

# In the Woods

*Where nature still comes first*

We'd like to introduce our first issue of "In the Woods." As our community grows, the newsletter will help keep everyone informed as to the happenings in The Woods. The newsletter will also be posted on our website, [www.duckharbor-group.com](http://www.duckharbor-group.com). Our intent is to publish the newsletter bi-annually, if not quarterly. Please contact us with any suggestions for future issues of "In the Woods."



Daffodils in full bloom in front of the new Entrance sign.

## DAFFODILS IMPRESS

Thanks to everyone's efforts last fall we were all greeted by spring's spectacular entrance with a profusion of beautiful daffodils. The community residents planted 2000 daffodils! As all parts of the daffodil are poisonous, it's about the only thing the deer will not eat. The Duck Harbor Company will provide bulbs again this fall. Please let us know by Labor Day how many you'll need.

## CATERPILLAR SPRAYING

The eastern tent caterpillars are back again this year. However, we were ready and have already



sprayed. For those new to The Woods, just ask any of the residents about their unwelcome arrival last year. The trees were literally covered in caterpillars. The sound of them munching on our trees was loud and clear. Large numbers of eastern tent caterpillars occur every 10-12 years, typically for a 3-6 year span. Large numbers can quickly defoliate an area. Usually trees can withstand defoliation once but repeated defoliation will kill the trees outright or leave them weakened and susceptible to drought and diseases.

## DOCKTAILS

Every Sunday evening, weather permitting, community members gather for an hour or two at the access area at the end of Fernwood Lane. This informal gathering has enthusiastically been embraced and dubbed "Docktails." In the spring and fall months it starts around 4PM. In the summer, it usually starts at 6PM. All lot owners are cordially invited. Bring your own beverages, snacks and lawn chairs.

*I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.*

- Henry David Thoreau

## LABOR DAY "DOCKTAILS" COOKOUT

The 2nd Annual Labor Day Docktails Cookout is set for Saturday, September 1, at 3PM. Last years party was tremendous fun. Several of the children even performed some dance routines and raised \$200, which they donated to the local Cancer Society. Bring foods appropriate for the grill and a large side dish to share as well.

## WORKING HARD TO KEEP THINGS FRESH

At The Woods of Duck Harbor we constantly strive to keep a balance between the upkeep of the development and the natural environment. Road maintenance is a constant responsibility. Whether it's cutting the grass in the summer months or plowing the snow in the winter, you are likely to see Allen or Joel all about the development. With the new phase complete, we had Stonegate Road repaired, as well some of the roadside ditches, which were damaged by last summer's flood. Last fall we replaced the phone house at the entrance. This spring we hired a local sign maker to replace the entrance sign. Pat at Hunt Signs also does small home and address signs. She can be reached at 570-253-4482. We've also added more picnic tables and oil lamps at the access area. If there is anything you think would benefit our community, please do not hesitate to contact us at [jayharcum@duckharbor-group.com](mailto:jayharcum@duckharbor-group.com). We would love to hear your feedback and suggestions.



**BLUE HERON SIGHTING**  
*John Smith got a shot of this young adult blue heron on the access area docks. The lack of plumes on the back of head indicate that he's not of age for breeding.*

## PORCUPINE PROBLEM

Anyone who has built a home in The Woods has probably had their share of porcupine problems. The beaver lives to stop running water; the porcupine lives to chew – anything – siding, decks, and even the rubber coating on vehicle wires. Porcupines love the taste of salt and laminate glues. Many of the resident dogs have also encountered porcupines. Just ask Max or King Arthur, better yet ask their owners! The Duck Harbor Group has purchased a large rodent trap available for community use. The best way to bait them is to cut an apple up into several pieces and sprinkle them with salt. Put a couple of pieces just outside the trap, one or two pieces just inside the trap and a few more behind the trip. We will then transport the trap to the State Game lands for release.



*Contrary to popular belief, the porcupine does not throw its quills; instead, it drives its tail against the assailant and dozens of quills detach easily from the skin to remain embedded in the attacker. Each of it's up to 30,000 quills have barbed ends making removal very difficult, and quite often require surgical removal.*  
 – [www.desertusa.com](http://www.desertusa.com)

## FIRST MEETING WITH DUCKS UNLIMITED LOOKS PROMISING

Pam and John Smith, full-time residents of the Woods at Duck Harbor, initiated communication with Ducks Unlimited to preserve Drake Habitat which is located at the end of Longwood Drive. The habitat was created by beavers damming up the stream that crosses Stonegate Rd. at the bottom of the hill. Being a nature lover and outdoors man, John learned that beavers quite often leave an area after exhausting the areas small trees required to maintain their dam. Eventually the dam deteriorates and the water drains from the habitat. Ducks Unlimited is an organization that conserves, restores and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. They create a permanent dam in front of the beaver dam, thereby providing wet-lands for waterfowl and many other creatures to live. For more information on Ducks Unlimited visit; [www.ducks.org](http://www.ducks.org)

## PHASE IV & V

Phase IV has recently been completed. Twenty-six new lots have been added, of which sixteen are sold and/or under contract. Included in this phase is another, larger access area off of Old Woods Road. There will be more docks and a boat ramp for launching boats. Phase V, which is still in progress, will include a park at Long Pond on the east side (left) of the bridge. Phase V will also bring an additional sixteen lots to the community.

## UP COMING EVENTS

**Sundays Thru Dec. 2**  
 Callicoon Farmer's Market  
 11AM to 2PM

**Sunday, June 24th**  
 Kayak the Delaware  
 More info: 570-253-1145  
 or [www.nesportsltd.com](http://www.nesportsltd.com)

**Tuesday, July 3rd, 2007**  
 Fireworks Celebration  
 Central Park, Honesdale  
 More info call: 570-253-5492  
 Fireworks start at dusk.

**Saturdays at 1:30PM**  
**from July 7th, 2007 - July 28th**  
 Great Train Robbery Runs  
 at Stourbridge Line Rail  
 Excursions, Honesdale  
 More info call: 800-433-9008

**August 3rd to 11th**  
 Wayne County Fair  
[www.waynecountyfair.com](http://www.waynecountyfair.com)

**Sunday, August 19th**  
 Zane Grey Paddling Tour  
 on the Upper Delaware  
 More info: 570-253-1145  
 or [www.nesportsltd.com](http://www.nesportsltd.com)

**Sunday, August 26th**  
 D&H Canal Kayak Tour  
 on the Upper Delaware  
 More info: 570-253-1145  
 or [www.nesportsltd.com](http://www.nesportsltd.com)

**August 26th to October 7th**  
 Harvest Festival Bethel Woods  
 For info: (845) 295-2448 or  
[www.bethelwoodslive.org/Events](http://www.bethelwoodslive.org/Events)

**Saturday, Sept. 1st at 3:00PM**  
 2nd Annual Labor Day Docktails

*Is there a story or a photo that you would like added to the community newsletter? Please don't hesitate to contact us at [jayharcum@duckharbor-group.com](mailto:jayharcum@duckharbor-group.com)*