



**MONTHLY UPDATE Dec 2024 / Jan 2025**

**Oh What Fun!!!**



**Awosting Social –  
December Update**



The holiday season at Awosting was nothing short of magical!

We kicked off the festivities with a heartwarming Open House and Tree Lighting, bringing the community together to celebrate the season with joy and cheer. The excitement continued with the much-loved Holiday Parade, hosted by the Rice Family. Santa himself joined the fun, spreading holiday spirit and smiles throughout Awosting. Congratulations to the Patton Family for winning first place for the Best Decked-Out Ride!



The grand finale of the season was Breakfast with Santa, hosted by the Schenk Family. Santa made a special stop at the clubhouse, delighting families with a cozy morning filled with a delicious breakfast, festive crafts, and cherished photo opportunities – the perfect way to wrap up the holiday celebrations.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to our incredible hosts and volunteers who made these events possible.

Your dedication and holiday spirit truly make Awosting a wonderful community to call home.

## □ Holiday Decorating Contest Results □

**Griswold Award – Best Lights:** DeBello Family, 44 Wanaque Rd.

**Misfit Award – Best Inflatables:** Connors Family, 19 Wanaque Rd.

**Classic Christmas – Traditional Design:** Siemer Family, 64 Ramapo Rd.

Thank you to everyone who participated in showcasing their creativity and festive spirit. We can't wait to see what you'll create



next year!

## □ Looking Ahead to Awosting Social 2025 □

As we step into 2025, we are excited to mark a momentous milestone – Awosting’s 100-Year Anniversary! This incredible achievement is a testament to the strength of our community, and we can’t wait to celebrate with all of you.

Many of the cherished events you know and love will continue, but we are also introducing special activities to honor this historic year. Be sure to keep an eye out for a Save the Date coming next month for our 100-Year Gala!

Stay tuned to your email for updates on all the social events planned for the year ahead. We look forward to celebrating with you as we embark on this unforgettable journey together.

the Social Committee wishes you and your families a joyful and prosperous New Year!



### **Santa Just Can’t Get Enough of Awosting**

On Sunday, December 15th, Awosting was visited by Santa and West Milford’s Company #3 firefighters. As the big man in his red suit spread Christmas cheer along the way, delighting young and old alike, the firefighters were greeted with “Thank you!” signs and cheers as a show of gratitude for all they have done and continue to do for our community.

Company #3 is only one of many fire and rescue teams that have helped us, especially during the recent wildfires. This was a fun way to express our appreciation for them, and all the firefighters and first responders.

Here’s to a safe and wonderful holiday season and a very happy new year!

## **2025 Budget Includes Fee Adjustments for the New Year**



The 2025 budget prepared by Treasurer, Jamie Dykes, was approved by the Board at their December meeting. Unsurprisingly, the budget includes Membership and Road & Parkway increases due to the cost of inflation presented by higher insurance premiums, taxes, food costs for events and labor costs for beach employees.

Road & Parkway base fees will now be \$700 and the special assessment of \$55 that was approved previously, to manage other unexpected projects required in the community, will be continued. Annual Membership dues (including Clubhouse mortgage and reserve) will also see a slight increase to \$1,555.

Watch for emails from the Treasurer at Awosting.org in January for annual invoices for Road & Parkway and Membership fees. Early payment is welcomed if you can swing it to help with cash flow.

### **Vehicles off the Road PLEASE!**

Once again, we ask you to get vehicles off our Awosting roads, particularly for messy snow and ice events. It's not just Awosting - it's a town-wide rule ("parking is prohibited on all Township, Public/Private or County roadways for snow plowing and snow removal.") Families who have created pull-out parking spaces alongside the road are the exception. If you have vehicles on the road when plows come though, it is difficult for the drivers to clear out the snow to make the roads passable for all vehicles as well as yours. Please be attentive to this so that we don't need to call you out based on neighbor complaints. We do get those!

### **Reminder: Contact Board about Your Projects**

Please reach out to the Board whenever you are having work done on your property that could have an impact on Awosting properties such as the roads, parkway, or other common properties. Adjusting drainage, adding blacktop, or other landscaping projects could alter the dynamics of the community's drainage system, for example. If we are made aware of changes in advance, we can help with recommendations that assure everyone's safety.

### **Ice, Ice, Baby!**

Now that the lake appears to be frozen in some areas, please exercise safety and caution. For neighbors who may consider riding on the ice with ATVs or motorcycles, be reminded that motorized vehicles are not permitted on the Parkway, so be sure to utilize a boat ramp for access. And remember -- any lake activities endeavored during the winter season are at your own risk.



# Recommended Minimum Ice Thickness

Rough guidelines for new, clear ice only

LESS THAN  
4 INCHES  
**STAY  
OFF!**



**4 INCHES**  
On Foot



**5-7 INCHES**  
Snowmobile



**7-8 INCHES**  
Side-by-side  
ATV



**9-12 INCHES**  
Car



**13-17 INCHES**  
Truck



**20+ INCHES**  
Heavy duty truck  
with wheeled  
fish house

## Ice Safety Tips

- Avoid alcoholic beverages.
- Don't drive on the ice at night.
- Check the thickness of the ice every 150 feet.
- Carry two large nails to use as ice picks if you fall through.
- Double the thickness guidelines for white or snow-covered ice.
- Avoid pressure ridges, areas with current, and areas around aerators.

**REMEMBER: ICE IS NEVER 100% SAFE!**

## Your Current Awosting Board

**Veronika Kohlbrenner - Chairperson**

**Sean Rice - President**

**Candice Patton - Vice President**

**Jamie Dykes - Treasurer**

**Marge Martin - Secretary**

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**Social Activities: Frank Purdy**

**Roads/Trees: Chris Weidmuller**

**Docks: Sean Rice**

**Insurance: Jamie Dykes**

**Properties: Kyle Fusco**

**Membership: Tom Connors**

**Children's Activities: Amanda Schenk**

**Clubhouse: Veronika Kohlbrenner**

**Newsletter/Website: Marge Martin**

*Mailbox: a secure mailbox is located on*

*Ramapo Rd., just around the corner from Lake Ave*

*about ten feet from the Awosting bear.*



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