

SECURITY REPORT

As we move into the fall and winter seasons at Aspenhof, many cabins will shut down and be used less frequently. It is important that those of us who are out there keep your eyes and ears open. As in previous years, John Cornell, a member of the Warren County Sheriff's Department, will randomly patrol and check cabins from December 1st through March 31st. Please watch for cars without proper green hangtags and notify me if anything is out of the ordinary. We are all the first line of defense for each other.

The dumpster is moving to "ON CALL" status as of December 1st for the winter. If you happen to notice it is getting full, please let me know and I will arrange for pick-up.

On another note, I ended up with all the new Aspenhof phone books. If anyone would like the new edition, please send me an email (markbremehr@sbcglobal.net), and I will drop it off at your cabin.

Regards,

Mark Bremehr,
Security

Purple Martins

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To practice good Purple Martin stewardship, which will entice returning scouts, landlords must provide clean housing strategically placed. Houses should be set at locations based on flight paths, distance from trees, water and structures. To attract returning PMs and to entice other new scouts, the houses should be set out ideally by mid March. PM's start departing their nesting areas in August/September and are well on their way to Brazil by October. Houses are then taken down, cleaned and stored for the winter to be set up the following March for the early scouts to locate. A late winter callout will be made for PM landlords interested in spending a couple of hours at Aspenhof resetting the houses that were taken down in October. Maybe, just maybe, life on the beach will be a bit more enjoyable next summer.

Questions that come to my small mind are;

1. How can a diet of airborne bugs produce the energy for a bird that weighs only a few ounces to fly to Brazil 5,500 + miles away? Maybe the aircraft industry can learn something here.
2. What sort of GPS and memory systems do PM's have to return to their previous year's home?



A Message from the Chairperson

As I write this, there are mere remnants of muted color still on the trees at Aspenhof. It has been a beautiful fall with warm afternoons and cool evenings. Fall is the time to look back and recall family, friends and the fun of the 2011 season, including another successful Regatta. It is also time to look forward to a quiet winter and finding animal tracks in the snow right by your cabin. For those owners who come out in the winter, please see Mark's article on winter security tips. Finally, it is time to give thanks to and for all of the people who care for Aspenhof. Special thanks to Kirk, Ce Ce and Mike Volding, Buzz and Coleen Howell, Maureen Donlin and John Tavis for removing the docks and guard rope and storing them for the winter, to Benjamin Hulsey for his six years of service on the board and to my fellow board members who volunteer their time and help in so many ways throughout the year. There will be plenty to do next year in 2012 (the 48th anniversary of our community), and we look forward to another year of rest, relaxation and recreation at Aspenhof.

See you there!

Teresa R. Wetzel,
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Purple Martins

This past summer, three Purple Martin houses were purchased and installed at two locations on the dam and one near the boat racks at Aspenhof Lake. The houses were purchased and installed in response to a flying gnat/midge/mite nuisance that was causing problems on the beach with swimmers and sun worshippers this past summer. Many thanks to the Jim and Rose Reddy family of Cabin 98 who have graciously donated a Martin house. The Aspenhof community is now the proud owner of four Purple Martin houses. We are what is referred to in the birding community as landlords. More on that later, first a little about Purple Martins.

Purple Martins are the largest member of the North American swallow family. They spend their non-breeding season in Brazil and then fly to North America to nest and raise their families. Purple Martins are monogamous and cooperate equally in building their nest. The female lays eggs and incubates them for approximately 15 days at which time the young hatch. Both parents feed the young for 30+ days until they grow their flight feathers. The parents continue to feed and care for their fledglings for an additional 2 weeks or so. Purple Martins in our part of the US nest primarily in man made houses including hollowed out gourds.

Purple Martins arrive in our area in the later part of March to look for housing. The first to arrive are called scouts who are looking for their previous year's nesting sites. Happy scouts are not likely to switch to new housing from a previous year.

To insure that strong PM families occupy the same house year after year, landlords must take down their previous year's house in September/October, clean thoroughly and set out in March for the early scouts to reestablish their previous year's nest. Purple Martins are daytime feeders and eat only flying insects caught in flight. Cool or rainy weather threatens their food supply. Martins were known by Native Americans to drive away hawks, crows and vultures and to give an alarm call at a sign of danger.

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Regatta Thanks!

I would like to thank everyone who participated in or volunteered to help with this year's Regatta. This event would not have happened without the help of the many volunteers listed below. It was a big job but quite rewarding. I really enjoy the sense of community built by such events.

First, many thanks to Hubie Kleusner. In addition to everything else he does for Aspenhof, he also

donated a pig for the Regatta picnic. It was delicious as always.

My thanks to the following volunteers: Buzz and Coleen Howell for putting out the buoys for the boat races, the awards tent, as well as the signs and coolers for the run/walk and Coleen for announcing and judging at the boat races. Kirk Volding, Skip and Amy Igo for putting out parking signs. Greg Hilleren and Tim Hunt for cooking the hot dogs. Tim Hunt and family for filling more than 200 water balloons. Jean Caramanna, Judy Dillard and Dale Owens for working the fun run/walk. Teresa Wetzel, Jan Lacavich, Teresa Fey, Vicki Adrian, Gerda Wilson and Maria Wetzel for working the awards table. The Tanners for organizing the horseshoe tournament and for making all of the ribbons. The Reddys for organizing the golf hole-

in-one tournament. Karen Kroger for organizing the beanbag toss. Skip Igo, Buzz Howell and my family for helping with unloading the food and preparing the drinks for the picnic. Amy Igo and others for judging the sand art creations. I cannot remember who else helped with the judging, but thank you. Bill Steinhart, Dan Mueller, Mark Bremehr, Dave Kroger and Thomas Bremehr for working the swimming and

rafting races. Cecy Volding for announcing during the water balloon toss. Dan Landiss and Don Fossold for judging art entries. Teresa Wetzel, Cecy Volding and Alice Kleusner for organizing the worship service. All of the trustees for their help in setting up for the picnic and serving the food and drinks. The photographers, Dakota Hommes, Suzanne Bremehr, Matt Doell, Michael Strauss, Kim Dolson and Teresa Wetzel for the many great pictures. Danny Hommes for putting the slide show together and providing the projector and laptop. Mark Bremehr, Coleen Howell and Kim Dolson for help with the clean up. Suzanne Bremehr for organizing the house tour. Mark and Suzanne Bremehr for help putting stuff back in the shed on Monday morning.

Finally, I have to thank Coleen for all she did to help me through this event. She patiently answered all of my emails and helped to organize the ribbons as well as recommend people I could ask for help. The day went as smoothly as it did in large part to the organization she put in place.

To everyone who participated, thanks again. It was a very fun day and some of the largest swimming/rafting races I've seen. I'll be looking for more volunteers next year, especially for the run/walk. How John and Jean were able to get all those numbers down is a mystery to me. I'm pretty sure we could use at least 3 people writing down numbers as they cross the finish line. See you all at Aspenhof,

Maureen Donlin
Regatta Chair
Chair of the Board of Trustees

ROADS REPORT

Thank you, Mother Nature!

This year we had a damp spring but then dry spells in July, August, September and part of October. As a result our roads have stayed in good condition except for a few potholes and our known trouble

spots. We have used the normal amount of rock to this point and have not had to replace any conduits that we use for drainage control.

We may try to "crown and harden" one of our side roads that does have a lot of traffic and see if this

process, which we used successfully on Kitzbule, works well in that environment.

The process of clearing the brush and vegetation on our road shoulders in order to ease passing traffic and eliminate blind spots will also take place this winter.

I would like to give a special note of thanks to Dry Fork Lawn service and Jim Marschel for his diligence in maintaining our roads and Hubie Klunsner for his service to our community.

I hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy the seasons at Aspenhof this year. I feel we have quite a gem that we are fortunate to be able to enjoy.

Hope all your travels and roads are smooth,

Dave Kroger



ASPENHOF RULES & POLICIES

(an alternative version)

1. Open fires are best kept away from all locations in Aspenhof.
2. Please keep your dog on a leash and away from the sand beach area.
3. Please keep boats away from the swimming beach area of Aspenhof lakes and use only paddles or oars to power your boat. You should number your boats with your cabin number.
4. It is a good idea to keep your cabin in a good and safe condition so that we can keep the natural beauty of Aspenhof.
5. Please reduce the volume of music and noise on the beach to polite levels.
6. Please be considerate of others by keeping glass, fishing and fishing gear (and other such things that kids might step on and get hurt. away from the beach.
7. Drive your vehicles 15 MPH or less on the Aspenhof roads.
8. All gates to Aspenhof must be kept locked unless you are driving through the entrance. A valid hangtag must be displayed at all times on each vehicle within Aspenhof so that we know you belong here.
9. Discharging firearms or fireworks within Aspenhof is really a dumb idea.
10. The telephone at the beach should be used only for toll-free calls, even if you don't have a cell phone signal.
11. Here are some common sense provisions about your satellite dish. Remember that you must first get a permit to install one.
 - It would be best to put it on your cabin.
 - They are not very attractive, so out-of-site is best, but camouflaged will work also.
 - Remember that three feet tall or shorter is better.
 - One dish per cabin is the limit.
 - Grounding it for safety is a good idea.
 - Please remove and toss your old antenna. It doesn't work anyway.

The Board of Trustee

