

2011 Seasonal Meeting

Dad

Welcome to our annual seasonal meeting

Introductions around the room.

Robin

THANK YOU'S

On behalf of myself Robin Carpenter
My father, Harold Carpenter
My Mother Lillian Carpenter
And my sisters Carol Carpenter and Lisa Adams
And from all of their families we thank our wonderful group.

Thank you To Captain Ron and crew! They served up many delicious meals this summer! He will return on Columbus Day Weekend.

Our Outdoor Crew
Don, John, Steve, Hayden, and Tyler

Mike, Barbara, and Marilyn for keeping our restrooms sparkling clean.
We also want to share with you that we received our highest ratings ever for restroom facilities this year!

To Jim Gustafson for continuing to repair our very old fleet of vehicles.

Lynn Cross, Rich Daigneault, Matt Daigneault, and Damon "Bonz" Serafino.
for always helping out when we need them.

Our Lovely ladies in the office.
Marilyn, Nicky, and Diane.

And the biggest thank you for all goes to you, our campers. We hope you had a really fun summer!!

Thank you to Donna and Steve Bourguignon. From running the BEST activity program around! You both wear many hats, and you wear them well! Your creative ideas, energy and enthusiasm are such a big part of our success! We so very much appreciate all that you do.

They have some special words for you.

Steve

We would like to recognize those individuals who help us all summer with our programs.

- Nicky and Kimmie Bourguignon for pitching in whenever needed
- Reeny, Dory, and Tammy for their wonderful arts and crafts program
- Ron and Reen Plante for children's fun hour, bingo, and pokeno
- Carl Schmidt and crew-Horseshoes
- Kim and Norm Fortini for Adult Darts
- Kim and Norm Fortini for organizing and running our Chinese Raffle again this year
- Len and Doris Frigon for co-chairing our fundraising efforts. From the 50/50 raffles to the Chinese raffle. Many many thanks!
- To Rich Daignault, Matt Daignault, Lynn Cross and Damon "Bonz" Serafino for their assistance in kickball and various other games, AT THIS TIME.
- To any of you who have judged, decorated, kept score, or participated in other helpful endeavors. WE thank you.

We had great success with children's horseshoes, a tween pizza party, and our teen beach sleepover. We plan next year to hold these events again and are open to any new suggestions for these age group. In our experiences in working with these ages, busy children equal less time for mischief!

Thank you Lillian for all of the wonderful moments captured on film this summer. We have all enjoyed Mom's photo gallery on the website. The Sunsetview movies will be on the website this winter so be sure to check from time to time. Also thank you to Lillian for her hard work and care of all of our beautiful flowers throughout the campground!

Thank you Harold for your exciting wagon rides each and every week! It's always an adventure.

We have had some interest in a golf tournament and a dinner to benefit a charity. Let us know if any one would like to organize or participate in an event like this. We are open to hosting.

Thank you all, it's been a pleasure working with you, and we're looking forward to next year. We are always available if any one has suggestions or concerns regarding activities for 2012. We will be writing the schedule in the next few weeks. We welcome your ideas! Please share them with us!

ROBIN

It has been a challenging year. The June 1st tornado that ripped through our area has changed all of us, forever. Hurricane Irene blasted us this past August and eliminated our Halloween celebration. Despite the natural disasters we are still here! I commend all of you for cooperating with us during these challenging moments.

We would like to start by going over some issues that were brought up at the last meeting.

Power Outages

The new generator was really put to the test this season. This generator supplies water during a power outage. Things went very well.

Your Suggestions- Delivered!

- Hire more bands
- Extra Beach weekend
- More dancing and less planned activities at the beach dance and luau
- Add an outside light to Pavilion Bathroom
- Signs added to Back Street and Trailer Top Heights to prevent lost campers
- Upgrade Wi Fi System

Improvements

- We have made many Improvements this season.
The sixties sites area have been met with a lot of enthusiasm.
- The privacy fences at the main restroom were replaced
- We finished off the walls and ceiling in our rec hall.
- The Pavilion Bathroom was completely renovated
- The bathroom on Trailer Top Heights has new railings, balusters, and a paint job
- We have more building improvements planned for the future.

Complaints

By now you all should all have our card with our numbers. We also began listing on the back of any paper work that goes out of the office. You all have been using these numbers very effectively this season and we thank you. Calling us with a specific complaint when it is happening is the most effective way to deal with problems. Please continue to use these numbers for true situations and not everyday business or questions.

Fireplace Cleaning

Please ask the office if your fireplace needs cleaning. We have found ashes dumped in the woods and on the bonfire pile. This can be a fire hazard. It costs nothing to have us clean your fireplace; all you have to do is ask. Please do not put trash of any kind into the bonfire pit, it tends to blow around and create a mess.

Decks

Don't forget that if you are moving sites, adding, or rehabbing a deck you have purchased, it will need to be re inspected. Any change in a deck will warrant an inspection. Let us know if you are planning any changes. This protects you above all! Those of you, who have changes to make this year, please do so by your given deadlines. Also we are only allowing one deck per site however exceptions may apply due to site location or if the platform is for a tent or a shed. Any problems or questions please feel free to ask.

Water Leaks

If you see a wet spot in the ground, please report it. It is most likely the first signs of a water leak. Don't hesitate to tell us even though it may be nothing. We would rather be told so we can be sure. If you see a spot on the ground that is wet and not drying out, please tell us. If you see a hose leaking please tell us. Water conservation is important to all of us.

Garden

We want to remind everyone to remove and take home any personal materials such as fencing. Those of you who had a plot this year and do not wish to have one next year let Lisa know. If anyone new wants a plot next year, we have started a waiting list. We will have fewer, therefore bigger plots for our existing gardeners. Our biggest problem this year was neglected plots. If your plot was severely neglected this year we will not hold a plot for you next year. It creates weeding problems for everyone when a plot is not cared for. Any questions email Lisa camp@sunsetview.com. In the spring we will be tilling then be looking for our volunteers to measure the new bigger sized plots.

Notification

If you are installing Direct TV or Phone, or anything, the office must be notified. We had several near misses on electric wires and water lines this year when dishes were installed. Also we had dishes installed on other people's sites, or mounted in places we would rather not have them. In many cases dishes can be shared instead of having dishes everywhere. So in moving forward we need to be consulted before your appointment. We highly recommend eastern video for direct TV.

Golf Carts

New cart owners please take the time to read the cart rules thoroughly before using your carts to avoid any misunderstandings. Kudos to most of the cart owners for following the rules. A few problems still seems to crop up. One is no open containers of alcohol while you are driving. The biggest problem is not displaying site numbers on the front and back of the cart. If you do not have your numbers we will ask you not to drive it until the numbers are on the cart.

Problems

Our biggest problem this year concerning our seasonals was large groups gathering at one site after 11:00 pm. It is inevitable that a large group of people will get loud as each tries to talk over each other. Some times it has been ok, but more often than not Steve or I will have to go in one or two times to remind everyone it is after quiet hours. At times we have had to go in even more. Please take it upon yourself to stay quiet and remember, the person whose site you are gathered on is responsible for the group's behavior.

With respect to the same problem, we have had huge problems with weekend camping groups. We are adding a new rule about group camping next year to try and help us deal with the situation. We do not want to enforce our new seasonal rule about limiting the size of groups gathered on a site at any given time. Please police this problem yourself so we don't have to add strikes to your campsites.

Moving Forward

Sewer Line Extension Project

This project has been on hold for a bit. The price of materials has made it impossible for us to move at the pace we would like to. We will begin again soon. Bear in mind you will have a years notice if it is your section that will be disturbed.

Please be sure that you are threaded into your sewer connection. Be kind to your neighbors. Also be sure that you also have a clean out available if you are hard piped in. If you have any questions just ask!

A Message

Campground access will be restricted on Saturday October 29 and Sunday October 30 due to an event that Carol is hosting. Her horse driving club will be having a Halloween fun drive in the park on one or possibly both days. There will be no vehicle access in to the camp. Also the use of power tools will not be allowed. This will be posted on the website, and also please share this information with your fellow campers. We hate to have some one drive up to do some work on their site and not be able to get access.

On that note as we did last year, if we need to restrict access to the park for tree work, or another reason, we will post that on the website and on our voice mail message. Also weather, snow or mud may prevent access as well. Always check one or the other before coming out to the camp during the off season.

Closing

Fundraising this year again was outstanding. Despite the loss of our spook ride, we raised \$1,250.00 for Autism Speaks and \$1,250.00 for Community Resources For People with Autism. Thank you to The Brodsky family for bringing this cause to our attention.

We cannot tell you how much pride we had in our campers and our staff this past June. Many of you cooked casseroles for the tornado victims and volunteers, many on our staff were out with chainsaws and chippers lending a hand. When the community of Monson needed help, you all came through! Upon your request we changed the Labor Day fundraiser to benefit The Monson Tornado Victims Fund. We raised \$5,000.00 for this cause in one weekend! Thanks again to Kim, Norm, Len, and Doris, and to everyone who donated, brought donations to us, and who bought tickets! We plan to present the check to the Monson Savings Bank on Saturday evening October 8, right before we announce the winners of the pumpkin carving contest. Please be there!

We want to thank you for being part of our seasonal family. It's been a pleasure to share this past camping season with all of you and your families. We have had a great group this year!

We will miss those families leaving us this year, we wish them well and hope they continue to come and visit when they can. They will always be a part of our extended family! Next spring please help us in welcoming the new families that are joining our little community!

How wonderful it is to see the friendship and camaraderie among our seasonals. Our seasonal campers always have such a positive attitude towards new families coming in and to our campers staying short term. This is a comment we always hear, Sunsetview has the friendliest seasonals that we have ever met!

Closing Day is Sunday October 16th at 3:00 pm.

We thank you all for a great year! We will now open up the floor to any questions and suggestions.