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S'more News



Welcome to 2012 camping season

and our 17th year as Berlin Heights Holiday Park

We are looking forward to a great summer as the weather looks very promising to have a long dry warm summer giving us lots of opportunities to get out and camp. We have had our usual number of people playing musical sites from last year and some upgrading to new units (congratulations). We have also picked up 12 new Seasonals and hope to get even more. Remember we are offering **\$100** credit for every new Seasonal you bring in and with a promising summer it should be easy. The old C section is ready to go with sites only being \$1400 including electric (no a/c).



The summer wine are in bloom and will look spectacular next week



Hopefully the bushes will look like this at the end of this year

This week-end the irises will be in peak bloom. Check them out north side of the lodge.



The Knock out roses are budding and will be absolutely gorgeous by Memorial Day.



After they have flowered we will need help dead heading them to ensure a continual summer flowering.

Personal



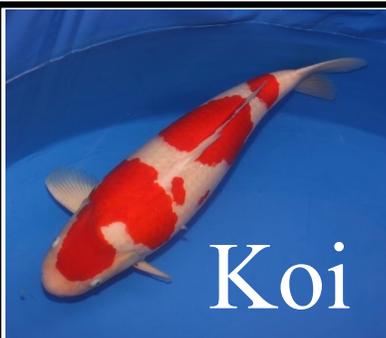
My heart goes out to Lisa who is having a hard time emotionally as she said her final goodbye to my Mum in January this year as we will not be going back because she is in the nursing home and has dementia and will not know us.

Lisa is very close to my Mum who treated her like her own daughter. Now she has just said what will probably be her final goodbye to her father who is in hospital in Newport RI and failing. Lisa's personal email is Yeltabasil@gmail.com (lisabatley backwards) *Tim*

What's Coming Up???

What has attracted a lot of you to the park are all the activities which I love. You'll notice the calendar has our big weekends listed but each month is like a blank page which has unlimited possibilities. Let me know when to schedule what you want to see happen, I'll get whatever we need and we'll make your event a huge success. The key is to let everyone know as soon as possible to participate and attend. It's your time to shine!

Please turn off your water when you leave the campground. We had a hose come off a unit last year costing us a lot of money. It was thought to have run for three days. If this happens you will be billed. A 1/2" hose can use 66 gallons per minute at 80 psi (The flow rates were taken from a discharge chart from Akron Brass, one of the largest manufacturers of fire equipment.) That is 66 cents per minute or \$39.60 an hour or \$948 a day. Our psi is 40 so even at half the rate it will get very expensive for you. We have had water bills in excess of \$3000. A dripping tap or running toilet can cost as much as \$15 a day so if you see them dripping or running please do something about it. Thank you so much.



Koi

In the spring last year a kind and generous Seasonal donated to us 100 Koi which just seemed to disappear and was disappointing for all. After much questioning as to why the pond was still muddy we came to the conclusion that the Koi, even though we hadn't seen any all summer, had to be stirring up the mud hence making the pond muddy.

We have continued working on the Koi pond to get it to where it should be. We drained the pond and sure enough there were all the Koi. We couldn't believe the variation in size it seemed like some never grew at all while others are a good six inches long. We lined the pond with plastic to prevent

the Koi playing in the mud and stirring it up so we couldn't see them. It was successful. Jack Bailey and several other kids got to feed and see the Koi much to their delight.

Our wildlife pen is coming to life with quite a variety. You can enjoy the Chooks, ducks, guinea hens, the variety of peacocks, rabbits and of course the new additions, Tinker and Belle (pygmy goats).

Tinker and Belle



To add to the kids attractions Lisa hand reared these cute baby Pygmy goats. It was just so cute seeing them running around the house in their diapers. They also slept snuggled up to her with the cats at night. They love to be held and loved on so feel free to do so. If you want to take them for a walk they will also enjoy that just please make sure you put them back in the pen.

Landscaping

- Timbers—could you please drive any rebar that are sticking up down so we don't hit them with the lawn mower. We do when we see them but don't see them all
- If you want to water your lawns please have us install a water meter as it is too costly. Hand held watering of flower gardens is permissible
- We are glad to have Patty back to mow the sites, she is such a pro, thanks Patty
- Please keep things in six inches from all edges so we don't hit them with the lawn mower
- Playground—we had started to build some additional playground equipment which needs installing and finishing with tube slide (and zip line?) on Sat 19 at 10am we will have a little work party to install and finish what we have started. Using branches to start fires helps to keep the campground tidy, thanks.

Ice cream



This weeks Flavor **Raspberry** You may have noticed that we have had raspberry flavored ice cream and will be trying a few flavors so if you don't like them let us know. Going by the usage the raspberry has been a hit.

