

# Mt. Gretna Campmeeting News



## Property Ownership Committee Update

***Submitted by Committee Chair, Kevin Burd***

There were no new Members to our community in October, though we know there are currently four cottages listed for sale in the community.

Regarding short-term rental permits, of the 72 short-term rental permits available, as outlined in Rule 20 and the associated policy, 44 permits are currently granted in the community. Short-term rental permit holders are reminded that West Cornwall Township (WCT) has created zoning ordinances regarding short-term rental units. It is your responsibility to comply with WCT permit requirements.

As Members of the community—new and old—please contact us at [homerentals@mtgretnacampmeeting.org](mailto:homerentals@mtgretnacampmeeting.org) if you have any questions.

Help us help **YOU**.

# Urgent Call to All Campmeeting Voting Members

**Submitted by George Leyh**

The Annual Meeting on October 19 was canceled, because we did not have a quorum. The Bylaws require 20% of MGCA Voting Members be present or present online (or via telephone) at the Annual Meeting to conduct business. This meant 48 Voting Members needed to be present for a quorum. We had 42. This is very sad. The Annual Meeting is vital to keep Members involved in the conduct of MGCA business.

The re-scheduled Annual Meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19. It is important that all Voting Members save that date, sign-in to the meeting, and be present for the entire meeting so we can achieve a quorum and conduct business. **This meeting will be in person in the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (basement) and via Zoom.** Voting Members who are unable to attend in person and who do not have online connectivity will be able to participate via telephone. Details on how to join the meeting online and via telephone will be provided to all Voting Members in advance of the Meeting.

Please pay attention to this matter. If a quorum is not present on November 19, the Board will adjourn the second meeting and schedule the Annual Meeting for a third time on Tuesday, December 17, at 6:30 p.m. According to our Bylaws, the Voting Members who attend the Annual Meeting on December 17, will constitute a quorum for the purpose of electing Board Members, regardless of how few Voting Members are present. This is the first time in MGCA history that such a thing would happen. Thank you for attending to this very important matter.



*Submitted by Marcie Lloyd*



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# The Lifesaving Benefits of Smoke Alarms in Mt. Gretna Cottages

**Submitted by Kevin C. Wells**

As the cozy season settles over Mt. Gretna, it's a good time to remember an essential safety feature that protects our cottages and the people inside them: smoke alarms. These small devices play a crucial role in early fire detection, providing peace of mind for residents and visitors alike.

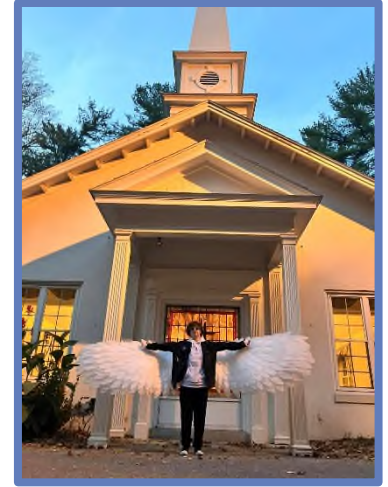
Smoke alarms save lives by detecting the earliest signs of fire, often giving occupants precious extra minutes to evacuate. In fact, research shows that homes equipped with working smoke alarms reduce the risk of fire-related death by nearly half (National Fire Protection Association). In our close-knit, woody Mt. Gretna community, this added protection is especially valuable, as it helps prevent small incidents from becoming larger, more dangerous situations.

To ensure optimal protection, experts recommend testing smoke alarms monthly and replacing batteries twice a year, ideally in spring and fall. Some residents now also use alarms with sealed batteries that last up to ten years, providing long-term reliability. Remember, these devices aren't just for kitchens; bedrooms and living spaces also benefit from having alarms nearby.

In Mt. Gretna's cottages, where cozy gatherings and fireplaces are common, smoke alarms bring added security and peace, helping everyone enjoy the season safely.

## Community Singalong

Reconnect with old friends and meet new ones on Friday evening, November 15, as our neighbors across Pinch Road continue a beloved Gretna tradition. Lyrics are provided. Songs include folk, rock, gospel, Motown, and some beloved “surfer” tunes. Please RSVP to Chris Kiehne at [eck2eck3@aol.com](mailto:eck2eck3@aol.com) to help with planning. Limited parking is available.



A festive poster for a community singalong. The background is white with a border of colorful autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red. In the center, two anthropomorphic turkeys are depicted. The turkey on the left is wearing a brown hat, a white shirt, a blue vest, and brown pants, and is playing a mandolin. The turkey on the right is wearing a brown hat, a red and white plaid shirt, and blue overalls, and is sitting on a wooden stool while playing an acoustic guitar. The text "Community Singalong" is written in a large, elegant, cursive font. Below it, "Thanksgiving Edition" is written in a smaller, simpler font. The date "Friday, November 15th" is prominently displayed in a bold, black font. In the bottom left corner, the text "RSVP to Chris eck2eck3@aol.com" is written. In the bottom right corner, the text "7pm 110 Brown Ave BYOB" is written.



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# SOUP COOKOFF

Unique soups, lots of great door prizes and more fun than you will ever have in 2 hours. All to benefit the Mt Gretna Fire company.



## November Trash & Recycling Pick-Up

Although November 11 is a federal holiday in the U.S. (Veterans Day), it is a business day for our trash collector, TNT Sanitation. **Regular trash and recycling collection will occur on Monday, November 11.**

# Happening in our Community

Members are reminded that a new comprehensive community calendar has been created by the Mt. Gretna Arts Council. The calendar can be accessed at <https://www.mtgretna.org/home>.

Members can choose to “subscribe” to the Community Calendar and events will be copied to their personal computer, iPhone, Google, Outlook or other electronic calendar. Subscribers can also choose to have the events updated on their personal calendars as changes and additions are made to the Community Calendar.

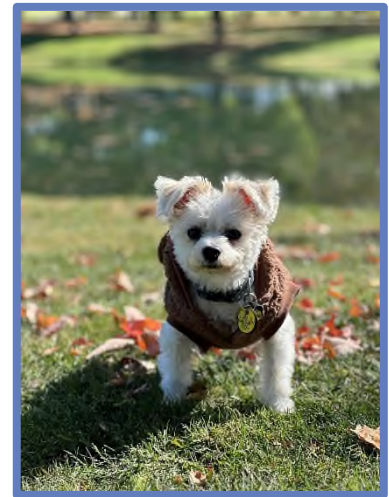
*And the final photographs for our November photo album...*



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*Submitted by Kevin C. Wells*



*Submitted by Jim Erdman*



*Submitted by Joyce Rubl*

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