



MONTHLY UPDATE December 2020

**Merry
Christmas
and Happy
Chanukah!!**



Santa Comes to Awosting –TWICE!

Our children must be on the very nice list indeed!

On December 6th, Santa was escorted by his Elves for a door-to-door Breakfast with Santa. Many thanks to Andrea Valtos, Abby Christman, Kelly Hart, Samantha Ellis, Jamie and Mary Dykes, John Ellis, Abby Smith and Jilena Hass for helping to make so many people excited for the holidays.

On December 19th, a band of merry carolers in decorated golf carts escorted Santa and his favorite Elf for a parade around Awosting streets. Thank you to the Rice and Stillman families for hosting, to Jamie Dykes for his contribution as Santa and Mary Dykes for taking pictures. Congratulations to Carol and Bruce Hardy for winning the vehicle decorating contest.



Children's Activities Wreath and Book Sale

Thank you all who supported our Wreath and Book Sale. We happily raised over \$600 that will be put toward supplies and operating expenses for our 2021 Summer Program. A heartfelt thank you is extended to Liz Casciano for all her help getting this idea off the ground. Our Decorating Elves consisted of four grown Activity and Swim Team Alumni who graciously donated an afternoon to help continue this wonderful program that they grew up with here in Awosting. Lasting memories continue to be made!

Winter Roads

To reinforce Ryan's message just before the last snow storm, be reminded that during the winter we are all expected to keep cars/trucks/boats, etc. off of the street so the plow trucks can get through and do their work. We would ask all of you who have vehicles in the street to make sure to have them moved into your driveways or elsewhere.

Covid Limits Clubhouse Use; No Road & Parkway Meeting

Yes, alas the Clubhouse is still generally limited to 10 guests at a time under [NJ Covid restrictions](#). So, for now, no social activities are planned for the time being. But we are hoping to welcome in a better New Year than 2020 has been, even if we do it apart.

And as you probably guessed, in light of Covid 19, and with no open issues of great concern to report to the community, the 2020 Road and Parkway Meeting is cancelled. Neighbors are reminded that they can contact Chris, our Road and Parkway Director, with any concerns.

Awosting Projects Taking a Breather

The snow, the cold, and the Holidays are pushing off some of our current outdoor projects. The next phase of removing infested Ash trees will start mid-January, weather permitting. The boathouse siding materials have arrived, but the actual installation project is going to wait for somewhat warmer weather.

Notes from Brian on the 2020 / 2021 Awosting Directory

Membership Director Brian gives a shout out to Marge Martin (blush) for documenting and distributing changes and updates to phone #'s and email additions for our community.

As a reminder, the COVID crisis is hitting some of our advertisers pretty hard. From talking with some of you, many people are fond of the "West Milford Thai Restaurant" (page 50); the crisis is hitting the restaurant pretty hard. For those fans of the restaurant, if possible, now might be a good time to make a purchase. The same could be said for any of your favorite local haunts.

Enjoy the Holiday's and your family!!!!

Cookie Exchange

Alas, another time-honored December activity has been cancelled due to Covid. Since we cannot have our usual cookie exchange this year, Board member Veronika thought you might enjoy this cookie recipe. Please be sure to play some holiday music while you bake.



Chocolate Crinkles

Ingredients

- 1 1/3 cups chocolate chips
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons espresso powder, optional
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 2/3 cups All-Purpose Flour
- Confectioners' sugar, for coating

Instructions

- In small microwave-safe bowl, place chocolate and butter, and microwave at low power until the butter melts. Remove from heat and stir until the chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth.
- In a separate bowl, beat together the sugar, eggs, vanilla and espresso powder (if using). Stir in the chocolate mixture, baking powder and salt, then the flour. Chill the dough for 2 to 3 hours.
- Preheat the oven to 325°F. Lightly grease baking sheets, or line with parchment.
- To shape the cookies: Put about a cup of confectioners' sugar into a shallow bowl. Using a teaspoon cookie scoop, scoop out portions of the dough, roll into ball and drop into the confectioners' sugar.
- Once about five or six are in the bowl, shake and toss to coat the balls with the confectioner's sugar. Place the cookies on the prepared baking sheets.

- Bake the cookies for 10 to 12 minutes. As the cookies bake, they'll flatten out and acquire their crinkled appearance. Remove the cookies from the oven and allow them to cool on a rack. Store them at room temperature, well wrapped, for several days; freeze for longer storage.

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