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Winter Dance & Soup Supper

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 22, 2025, at 5:00 pm for an evening of great food and entertainment! Our

talented Sevakeen chefs will be serving up a variety of delicious soups that are sure to warm you up on a chilly winter night. Whether you're a fan of classic favorites or adventurous new flavors, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

After dinner, stick around for our annual Winter Dance! Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to groove the night away with friends and fellow community members. It's the perfect way to celebrate the season and create lasting memories.

We can't wait to see you there!

If you would like to make a soup, please contact Carolyn in the Office.

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Things to remember:

1. Lot Leases, and Previous year assessments are due in full by April 1st. Failure to pay by April 1st will result in a suspension of membership and subject to reinstatement fees.
2. If you plan on selling your home or cottage The Bylaws state that you need to notify The President in writing prior to putting it up for sale.
3. If you need to refer to the bylaws for any reason, they are easily accessible at: <https://sevakeen.com/ground-rules-and-by-laws/> as well as in the office.



Looking for Snack Shack Manager for the Summer Season!

We're looking for a responsible and energetic individual or team to operate the Snack Shack at the pool for the upcoming season!

The Snack Shack is a popular spot for pool-goers to grab a quick bite to eat, enjoy a refreshing drink, and hang out with friends and family. We're seeking someone who can manage the daily operations, including stocking supplies, preparing snacks and beverages, handling cash, and ensuring excellent customer service for our members and their guests.

Key Details:

- Hours of operation: Typically, afternoons, weekends, and holiday hours
- Responsibilities: Food prep, stocking, cleaning, managing inventory, cash handling

Whether you're looking to run the Snack Shack as an individual, team, or small business, we're open to ideas and would love to see how you can bring your passion to the pool.

If you're interested or have questions, please email Abby Sweeney at vicepresident@sevakeen.com.

Let's make this summer the best one yet!



Volunteers Needed: Help Us Host the Easter Party!

We're looking for a volunteer to help organize and host this year's Easter Egg Hunt for our kids. This event is a beloved tradition, and we need someone

to help plan the hunt, set up the eggs, and ensure a fun, festive atmosphere for the kids. No meal is needed—just plenty of eggs, prizes, and smiles!

If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to us soon!

Lifeguards Needed

If you know of anyone looking for some summer work as a lifeguard, please encourage them to contact the office for an application. We will need some guards for this upcoming summer!





Ice Safety: Stay Safe This Winter Season

As winter settles in and lakes, rivers, and ponds freeze over, it's important to remember that ice can be unpredictable and dangerous. Whether you're walking, skating, or enjoying winter activities, staying informed about ice safety is crucial to prevent accidents and ensure a safe season.

How to Assess Ice Safety

Before venturing out onto ice, it's essential to evaluate its thickness and condition. A good rule of thumb is:

- **At least 4 inches** of clear, solid ice is generally safe for activities like ice fishing, walking, or skating.

Always check for any signs of cracks, holes, or slush on the ice, as these can indicate weak areas. Avoid any ice that appears wet, discolored, or has bubbles trapped underneath, as it may be more fragile.

What to Do if Ice Begins to Crack Beneath You

If the ice begins to crack beneath you, **do not run**. Running increases your risk of breaking through the ice. Instead, follow these steps:

1. **Lie on your stomach** immediately to distribute your weight over a larger area.
2. **Spread your arms and legs out like an airplane**. This will help you maintain balance and avoid breaking through the ice further.
3. **Stretch your arms over your head** and bring them together in front of you, ensuring your body remains flat against the ice.
4. **Roll away from the crack** without bending your knees or elbows. This helps avoid putting pressure on the ice in one spot, reducing your chance of falling through.

When in Doubt, Stay Off the Ice

There's no substitute for caution when it comes to ice safety. If the ice doesn't look right, trust your instincts and stay off it. Stay safe, and enjoy your winter adventures responsibly!

Sevakeen Text Messages

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve communication with you, we've recently added texting as a way to stay in touch. With the sheer volume of messages people receive today, it can be easy for texts to go unnoticed. To make sure you know our messages are from Sevakeen, we will now begin all of our text

messages with "SCC." We hope this helps reduce any confusion and makes it easier for you to spot our communications.

Thank you for staying connected with us!

If you haven't yet signed up for texting and would like to receive our messages, we'll need your signature. You'll have the chance to sign up this spring when swimbands are picked up.

Kitchen Renovation Update from Neal Sangree

In late November, Jerry Hollback, Jordan Ramsey, and I began demoing the Club House kitchen. We moved the refrigerator, removed the range, small appliances, and emptied the cabinets, which were then relocated to the main room without damage. These cabinets, along with the existing countertops, can be reused. We can also add full-extension drawers to enhance their functionality. The following day, Jerry and I removed the sink, hot water heater, and trim boards, leaving the room empty.

When the weather warmed, we began removing the exterior vinyl siding from the south wall and discovered more rot than expected. The rot was caused by a ramp support board attached to the building, which allowed water to seep behind the siding and into the southwest corner. This board needs to be removed, and the ramp support reinstalled independently.

As the weather cooled, we shifted to indoor work, replacing water piping and electricity to the water pump in the pit, preparing to fill it and replace the wooden floor with concrete across the kitchen. Jordan assisted with the wiring installation.

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Next board meeting is March 9, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

