has made a few breaks despite my vigilance. The dilemma is how to keep this energetic dog smiling safely. This is a

problem many people face with active or couch potato dogs in communities with leash laws. I think the answer is simple, inexpensive and beneficial to the whole community, a dog park in Gold Key. All that is required is a small piece of land and a fence. Maintenance would have to mow every so often and no other care is required. Gold Key owns many suitable sites and fencing does not cost very much and I have many ideas to help raise funds to offset the cost to the community.

As an added amenity, a dog park would make Gold Key a more attractive community to potential buyers who own dogs or are thinking of getting one. This would also be an opportunity for Gold Key members with dogs to get together and meet each other but more importantly for our dogs to socialize. In these hard economic times, when it's a buyers market, every amenity we add to Gold Key is beneficial to everyone.

So what do you say, Gold Key dog lovers? Do you want to see that smile on your dog? Let me know what you think! Contact me at vam323@aol.com



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Gold Key Country Club
Balance Sheet
As of May 31, 2011 and 2010

	2011	2010
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 522,605	\$ 346,732
Dues receivable - net of provision for doubtful accounts	109,437	54,257
Prepaid expenses	85,556	61,698
Property and equipment - net of accumulated depreciation	82,818	117,187
Reserve for future major repairs and replacements	305,759	596,278
Capital improvement fund	3,639	107,163
Total assets	\$ 1,089,815	\$ 1,283,315
Liabilities and members' equity		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 17,611	\$ 15,990
Dues collected in advance	684,715	465,199
Security deposits	40,677	39,287
Notes Payable	21,876	22,156
Total liabilities	764,879	542,632
Fund balance		
General fund	15,538	92,102
Future major repairs and replacements	305,759	541,420
Capital improvements	3,639	107,162
Total fund balance	324,936	740,683
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 1,089,815	\$ 1,283,315

Gold Key Country Club
Statement of Revenues and Expenses
For the Year Ended May 31, 2011 and 2010

	2011	2010
Revenues:		
Membership dues	\$ 1,332,303	\$ 1,299,321
Fines and penalties	171,134	204,201
Fees	38,501	40,850
Tenant charges	36,993	19,253
Interest	4,917	15,230
Resale certificate fees	6,500	6,610
Rentals	25,916	16,543
Miscellaneous	4,054	12,745
Total revenues	1,620,318	1,614,753
Operating expenses		
Administrative and general	187,578	202,754
Beach and recreation	97,077	100,415
Maintenance	292,494	312,284
Security	230,088	235,233
Lodge	33,010	24,889
Depreciation	34,369	47,621
Sanitation	149,712	148,871
Miscellaneous	1,598	8,625
Lake testing and repairs	10,606	6,249
Real estate taxes	1,265	1,745
Insurance	66,396	44,927
Bad debts	254,889	315,268
Income taxes	1,778	0
Total operating expenses	1,360,863	1,448,881
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over operating expenses	259,455	165,873
Major repairs and replacements and capital improvements	(675,200)	(41,380)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	\$ (415,745)	\$ 124,491

Gold Key Country Club
Schedules of Expenses
For the Years Ended May 31, 2011 and 2010

	2011	2010
Administrative and general expenses:		
Salaries	\$ 108,365	\$ 132,261
Payroll taxes	11,011	11,917
Employee benefits	9,381	11,921
Utilities and telephone	16,378	12,842
Office expenses and supplies	8,333	3,548
Printing and mailing	6,746	4,604
Professional fees	17,452	13,908
Office maintenance	2,844	3,528
Collection fees and court costs	297	376
Bank and credit card fees	2,334	1,958
Transfer fees	0	0
Donations	0	0
Miscellaneous	4,434	5,890
Total administrative and general expenses	\$ 187,578	\$ 202,754
Beach and recreation expenses:		
Salaries	\$ 63,916	\$ 67,556
Payroll taxes	7,541	5,816
Repairs and maintenance	3,085	6,016
Equipment and supplies	10,308	9,858
Utilities and telephone	1,766	1,329
Stocking and Lake Environment	2,725	2,400
Miscellaneous expenses	2,616	1,874
Activities	5,121	5,565
Total beach and recreation expenses	\$ 97,077	\$ 100,415
Maintenance expenses:		
Salaries	\$ 134,300	\$ 146,861
Payroll taxes	13,288	13,268
Employee benefits	10,973	13,842
Utilities and telephone	10,459	14,580
Vehicle and equipment	29,038	27,424
Snow and ice removal	82,024	82,782
Maintenance supplies	10,106	11,022
Miscellaneous expenses	2,308	2,506
Total maintenance expenses	\$ 292,494	\$ 312,284

Gold Key Country Club
Schedules of Expenses
For the Year Ended May 31, 2011 and 2010

	2011	2010
Security expenses:		
Salaries	\$ 178,765	\$ 179,250
Payroll taxes	18,005	16,876
Employee benefits	5,688	1,584
Utilities and telephone	5,349	8,552
Maintenance & repairs	1,000	1,570
Materials and supplies	2,579	3,435
Vehicle and equipment	18,284	15,683
Miscellaneous expenses	416	8,281
Total security expenses	\$ 230,088	\$ 235,233
Lodge expenses:		
Salaries	\$ 6,190	\$ 5,852
Payroll taxes	770	610
Repairs and maintenance	9,330	2,911
Utilities and telephone	13,273	13,242
Supplies	2,157	1,480
Miscellaneous expenses	1,291	795
Total lodge expenses	\$ 33,010	\$ 24,889
Major repairs and replacements:		
Equipment	\$ 5,778	\$ 4,452
Aeration system	-	8,509
Mail room heater	-	-
Beautification	-	-
Culverts	19,394	17,500
Road paving and repairs	599,366	1,524
Security vehicle	-	-
Trampoline	-	-
Other repairs	50,662	9,395
Total major repairs and replacements	\$ 675,200	\$ 41,380

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these financial statements

Gold Key Security Incidents / Citations 2011

INCIDENTS	TOTAL 2011	JUNE	JULY
911 Hangup	5	1	
Alarm Activation	6	1	1
ATV	4		
Bank Run	67	13	9
Break & Entry	2	1	
Brush Fire Assist	0		
Child Welfare	1		
Complaint	42	11	5
Criminal Mischief			1
Disturbance			2
Dog Attack	1		
Dog Complaint	13	2	2
Dog Fight			1
Dog Loose	1		
Domestic	7	2	2
Dumpster Fire	1		
Fight	3		
Fire Assist	1		1
Gun Shots	0		
Harassment	3		
Homicide	1		
House Checks	3845	326	301
House Found Open	1		
Illegal Parking			1
Medical Assist	1		1
Medical Emergency	0		
Motor Vehicle Accident	6		
PA State Police Assist			2
Property Checks	4268	551	560
Property Damage	3	2	
Psychiatric Emergency	2		
Resident Assist	27	4	4
Stolen Property	8	1	
Structure Fire	2		1
Suspicious Activity	11		4
Suspicious Vehicle	16	1	2
Traffic Control			2
Unattended Death	0		
Vandalism	1		
Water Rescue (Cut Foot)	2		
Total	8351	916	902

CITATIONS	TOTAL 2011	JUNE	JULY
Bus Stop Violation (Drop Off)	17	2	
Careless Driving	9	3	1
Continuous Barking Dog			1
Disorderly Conduct	3	1	1
Dog Off Leash	3		
Expired License	1		
Eyesore Board of Directors	1		
Failure to Comply (Bus Stop)	2		
Failure to comply (Security Officer)	2	1	1
Failure to Display GK Sticker	2		
Failure to Stop at Stop Sign	12	2	6
Failure to Stop (Bus Stop)	3		
Grade and Drainage	13		
Illegal Vehicle	1		
Improper Behavior	4	1	
Loose Dog	3		
Noisy Vehicle	0		
One-Way Street Violation	1	1	
Speeding	38	12	8
Unauthorized Tires	1		
Total	116	23	18



AN APPEAL FROM THE PIKE COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

by Valerie Brairton

A mailing came out last week from the Pike County Humane Society Board of Directors concerning their dire financial straits. This seems to be a yearly appeal. Their problems are many – decreased income, increase in homeless animals due in large part to the hard economic times, and increased operating expenses to name

a few. At the same time, municipal (township) support is down with only 4 of 13 municipalities supporting the Society's work. The Pike County Commissioners do contribute \$4,000 annually but, with income that was down last year by \$79,000 and income through June, 2011 down an additional \$39,000, that doesn't go very far. In fact, their insurance increased \$4,000 last year, their audit cost \$3,000, and their cost to heat the facility last winter increased about \$3,500. **They are in big trouble!**

The shelter cared for over 1,800

animals at their facility last year. The number of local stray animals coming into their shelter, that are not reclaimed by their owners, increased over 400% in the last 3 years, as well as an increase in the number of surrendered animals due, in large part, to difficult economic conditions.

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Neils Schmidt		180
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Joel Silber		146
Carmine Caprio		115
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Louise Van		115
James Keveson		110
Brenda Evans		83
Julienne Danczewski		83
Joanne Rivera		64

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From a new elector

by: *Lieut. Louis P. Manuppelli*

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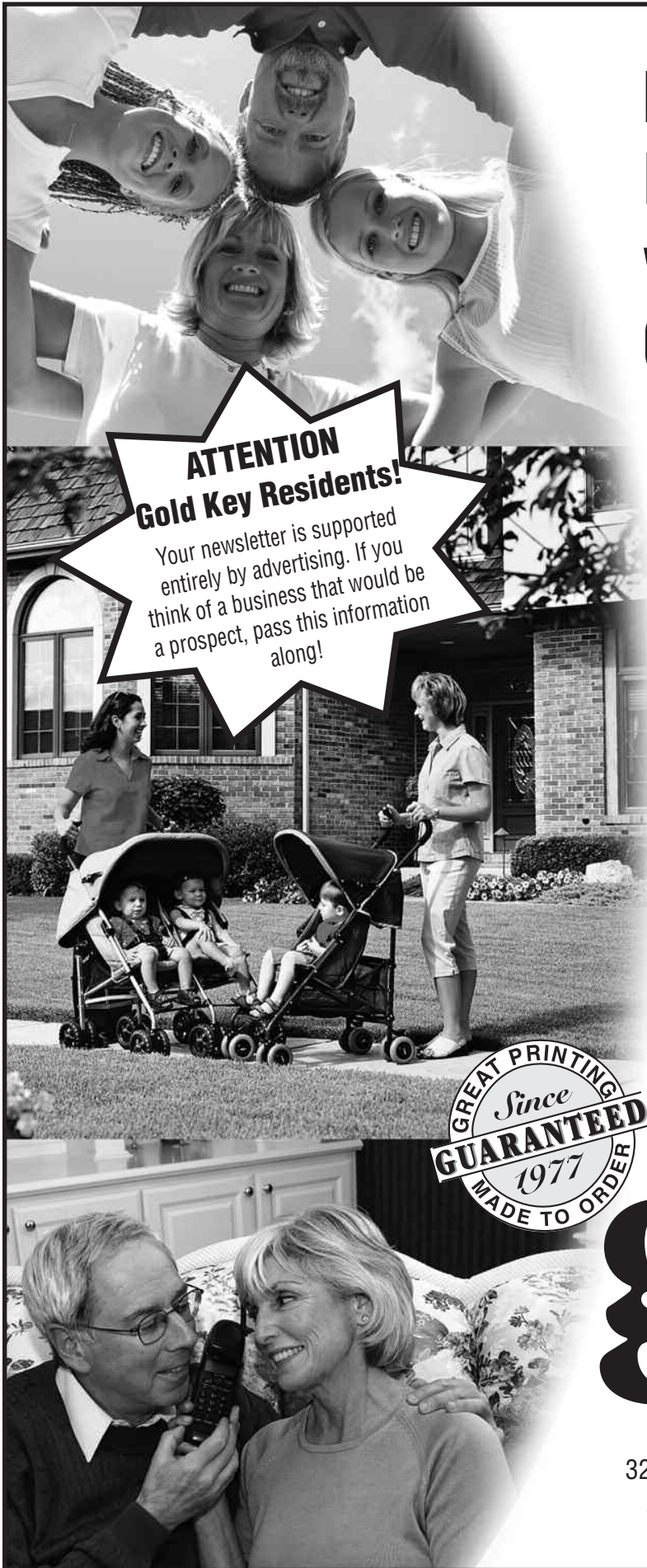
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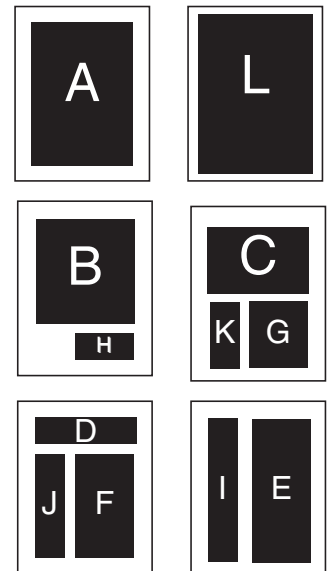
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