

**Penn Lake Association  
News Letter  
7/16/2010**

**Dear Resident:**

A joint meeting between the Penn Lake Association board and borough council members was held this past Saturday to discuss complaints that have recently been received. The complaints include:

- Overcrowding at the sand beach
- Un-invited non-residents using the beach
- Vandalism-The port a potty was tipped over
- Theft of 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit, life preserver, and trash can
- Noisiness at the beach during the middle of the night

Some background information related to the public beaches may be in order. The Penn Lake Association is responsible for establishing and maintaining rules and regulations at Penn Lake related to boating, fishing, bathing, and ice skating. This charge comes from 2 sources:

- The deed covenants applying to all lots in the Penn Lake subdivision.
- The lease between the borough and the association for beaches and public areas.

The following near term actions are being taken to help to address the complaints noted above:

- A temporary no trespassing sign has been posted
- Hours of use, 6am to 10pm have been established
- More permanent signs will be ordered
- Borough officials have asked the police to enforce the no trespassing regulation

It's important to note that the association is reluctant to implement a barrage of rules to address a situation that will most likely correct itself when the weather cools off. On the other hand, the private status of the beaches at the lake is an important asset to the community that needs to be protected. Other options under discussion are beach tags (tried in the past with questionable results), a beach master (White Haven Poconos does this...). We would like to appeal to Penn Lake residents for help resolving this issue. If anyone has thoughts or ideas on this topic, please contact a borough council member (<http://www.pennlake.org/boro.html>) or association director (<http://www.pennlake.org/association.html>).

**Enjoy the summer!**