

November Newsletter

Slippery Rock Campground Association

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am to 4:30pm

Friday - Sunday 8am to 4:30pm



Board Meeting Dates

January 18, 2026

March 15, 2026

April 19, 2026

May 16, 2026

June 14, 2026

July 19, 2026

August 16, 2026

Annual Membership Meeting–
September 6, 2026

Introduction of New Board
Directors– September 7, 2026

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Section A

Renee Curry A220 (Secretary)

2026

Joyce Hobaugh A122

2027

Keith Critchlow A015

2028

Section B

David Kirch B138

2026

Cindy Storoz B194

2027

Jim McClintock B112 (President)

2028

Section C

Mike Harris C026

2026

Carol Phipps C044

2027

Dan Bowen C022 (Vice President)

2028

Section D

Justin Bosilovich D026 (Treasurer)

2026

Chuck Spicuzza D110

2027

Cindy Evans D287/D311

2028

Our Staff

Business Office

Jeff Schmid – Campground Manager

Jared Milligan – Operations Support Specialist

Melissa Munday – Administrative Assistant

Ruiting Feng – Administrative Assistant

Security

Finn Hendrickson – Security Supervisor

Security Officers: Paige Duke, Brendan Earl, Dave Miller, Nick Miller,
Kian O'Brien, Josh Ottaviani, David Zona

Maintenance

Jonathan Kordish - Maintenance Supervisor

Maintenance: Zach Simmons, Chris Watt, Dan Watt, Jake Watt

From the President

From the President...

For most of us, camping season is over and our efforts have shifted to the upcoming holidays and all the fun and chaos that comes with them. However, even though the number of members in the campground has dwindled, there is still plenty of activity.

We are taking advantage of the off-season to address our annual maintenance tasks as well as continuing activities on the major projects that have been looming. If all goes well, we will finally complete the replacement of all transformers in the campground.

This project was started twelve years ago, and we will now be able to scratch this off our To-Do list.

We have also started a review of the delivery systems for water and electricity to each lot with intent of developing a plan to update each system. This is a daunting task, but it is something that needs done. Rest assured, you will be informed as we continue this process.

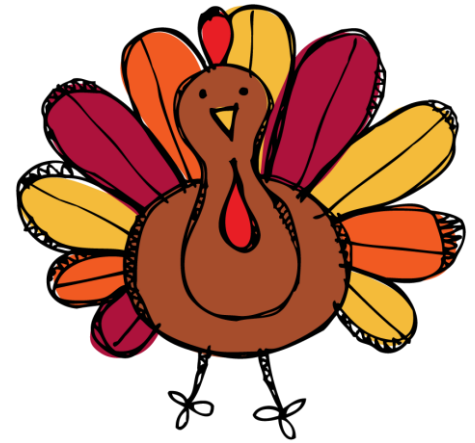
Committee activity is winding down, but I had a sneak peek at some of the things planned for next year and you will be pleased. The Recreation, Youth & Teens, and Safety Committees are already updating the events calendar for the coming year. They are bringing back the traditional favorites, but there has also been significant effort to identify new things for the campground to do. Other committees, such as Ways & Means and Pool Operations, are continuing their efforts to enhance your experience at SRCA. And if you attended the last Board meeting, you were introduced to some of the animals that will reside in our upgraded miniature golf area being coordinated by the Special Projects Committee. Without the efforts of these volunteers, our campground would not be as special as it is.

Lots of stuff to think about, but at this point, Kathie and I would like to just take this opportunity to wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Jim McClintock

President.



Letter from the Manager

I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during the transformer replacement. This is something that requires some pain in the short term but beneficial going forward to the members in the affected sections. The bathhouse at the Rec. center will be open and heated.

We have two new employees in the office, Melissa Munday and Ruiting, (Rayting), Feng. Both have started in the last two weeks, and both have office and customer service experience. We will be gearing up for the upcoming season so that we can make your call or visit to the office a pleasant experience. If you get a chance, stop in to say hello.

The office will be working on creating a policy and procedures step by step manual that will spell out how the processes will be handled from start to finish. An example of this that we currently have completed is the Incident Reporting Process. An incident report will be the first step in any complaint. This will be communicated by email several times before the beginning of next season.

We currently only have a total of 26 lots for sale or rent.

Lastly, I would like to commend our maintenance staff for all the work on their part in helping with the transformer replacement. Our maintenance staff was an integral part of the work to get the transformers replaced. As well as the leaf collection. The office has received several emails from members expressing their gratitude for the leaf collection.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Jeff

Notes from the Office

1) Reminder, Annual Dues are due by December 31st, 2025. Any questions or concerns please call the office at (724) 738-0402.

2) We have two new faces in the office! Stop by or call in and introduce yourself to our two new Administrative Assistants, Melissa & Ruiting.

3) Reminder about the Dec 15 - March 1 three nights a week stipulation.

Two-week vacation forms available at the front desk of the office.

4) The office will be closed and maintenance will be unavailable on the following dates due to the holidays: Nov 27 & Nov 28, Dec 24 & Dec 25, and Dec 31 & Jan 1. Security will still be available (724) 496-2161 on those days.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Jared, Melissa and Ruiting

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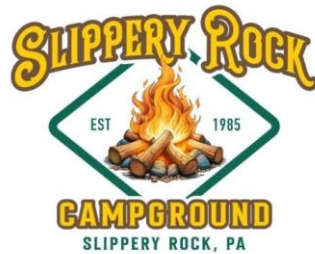
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Maintenance Committee Update

- Leaf Collection

- The week November 23rd will be the last leaf collection for this year. We intend to pick it up in the spring.

- Transformer Replacements

- The final round of Transformer replacements will begin Monday December 1st, 2025. Two(2) of the five(5) have been installed so far.
- Power is scheduled to be off in the following sections for up to 2 weeks:
 - Rec Center ■ Lots B196 - B217 ■ B065 - B139 ■ B152 - B155 ■ B196 - B217
 - Lots on Sunshine ■ Lots on Ice Cream ■ Campfire D298 - D342
- Beaver, Ice cream and Hollow log transformers to be replaced in this order.
- Please consider this a fluid situation and continue to be patient as you all have.
 - As they work on this project, they find issues that need to be addressed and take care of them as they go.
- We (SRCA) truly appreciate everyone's grace and consideration during this time period.

- Other Maintenance activities

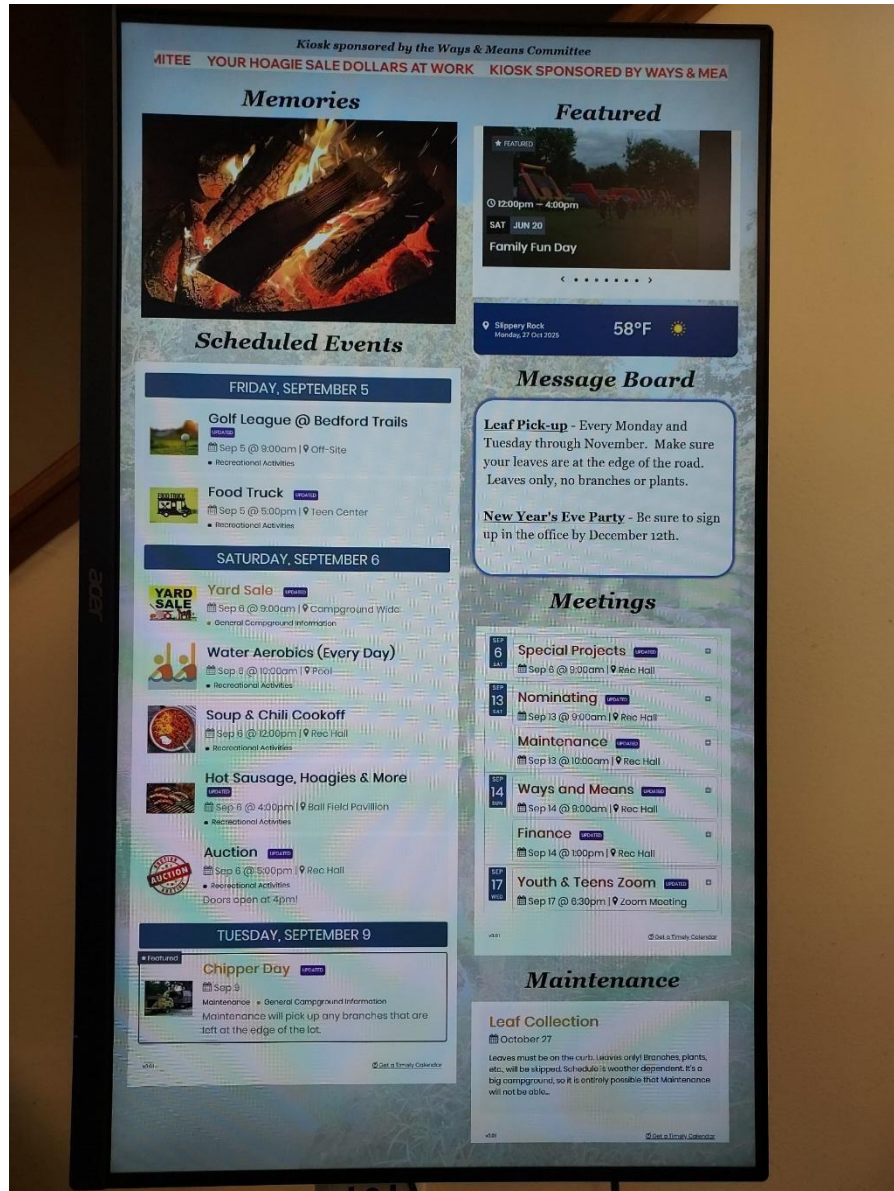
- Our spare transformer could be leaking (We will follow up with Wright electric on that subject)
- Rec hall electrical panel issues being addressed
 - We had to order four(4) new 200amp breakers to replace the existing 150amp breakers.
- This should help with reducing the electrical overloads in the rec hall due to too many things plugged in at once.

- Next Maintenance Committee Meeting

- Loosely planning on Saturday March 14th for the first meeting of 2026. An official notice will go out well in advance.

Ways and Means Committee

As it was reported in the October newsletter, the committee met with our developers, Vinny and Jim, to review the prototype that they developed for the electronic viewing (via TV's) of our camp's events including our calendar of events, a message board, scrolling Memories and Featured items. The information on the TV is taken directly from our website. Updates or changes to the calendar will occur real time - when the office makes a change, the TV's display will change too.



Here is an example of what the display will look like. This photo does not show but that we will have a QR code added so a member can scan the code and have it on their phone. We will have two stations for the TVs. The TV's will be 55". Of course, having these TVs require the internet so our choice of placement was limited by where we could get internet service. One will be installed on the outside wall of the Rec Hall somewhere between the doors and laundry mat. The other will be at the front playground area by the metal fence facing the road. There is a large grassy area where golf carts can pull up and view.

At the November Board meeting, we set up the TV so those attending could see.

The equipment needed will be ordered this week and we hope to have the TVs installed and ready to go for spring. I thank all those on the committee who started this project, all those who supported Ways and Means through our sales, and Vinny and Jim for their ideas and developing the displays.

Renée Curry - Committee Chair

Land use

Good afternoon fellow campers, Jeff and I are currently working on contracts, what are pending or out of expiration, better numbering of the spots on the posts, cleaning up the area to be more uniform. There are currently no open spots we are reviewing what is stored there and what is not in compliance with the contracts. Sheds are NOT to be stored in this area. There are two sheds there now, one will be removed by May and the other in April. We will be sending out email as soon as we can to get a committee meeting on the schedule. Remember, sign-up sheets are in the office. Thank you and hope to see you all soon.

Mike Harris

Membership committee

Currently less than 30 memberships are listed for sale. If you have a membership for sale, please list it with the office to be added to the web site. Include your contact information.

The hosting program will not be available from December 15th to March 1st. Any member can always bring in a guest to view lots for sale. Potential members will not be left in the gate without a member showing them around our beautiful, gated campground.

Have a safe and happy winter.

Cindy Evans

Pool committee

36 lounge chairs and 16 high back chairs have been delivered and ready to set out next spring when the pool opens.

Cindy Evans

Youth and Teens

Youth & Teens is excited to share its upcoming events and activities. We are presently organizing a Touch a Truck event to honor Armed Forces Day and welcome businesses to participate. If you are aware of any interested businesses, please email me. Furthermore, the Youth and Teens committee, in partnership with the Safety committee, is planning a Bicycle Safety event, where we will provide helmets to our youth at no cost tentatively scheduled for June 6. This event will feature complimentary helmet fittings for our members, courtesy of the Brain Injury Foundation, as well as various activities for children. We are still seeking girls to join our cheer team. Two innovative fundraisers: Sponsor a Duck and Flock my Yard, will be hosted by Youth & Teens. Every weekend, a hidden duck will be waiting to be discovered, and the finder will receive the duck and a \$10 gift card. Interested members are invited to sponsor a duck by signing up in the office. For a \$25 donation, you can also have flamingos placed in someone's yard as a unique birthday greeting or just for fun. Sign-up for this opportunity is available in the office.

I am looking forward to the 2026 season.

We invite you to view our Amazon wish list and Instagram page.

https://www.instagram.com/slipperyrockcampground_teens?igsh=b3dzaGR3ZTdzcZy&utm_source=q

Happy Thanksgiving!

Carol Phipps - Chair



Nominating, Rec, Finance, Audit

Nothing new to report

Safety

With Winter weather coming soon, please be aware that many roads become snow covered and impassable.

Please use caution on all snow- and Ice-covered roads. With limited people within the campground, we don't want anyone to get hurt or have accidents.

Chuck Spicuzza

Special Projects

The Mini Golf project remains an ongoing effort, and we are having a great time working on it. Woody and Cindy Grimm were able to acquire the Gorilla, panther, llama, tiger, giraffe, and panda at exceptional prices. A Zoom meeting will be scheduled ahead of the next board meeting in January. We are still searching for Goose Clothes and a Wishing well; Don't Forget to check out our Amazon Wish List.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/28D852MZDS59S?ref=wl_share



**I'm wishing everyone
a Happy
Thanksgiving and A
Very Merry
Christmas.**

Carol P- Chair

Mental Health Minute

The Impact of the Holidays on Mental Health

Mental health encompasses our emotional, psychological, and social well-being, influencing how we think, feel, and act in daily life. The holiday season, often portrayed as a time of joy and celebration, can paradoxically exacerbate mental health challenges for many individuals. High expectations for perfect gatherings, financial pressures from gift-giving and travel, and the amplification of loneliness for those without close connections can lead to increased stress, anxiety, and depression. Seasonal affective disorder (SAD), a type of depression linked to reduced sunlight in winter months, further compounds these issues, making holidays a trigger point where underlying mental health concerns surface more prominently.

The effects of holidays on behavior, well-being, attitude, and physical health are multifaceted. Behaviorally, people might withdraw socially or, conversely, engage in overindulgence in food, alcohol, or shopping as coping mechanisms, leading to regret or strained relationships. Well-being can suffer from disrupted routines, such as irregular sleep patterns due to festivities or travel, which erode emotional resilience. Attitudes may shift toward cynicism or irritability amid family conflicts or unmet expectations, fostering a negative outlook that persists beyond the season. Physically, the stress response can manifest as headaches, digestive issues, weakened immune function, or exacerbated chronic conditions like hypertension, as the body's cortisol levels spike from holiday demands, highlighting the interconnectedness of mental and physical health.

Prevailing thoughts in mental health advocacy emphasize the critical importance of checking in on family, friends, and neighbors during the holidays. Experts from organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and the World Health Organization (WHO) stress that a simple conversation or gesture can uncover hidden struggles, reducing isolation and potentially preventing crises like suicidal ideation, which spikes during this period. This proactive approach fosters community support, normalizes discussions about mental health, and encourages empathy, reminding us that holidays are an opportunity to strengthen bonds rather than assume everyone is thriving.

For millions of people, the holidays are not the “most wonderful time of the year”—they are the hardest. Grief, loneliness, financial strain, family tension, and shorter days can quietly overwhelm even those who seem fine on the surface. A single caring check-in can interrupt that spiral and remind someone they are not alone.

So please, this week and throughout the season, reach out. Send the text you've been meaning to send. Call the relative you usually only see on social media. Knock on your neighbor's door with cookies or just a “How are you—really?” You don't need the perfect words; you only need to show you care. One small connection can make a life-saving difference. Let's look out for each other.

Dan Bowen



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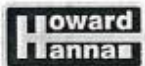
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