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PLUM BOROUGH AARP CHAPTER #3067



Please consider joining AARP's local chapter. Plum Borough AARP#3067 meets at 12:00 noon the second Tuesday of the month, September through June at Unity Community Church located at 215 Unity Center Road. Their next event is a Spring Luncheon which will be held on May 8th, 2018.

Details on the organization can be found at the chapter webpage:

www.plumboroaarp3067.blogspot.com

and their Facebook group: *Plum Borough AARP #3067*. Isles resident, Marie Mangine-Vokish is the Secretary of the chapter. Read about Marie in this issue's Spotlight feature!

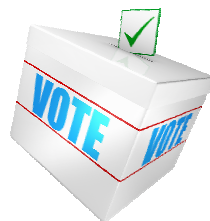


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COA SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The semi-annual COA meeting of residents will be held at the clubhouse on April 24, 2018 at 7pm. There is one seat on the board up for election this year currently held by Renae Brinza, Secretary.



Clubhouse Rental Fee

- The charge to rent the clubhouse for a private function is now **\$60.00**.
- You must contact Ryan Lynch at Berkshire Hathaway Home-Services at **724-733-7100** or **ryan-lynch@bhhspropertymanagement.com** to reserve the date and send them the \$100.00 refundable deposit and \$60 rental fee (two separate checks).
- Please remember to leave the clubhouse in the same or better condition than you found it!

SPOTLIGHT ON THE RESIDENTS

I moved to Plum in April of 2017. I lived in New Kensington for 44 years. I was born and raised in the Youngstown Ohio area. I went to Youngstown State University, majoring in Italian with a minor in Secondary education. My husband Frank was from Natrona Heights, I met him at my best friend's wedding, we married brothers! I moved to PA after Frank and I married in 1973. Frank passed away in 2010.

I taught briefly in the New Kensington-Arnold school district. I soon realized I did NOT have the gift to teach. I left the profession and soon had my daughter Teresa. After Teresa started elementary school, I went to the Pittsburgh Floral Academy and got my certification as a floral designer and master wedding



Marie Vokish

designer. I worked as a floral designer for 22 years. During that time, I was on the board of directors of Teleflora of Western Pennsylvania, a group that worked to further floral education for local florists by hosting seminars in the Pittsburgh area. I retired from floral design in 2009. From 2009 to 2011 I briefly

worked as a customer service representative for a pharmaceutical company and a medical practice.

My daughter Teresa lives in Penn Hills; she is employed as a marketing coordinator for a specialty pharmacy. I have one brother who lives in Erie PA.

I enjoy my volunteer work as secretary for the Plum Borough branch of AARP. I started a webpage and a Facebook page for the group. I belong to the "Circle of Stitchers" at the Plum Community Library. I also enjoy playing Mahjong with some of my friends from the library. Most of all, I enjoy spending time with my daughter and my "grand-dog" Obie.

2018 SWIMMING POOL SEASON

Summer is right around the corner! A pdf of the 2018 pool chemical testing schedule will be posted on the website as soon as it is finalized. Typically a sign-up sheet is available at the April COA meeting. Come prepared knowing your preferred testing weeks. Self-testing by the residents is simple to do and saves us a LOT of money. Everyone who

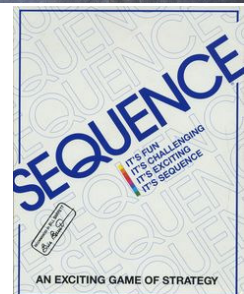
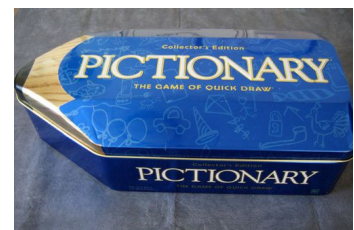
uses the pool is expected to volunteer for this task and we certainly have enough residents to cover time slots for the people who are willing to volunteer but physically should not be attempting it. The pool will open on Memorial Day weekend unless the weather is warm enough the week before.



CARDS, BOARD GAMES AND TRIVIA



Is anyone interested in playing cards or various board games at the clubhouse? Send an email to theislesatthehighlands@gmail.com with your interests, availability (day / time) and frequency preferences. I will correlate the responses and let you know the results.



NEW NEIGHBORS

April and Bill Roesner have recently sold their condo and moved from 733 Gleggarry Court. Our new neighbors are Cliff and Sandy Denholm.

Welcome to the Isles!

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Be sure to introduce yourselves to our newest neighbors!



## DID YOU KNOW? HISTORY OF PLUM BOROUGH

Plum Borough is located approximately 13 miles east of Pittsburgh and is the second largest borough in the state of Pennsylvania, encompassing 29 square miles of land area with a population of 27,126 according to the 2010 Census.

Plum Borough was founded as Plum Township in 1788 and was one of Allegheny County's first seven townships. It was reorganized as a borough in 1956.

The historical development of Plum Borough was closely tied to the industries that developed here including coal mining, aluminum powder manufacturing, and gas and oil production.

Plum Borough residents are living in one of the safest places in America, according to a recent study. "Neighborhood Scouts" has released a list of the top 100 safest cities in America and Plum has ranked number 6.

*Communities in America with 25,000 or more people were included in the ranking system. A community's rank was based on the total number of property and violent crimes per 1,000 residents. Crimes included burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, murder, forcible rape, armed robbery and aggravated assault.*

Source:  
<http://www.plumboro.com/about-the-borough-of-plum>

## TRIVIA (ANSWERS FROM LAST ISSUE)

- ◆ Which mountain overlooks Rio De Janeiro and its harbor? **SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN**
- ◆ What was the character name of TV's 'The Saint'? **SIMON TEMPLAR**

## TRIVIA QUESTIONS (ANSWERS IN NEXT ISSUE)

- ◆ What make of car was the time-machine in the film Back To The Future?
- ◆ Which Bond villain has been played by Telly Savalas, Donald Pleasance, Charles Gray, and Max Von Sydow?

## THE ISLES AT THE HIGHLANDS

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## THIS AND THAT

We're on the Web!  
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- ◆ *Mulching has just been completed at the Isles. Hopefully that is a sign that spring is truly on its way!*
- ◆ *Note: a new pool company will be servicing the Isles community pool this season.*
- ◆ *Anyone's asphalt driveway that was not sealed last year will be sealed this year.*

## THE ISLES COA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



### The current Isles COA Board of Directors:

Don Greb President  
Carol Johnson, VP  
Sue O'Toole, VP  
Renae Brinza, Secretary  
John Zoller, Treasurer

### Property Manager:

Ryan Lynch  
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The Board meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at the clubhouse.