



The Clearbrook Courier

Lifestyle Happenings

By Krystal Graves
Lifestyle Director

Jewelry-making classes, with resident Suzanne Hye, have been a big hit! Suzanne has offered four earring-making classes that our residents have thoroughly enjoyed and she will be back with us on December 5 and 12 with necklace-making classes. These classes fill quickly, so stop by on November 9 to sign up.

To honor all those in our community who have served, we will be offering Lunch and a Movie – Top Gun Maverick on Veterans Day at 12 p.m. This

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Pickleball Team Raises Funds for Cancer Research



The Clearbrook Pickleball Team's goal of \$500 was surpassed by raising over \$900 to be donated to Susan G. Komen Foundation for the Cure, a breast cancer organization.

Photo by Ed Hornichter

CCA President's Report

By Beverly Eskra,
CCA President

When driving through our community you are greeted with a colorful display of leaves gently cascading to the ground signaling cooler weather and the coming of winter. This stark appearance from their earlier fall vibrancy is also a signal to bundle up when going out in the cooler weather. Always dress in layers so that you do not become overheated. It's also that time of year and, yes, we have to do it again, to "Fall back". Setting our clocks back 1 hour on No-

vember 6 will give us an hour more of sleep but also an hour less of sunlight. I'm not a fan of driving around in the dark at 4:30 p.m., but, alas, it's not up to me! There is however always an opportunity to cope with the clocks falling backward that can make the fall and winter months more enjoyable. It's a time to enjoy winter activities, soaking up the sun when it's out during the day, crafting, puzzles, starting a new painting or just enjoying those hot drinks that help keep us warm and a chance to cozy up with a good book

or two.

As temperatures get cooler your Board's ideas keep getting hotter. Recently at one of our Workshop meetings Bernice Fitzgerald, our director, proposed having a café in the Clubhouse that could be adjacent to the swimming pool and 99% of you who were at the workshop session were in favor of it. Several of us explored the possibility of a coffee shop/snack bar by reviewing Greenbriar and Concordia's cafes. It proved to be very interesting and gave us some input as

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Clearbrook Woodshop Supervisors Steve Charney, Michael Espineira and Richard Lewin all share their admiration of Stella Lai's latest woodshop project. Stella built this beautiful book stand in three Thursday evening sessions using only hand tools. Come on down any Thursday evening between 7 and 9 p.m. and see what project you can come up with.

Photo and caption by Jerry Sperling

General Manager's Report

By Donna Galindo, CMCA

The arrival of Halloween suddenly turns into January 1 and New Year resolutions. We seem to be running a race to the end of 2022. I wish we could slow this train down. November is a busy month getting ready for the holidays that are quickly approaching.

Saturday night, November 5, turn your clocks back for Daylight Savings Time.

Tuesday, November 8 is Election Day. The polls will be open in the Cultural Center from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday, November 11 is Veterans Day and is held in honor of all military veterans, including both the fallen and

the living, who have served in the United States Armed Forces, during wartime or peacetime. Veterans Lunch and a Movie is being held in the Ballroom at 11:30 am, free to Veterans. Thank you for your service!

The CCA Board will be voting on the 2023 budget at the Open Board meeting on Wednesday, November 16th, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Clubhouse Ballroom. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

We remind snowbirds to please fill out a winter residence form prior to leaving the community. The winter residence form has been

included in this month's courier. If you are leaving for an extended period of time and are not planning to leave your heat set at 55, you should winterize your unit to prevent any pipe damage. Please make arrangements with a neighbor or family member to check your unit periodically during the months you are away to ensure that there is nothing that needs attention.

In preparation for the upcoming winter, Landscape Maintenance Services, Inc. will soon begin installing snow stakes throughout the community. A mixture of

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Terri Pracon, of the Fiber Arts Group, displays her five beautiful stitchless quilted pictures. See article on page 7.

Voice of Clearbrook – Channel 26 Spotlight Resumes!

By Renée Toplansky, VOC Producer/Announcer

Our spotlight on our interesting residents resumed on October 11 with a filmed interview with artist Lonnie Heisman. Each month, we speak with different residents, showcasing their special talent(s) and interesting perspectives.

Recent Shows

Recent shows on Murphy's Law/Tuesday nights at 7:30pm have featured Ruthless (a musical dark comedy), She Loves Me with Jane Krikowski, and Love Never Dies, the romantic musical sequel to the Phantom of the Opera, with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Our live weekday morning shows this past month included music from a rich variety of genres: Classical, Folk, Frankie Valli, Van Morrison, Celtic, Greenwich Village, Jazz, Motown, Artie Shaw, Divas, English Invasion, Will Downing, Billy Joel, Comedy, and a Halloween special: Spookarama.

October's Pet Talk covered pet adoptions gone right. Clearbrook resident Kathy Vaccaro was back with us, sharing her success story of adopting Dudley. And since it was Halloween, Ricky Mezzich was on to share how his dog Spooky got his name.

And we aired Triumph, which featured another inspiring interview with a brave individual who overcame significant challenges.

Volunteer Spotlight

Ralph Carito – Engineer Extraordinaire: Ralph is the glue that holds all the VOC volunteers together. He is the liaison with the CCA board and the one that knows the most about all the buttons, bells, and whistles on the sound and video equipment. Although he never met the man who founded the Voice of Clearbrook, Richard Mack, ironically, they both worked for National Recording Studios

in NYC (Ralph was Chief Engineer for their cassette plant for 25 years.). A commemorative plaque inscribed with Mack's name hangs in the studio. They both shared a background in electronics and liked to be around the studio equipment. So in 2003, when Ralph was invited to a VOC meeting, he was hooked. He was also needed. No one else had the background, so he quickly took charge and has literally wired everything in the studio, not to mention a good portion of the Clubhouse ballroom and other venues.

Ralph likes to reminisce about the old days. "It began as literally just the VOICE of Clearbrook – no video. All operations were done in the room just inside the door. Video began as one day a week about 10 years ago."

He goes back even further to the days of vinyl records when he was working as an Engineer at Smalls, a well-known jazz nightclub in NYC. "Jayne Mansfield came in one night with her boyfriend. As she passed by [the DJ booth], her butt hit the side of the turntable and the needle went flying across the record. I had headphones on and jumped out of my seat!"

His relationship with the CCA is symbiotic, cooperative, and collaborative. They recognize the important service that the Voice of Clearbrook provides to residents, besides being a source of entertainment itself, and have funded his requests to expand and improve Voice of Clearbrook services. In return, Ralph videotapes CCA meetings and ensures that audio/visual equipment elsewhere works properly.

As for advice to those considering volunteering, "Most of the people involved don't have the slightest idea about radio or TV. We

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teach them everything. It's a great opportunity for everyone to get involved in something new, to get better at public speaking if you produce or announce, and for more women to get into engineering."

Channel 26 is your Central Hub

Remember, Channel 26, the Voice of Clearbrook (VOC) cable TV station, is your central hub for Clearbrook news and relevant entertainment. Every weekday morning, we broadcast a live entertainment show from 9:30 – 11:30am. We also have a live show on Tuesday nights from 7:30 – 9:30pm, and once a month on Friday nights. At all other days/times, Channel 26 features scrolling announcements set to a variety of great music. **NOTE: We will be broadcasting taped shows in the near future. Stay tuned!**

Three Ways to Watch Channel 26:

On your TV: If you have Comcast cable TV, just go to Channel 26.

On your computer from the Clearbrook website: if you don't have Comcast, or otherwise can't view Channel 26, go to clearbrook-nj.com, click **Resident Login**, and enter your ID and password. Then click **Play** on the video that displays to stream Channel 26 directly from the web. (If you don't have an ID or password, call the Clearbrook Administration office at 609 655-2706.)

In the Clubhouse: View the TV next to Lifestyle. It plays Channel 26 exclusively and continuously.

Want to know ahead of time which shows to watch? Refer to the bi-weekly schedule posted on the Clubhouse Activities bulletin board, the Channel 26 TV bulletin board "scroll," the Clearbrook residents Facebook page, outside the TV studio room in the Clubhouse, or the clearbrook-nj.com website (under VOC -> Morning Broadcast Schedule).

We need volunteers!

The Voice of Clearbrook meets every two weeks in the Clubhouse at 12pm, in the multi-purpose room, to set the schedule of shows and show titles for the following two weeks, as well as who will announce, engineer, or produce each show. Our next VOC meetings are November 8 and 22. All are welcome. You can also call Ralph Carito at 609-860-5631 or Maureen Tereshko at 908-202-6537 for more information, and/or visit us in the studio any weekday morning from 9:30am – 11:30am. If you decide to volunteer, we will teach you what you need to know.

General Manager's Report

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sand and potassium chloride and/or calcium chloride for resident use will be placed in the back corner of the Clubhouse parking lot and in the Cultural Center parking lot next to the shed on the side of the building. We suggest that all residents take a pail of the mixture to leave near your front door or garage door to spread on your driveways and sidewalks when conditions become icy. Please remember that the unit owner is responsible for the clearance of snow or ice below a height of 2 inches. The community begins their snow clearance operation when the accumulation of snow or ice exceeds a height of 2 inches. The snow clearance procedures for the upcoming winter season are published in their entirety in this issue.

In preparing for winter storms, please make the following arrangements: Keep a sufficient supply of food staples and bottled water on hand. Be sure to have a flashlight, batteries, a portable radio, and a manual can opener should we experi-

ence a power outage. Most importantly, be sure to have a sufficient supply of any medication you may be taking; do not let your supply run low. Remember, a storm can last for a couple of days. Please be prepared!

Residents – If you are expecting a guest, please contact the gatehouse with name of visitor and unit address. Please make sure your visitor also knows your name and address. This will prevent delays at the a gate.

Winter Maintenance Reminder: Outside garden hoses should be disconnected from the outdoor hose bib and the spigot must be turned off to avoid freezing and causing major leaks and costly damages. Also, for those who have sprinkler systems, be sure to have them winterized.

Please note the following office closures in November: Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Enjoy time with friends and family and do a little shopping too. Happy Thanksgiving All!

CCA President's Report

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decorators!

to what we could do in Clearbrook. A survey has gone out to this community to find out how the rest of our residents feel and if it's at all feasible. We need to hear from you and will keep you apprised.

The newly appointed furniture in the Cultural Center has been enhanced by the decorating skills of Bernice who has been very busy since joining the Board. The addition of carefully selected pillows and accessories has added to the flare and ambiance of the entire lobby making it more visually appealing while providing comfort while seated. This visual appeal was also extended to our lobby by the Life Style entrance and the Pagoda in the rear of the Clubhouse where you can sit in a relaxed atmosphere while listening to the beautiful sound of wind chimes and enhance your meditative state of mind with the sound of our solar water fountain.

Bravo, Bernice, we need look no further for any outside

rules! Can we do with some and not with others? That is the ultimate question. We all need to adhere to a certain standard especially in communities like ours and this committee will look at the ones we have and update them in accordance with that standard. Come join us by filling out an application and be part of this committee.

In closing and on behalf of the entire Board, I wish to extend to all of our family in Clearbrook a Very Happy Thanksgiving.



Did You Know?



Billiards Club has moved from Tuesdays to Mondays – 6:30 pm.

Jewelry Making Class – November 1, 2 p.m., Lounge A

Resin Art Class – November 3, 7 p.m., Lounge A

Paper Shredding Event – November 5, 9 a.m., Cultural Center Parking Lot

Dancing with the Clearbrook Stars – November 5, 7 p.m., Cultural Center

Lunch & a Movie Veterans Day Event – Top Gun Maverick – November 11, 12 p.m., Clubhouse Ballroom

Game Show Night – November 12, 7 p.m., Cultural Center

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Money, Funds and Budgets

Money is the subject of this month's educational article, specifically the process CCA follows in managing unit owner's monthly contributions to the CCA Operating Budget, Capital Improvement Fund, Replacement Reserve Fund, Snow Fund and Golf Fund. (CCA also transfers unit owners' monthly contributions to their Sections' accounts.)

The basic process includes developing annual budgets, monthly monitoring of actual vs. budgeted income and expenses, having audited financial statements prepared after the end of each year, and filing income tax returns. Following is just a brief description of the five budgets.

The CCA Replacement Reserve Fund was established to ensure that funds will be available for the inevitable required replacement of existing capital assets. This avoids the need to borrow money or to assess unit owners or to defer replacement. Our Capital Reserve Study was last updated effective January 1, 2020 and an update will be prepared this year to be effective January 1, 2023. This amazing study

lists all of CCA's capital assets and estimates each one's remaining useful life and replacement cost. A number of expenditures are made from the Replacement Reserve Fund every year; the largest is for our annual roads project. Also, membership fees paid to CCA by new owners are deposited in this Fund. Many Replacement expenditures are discussed at a Work Session and at the Open Board Meetings. Every unit owner pays the same amount for 2022 - \$45/month.

The CCA Capital Improvement Fund was established so that money will be available for necessary new capital improvements and purchases. Many of the possible capital improvement expenditures will be discussed at Work Sessions and at Open Board Meetings, so everyone can follow their progression. Every unit owner pays the same amount, for 2022 - \$1/month.

The CCA Golf Fund was established to fund the golf course. The monies in this fund are for the maintenance/replacement projects for the golf course. Every unit owner pays the same

amount for 2022 - \$5/month.

The CCA Snow Fund is a fund created to ensure that the funds needed for snow removal are adequate and available during the snow season. A snow fund and the funding of it, assists the community from having to special assess should we have a very bad winter with a lot of snow fall. Every unit owner pays the same amount for 2022 - \$13/month.

The CCA Section-based Operating Budget for Landscaping accounts for expenses incurred by CCA which vary by Section. This allocation is solely for Section's landscaping expenses that are based on acreage and number of units. So, the amount unit owners pay to this budget depends on the Section in which they live. For 2022, this ranges from \$2-3/month.

The CCA Operating Budget covers a myriad of income and expense items. This is the Association's check book. These are the day-to-day expenses of the CCA. This is the most fluid of all the accounts. It includes administration expenses, activities and amenities, building operations, residential services (trash, health-care, security, pest control, utilities and pond maintenance) and professional services such as legal, insurance, management fees, and audit expenses. Every unit owner pays the same amount; for 2022, this is \$169/month.

In summary, the CCA Board and staff are committed to using your money as effectively as possible continuously to manage, maintain, repair, replace, and improve Clearbrook!

Nurse's Notes

By Marge Drozd MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, FNP-BC, CSN-NJ
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Monkeypox: What You Need to Know

The Centers for Disease Control and Protection (CDC) is tracking an outbreak of monkeypox that has spread across several countries that don't normally report monkeypox, including the United States. The monkeypox virus is spreading mostly through close, intimate contact with someone who has monkeypox. Anyone who has been in close, personal contact with someone who has monkeypox is at risk.

Signs and Symptoms of Monkeypox

People with monkeypox get a rash that may be located on or near the genitals (penis, testicles, labia, and vagina) or anus and could be on other areas like the hands, feet, chest, face, or mouth. You may experience all or only a few symptoms. The rash can initially look like pimples or blisters and may be painful or itchy and will go through several stages, including scabs, before healing.

Additional symptoms may include:

- Fever
 - Chills
 - Swollen lymph nodes
 - Exhaustion
 - Muscle aches and back-ache
 - Headache
 - Respiratory symptoms such as a sore throat, nasal congestion or cough
- Sometimes, people have flu-like symptoms before the

rash. Some people get a rash first, followed by other symptoms.

How Long Do Monkeypox Symptoms Last?

Monkeypox symptoms usually start within three weeks of exposure to the virus. If someone has flu-like symptoms, they will usually develop a rash one to four days later.

Monkeypox can be spread from the time symptoms start until the rash has healed, all scabs have fallen off, and a fresh layer of skin has formed. The illness typically lasts two to four weeks.

If you have a new or unexplained rash, or other symptoms, avoid close contact with others until you have been checked out by a healthcare provider. When you see a healthcare provider, wear a mask, and remind them that this virus is circulating in the area.

If you have any symptoms of monkeypox, talk to your healthcare provider, even if you don't think you had contact with someone who has monkeypox.

How Monkeypox Spreads

Monkeypox can spread to anyone through close, personal, often skin-to-skin contact, including:

- Direct contact with monkeypox rash, scabs or body fluids from a person with monkeypox;
- Touching objects, fabrics (clothing, bedding or towels), and surfaces that

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Lifestyle

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event is open to all Clearbrook residents and all are welcome to purchase lunch with us, but lunch for our Veterans will be complimentary. Visit us at the Lifestyle Desk to register and choose your lunch order option for this event. The deadline to order is Monday, November 7.

Last, but certainly not least in Lifestyle Happenings, is

our Game Show Night with host Bob Scott! Think of this night like Family Feud and The Price is Right come to Clearbrook! The Cultural Center will certainly be popping with entertainment and good times so bring your own snacks and drinks and come out and play! Thank you to The Gardens at Monroe for sponsoring the amazing prizes.

Wishing all of our Clearbrook residents a very happy and safe Thanksgiving filled with family, food and laughter!

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FORE!

By Susan Matiejunas

Our September end of season dinner was a huge success. Kudos to our committee: Melody Henry, Carol Ann Hroch, and Betty Lou Carney. The choice of Scott's was a good one. The food was plentiful and delicious. In addition to our committee, thanks are due to Andy Kosco for running the drawing for prizes and to Scott for providing some prizes.

Now back to September results. September 21: The super low score of 30 was shot by Irwin Bailer, Toni Fama, John Jensen, and Bob Tereshko. Four groups tied at two over that. They were Barbara Desiderio, George Knab, Al Peller, and Benson Situ; Paul Henry, Stan Kolodziejski, Ed Schmierer, and Ed Tauss; Steve Holzinger, Bob Kauf-

man, Ed Kopil, and Peter Perperas; and Herman Bozenhardt, Gary Davis, Andy Kosco, and Fred Stone. At 33 and 35 respectively were Harold Carlton, Melody Henry, Walter Johnson, and Ken MacDonald; and Pat Brzozowskik Tim Casatelli, John Donohue, and Jerry Totin.

September 28: Tied at the top with 31 were Ed Kopil, Dan Seltzer, Joe Servedio, and Fred Stone; and Herman Bozenhardt, Betty Lou Carney, Steve Holzinger, and Andy Kosco. Irwin Bailer, John Donohue, Melody Henry, and Jerry Totin shot 32; and Toni Fama, Stan Kolodziejski, and Peter Perperas shot 33. We had a tie at 34: Harold Carlton, Gary Davis, Carol Ann Hroch, and Benson Situ; and Barbara Desiderio, Bob Kaufman, Al Peller, and Ed Schmierer. And another tie at 35: Pat Brzozowski, Tim Casatelli,

and Ed Tauss; and Nancy Haberman, John Jensen, Ken MacDonald, and Bob Tereshko.

And on to October we go. Wouldn't you know? The first Wednesday of the month, the 5th, was a total washout, the first, and so far only, one of this year. We needed the rain badly, but why can't it come at night?

October 12: We had a two-way tie at 31. Those two groups were Gary Davis, Steve Holzinger, George Knab, and Dan Seltzer; and Harold Carlton, John Donohue, Ed Kopil, and Fred Stone. And a three-way tie at 33. This one by Herman Bozenhardt, Tim Casatelli, Barbara Desiderio, and Andy Kosco; Toni Fama, Peter Perperas, Benson Situ, and Bob Tereshko; and Irwin Bailer, Carol Ann Hroch, Stan Kolodziejski, and Ed Schmierer. Finally, with a

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have been used by someone with monkeypox;
• Contact with respiratory secretions; or
• Through intimate contact.

A pregnant woman can spread the virus to her baby through the placenta.

It is also possible for people to get monkeypox from infected animals, either by being scratched or bitten by

the animal or by preparing or eating meat or using products from an infected animal.

Treatment for Monkeypox

There is no treatment specifically for monkeypox. Because the viruses that cause monkeypox and smallpox are closely related, drugs and vaccines developed to treat and protect against smallpox may be effective for monkeypox.

However, the type of treatment for a person with monkeypox will depend on how sick someone gets or whether they're likely to get severely ill. Most people with monkeypox recover fully within two to four weeks without the need for medical treatment.

Some people, like those with a weakened immune system or genital or anal rashes, may need treatment. Drugs used to treat monkeypox require a prescription and must be requested by a healthcare provider through the local or state health department.

Medicines like ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) and acetaminophen (Tylenol) can help you feel better. Your healthcare provider may prescribe stronger pain relievers as well.

For a rash in the mouth, rinse with salt water at least four times a day. Prescription mouthwashes, sometimes called miracle or magic mouthwash, or local anesthetics like viscous lidocaine can be used to manage pain. Oral antiseptics like chlorhexidine mouthwash can be used to help keep the mouth clean.

Contact your healthcare provider if pain becomes severe and unmanageable at home.

Rash Relief

If you have a rash due to monkeypox, the most important thing is to try to not touch or scratch the rash. This can spread the rash to other parts of the body, increase the chance of spreading the virus to others, and possibly cause

open lesions to become infected by bacteria. If you do accidentally touch the rash, wash your hands with soap and water and avoid touching sensitive areas like your eyes, nose, mouth, genitals and anus.

Topical benzocaine/lidocaine gels can be used for temporary relief. Oral antihistamines such as Benadryl and topical creams such as calamine lotion or petroleum jelly may help with itching.

Soaking in a warm bath (using oatmeal or other over-the-counter bath products for itchy skin) may offer some relief to the dry, itchy sensations that can come with the rash.

Please know that we are screening for this when you come into the nursing office in your community. Please call your nursing office with any questions.

Monkeypox Prevention Steps

Take the following three steps to prevent getting monkeypox:

- Avoid close, skin-to-skin contact with people who have a rash that looks like monkeypox.
- Avoid contact with objects and materials that a person with monkeypox has used.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, especially before eating or touching your face and after you use the bathroom.

The CDC recommends vaccination for people who have been exposed to monkeypox and people who are at higher risk of being exposed to monkeypox.

Please review the latest information about monkeypox at the following: <https://www.cdc.gov/poxvirus/monkeypox/index.html>

Please know that we are screening for this when you come into the nursing office in your community. Please call your nursing office with any questions.

“Rack Em Up”

The Billiard Club

By Pat Castrucci

Autumn is here. Leaves are falling and the cold is slowly setting in. It's time to step inside and play pool. The billiard room continues to bustle on Mondays from 6:30 pm on and we are looking forward to welcoming new members. The membership fee for one full year is still only \$10. Our next meeting is November 2 at 7 pm in Lounge A. The Ten-Ball tournament has begun and we are down to the final few matches. The winner will be posted on our bulletin board! Suggestions are welcome for future tournaments. And we are asking for volunteer judges from tournament players.

Paul Barbash is currently

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34, were Paul Henry, Walter Johnson, Ken MacDonald, and Al Peller.

Did you notice how close the scores tend to be among the groups? That is thanks to Andy who puts together each week's groupings with an eye to balancing the talent across groups.

That's it for this month. Have a Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Until next month, keep swingin' and hit 'em long and straight.

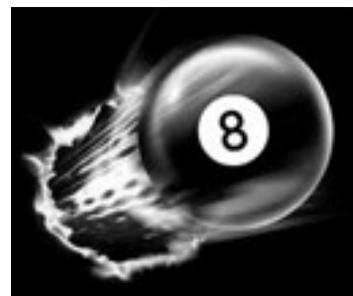
searching for a fine restaurant to host our Holiday Dinner, which is open to all members and guests. Restaurant, price and menu will be announced at our Nov. 2nd meeting and a sign-up sheet will be posted in the Billiard Room. The Billiard Club is open seven days a week from 8 am to 10 pm. (No one is allowed after 10 pm closing.) All equipment, including cue sticks, balls, chalk, etc., are to remain in billiard room for everyone to use.

The Billiard Club still promotes and supports the Food Bank.

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3. Willie Mosconi: Nicknamed "Mr. Pocket Billiards," helped popularize the sport by assisting in making the 1961 film, *The Hustler*.
4. Rudolf Wanderone: Took his nickname, "Minnesota Fats" from the fictional character created by American novelist Walter



Tevis for his novel *The Hustler*, which later became the film with Jackie Gleason and Paul Newman.

Let's not leave the women out – you'll hear from them in the next edition of "Rack 'Em Up."

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Clubs and Groups

Clearbrook Computer Group

By Hal Wexler

As promised Microsoft released its first major update to Windows 11 on September 20. It includes some useful and highly requested new features, though it's not a complete redesign. That's to be expected after all the huge changes Windows 11 brought when it came out a year ago. Microsoft is calling this new version the Windows 11 2022 Update, though it appears as Version 22H2, for 2022, second half, in system settings. All the new features have already appeared in prerelease software as part of the Windows Insider program. In fact, that program lets you see features being considered for

upgrades even farther out than 22H2. Microsoft has modified its delivery process using telemetry and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to determine when a PC should get it. In addition, update download sizes are being reduced.

When you download an app from the Microsoft Store, you know it's been checked for security and functionality, but many people also install possibly questionable software they find on the web. The Windows 11 2022 Update brings Smart App Control, which uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to prevent malicious software installations from any source. The feature can be turned on or off, or put in Evaluation mode. Evaluation mode decides whether the downloaded app would affect normal comput-

ing. If not, the protection is enabled. This works together with User Access Control (UAC) which requests approval for any new software changes when the installation process starts.

Another new feature added to Windows 11 is Enhanced Phishing Protection. It will warn users when they type their Windows password into a scam site. However, it's not switched on by default and users must enable it in settings menus. To do so go to Settings, Privacy & Security, Windows Security, App & Browser Control and then Reputation based Protection Settings. One of two options may be selected, Warn me about password reuse or Warn me about unsafe password storage. This feature will warn users who are in-

tentionally reusing their Windows password on another site, something that puts them at added risk if that other site is breached. Second, it will warn users who are intentionally storing (and potentially sharing) their password in a document, something that clearly increases security risks.

New Horizons

By Lory Singer and Marlene Metrick

We hope you're enjoying the beauty and warm glow of autumn! It seems that we're surrounded by lots of reasons for gratitude this year.

Thanks so much to all members, friends and sponsors who participated in the Charity Walk in Memory of Sid Hollender. We collected \$861, which will be donated to the Monroe Township Food Pantry.

New Horizons was created for the purpose of supporting needs in Monroe Township.

We are very excited to an-

ounce that we will be raising funds for the JFK Elementary School in Jamesburg. Although this school is in Monroe Township, it is not part of the Monroe Township School District.

The Fundraising Committee is working hard to offer activities that are enjoyable, reasonably priced, and not in competition with Clearbrook Lifestyle or the Senior Center.

November 16 - 1 pm Clearbrook Clubhouse Ballroom: **Decorate a Decoupage Container.**

Artists in residence will be available to assist with your unique design. All materials are included. Lunch will be served. \$22 checks made to CCA and dropped off to Susan Brim, 650A Nutley Drive or Sandy Barcus, 421A Andover Drive,

Friday December 2 – 1 pm Clearbrook Ballroom: **Fun Friday.** Lisa, the fabulous exercise instructor from the Senior Center, will be leading a 45-minute (go at your own pace) exercise program for us. (Light weights and bands are suggested, but not required.) Upon completing this class, you earned an ice cream sundae! \$10 checks made out to CCA and dropped off to Lory Singer, 254A Doremus Drive, or Sandy Barcus, 421 A Andover Drive. All donations will be to support needs at JFK Elementary School.

Everyone is invited to the above events!

Mark your calendar. January 19 will be our Annual Card Party. More information to follow.

May all the good things of life be yours, not only at Thanksgiving but throughout the coming year. Best Wishes, New Horizons

The Boomers Club

By Frank Casey and Steve Rudin

Happy Anniversary Boomers Club. Yup, it was 11 years ago this month that the Boomers Club of Clearbrook was formed, then shortly thereafter we incorporated as a non-profit organization. For those of you who are new to the Clearbrook community, the Boomers Club has no political or religious affiliation or ties to the governing association of CCA. We're an independent club and our social events are strictly for the enjoyment of our community and open to all Clearbrook residents.

Our next membership meeting will be held on Friday, November 11 at 7 pm in the Clubhouse Ballroom. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. We will be serving coffee and dessert. You can also bring snacks and BYOB. Please, no hard liquor. Are you new to the community? If so, then please feel free to stop in and check us out. Aside from conducting general business we'll be accepting new membership applications and collecting membership dues for the 2023 season. Our annual

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The Boomers Club

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dues are still just \$10 pp. Additionally, we'll be selling tickets to our Holiday Party at the conclusion of this meeting.

The Boomers Club will be hosting its Holiday Party on Saturday, December 17 from 7 to 11 pm in the Cultural Center. For this event we'll be serving up a traditional holiday hot food buffet. Tickets for this event will be \$25 pp for members and \$30 pp for guests. Please note that a Clearbrook ID must be presented at the time of your ticket(s) purchase. If you're purchasing for a whole table then you must present a list of names for everyone who'll be sitting at that table.

We'd like to wish everyone a most joyful and happy Thanksgiving holiday. Please be safe in your travels to share the holiday with family and friends.

Please contact our President Frank Casey at fcasey69@hotmail.com or our Vice President Steve Rudin at srud58@outlook.com with any questions you may have. You can also visit our website at www.boomersofclearbrook.com.

Italian American Club

By Medele De Filippo

Ciao amici. Spero che state bene. Hi everyone! I hope this finds you well.

On September 27, we held our annual pizza party meeting at the Cultural Center. Along both sides of the room were tables holding the pizza boxes, and our servers were ready to begin. While we were chowing down, President Lou DiMeglio told us that we had extra slices and invited all to come up for seconds. Thanks to Diane Davis, Betty Colgate, JoAnn Rago, Maryann Kraemer, Pat Czwenski and Sal Celentano for helping out with serving and cleaning up. Good job, kids! Much appreciation.

Lou then addressed the business of the evening. We were asked to observe a moment of silence for the passing of two long-time club members Marie Burke and Sam Kirdahi. Our condolences to their families.

The names of those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries for the month of September were read. Congratulations to all those who celebrated. Lou and Vice President Marie Schiumo then drew the winning 50/50 ticket numbers. We had a total of 20 winners! Congrats to the winners!

Lou and Marie announced that before the end of the evening, reservation forms for our December 10 Christmas party would be distributed so that we can get a headcount and begin arranging table seatings. Forms should be filled out with your checks attached. There are

extra forms available for those who need them. The cutoff date for returning the form is November 8. Our Christmas party menu is extensive with many selections to please everyone, including salad, bread and dessert. And DJ Gary will be back to keep us moving.

Happy Birthday wishes in November (birthstone:Topaz) (flower: Chrysanthemum) to: Jean Balasmo, Nick Borgia, Catherine Cacciutto, Margo Chikas, Calogero Comaianni, Pauline Doctor, Cynthia Graci, Linda Grossel, Miriam Huertas, Helen Kaufman, Bud Kellert, Eleanor Levine, Patricia Montalbano, JoAnn Smith

Happy Anniversary wishes in November to: Eileen and Michael Farragher, JoAnn and Angelo Gibaldi, Lorraine and Roland Jopling, Joanne and Randy Strausman.

Congratulations everyone. May you all enjoy your special day.

Mark your calendar: Our next meeting will be on Tues-

day, November 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cultural Center.

Trips: Monday, November 14, to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. Please call A/C Trip Coordinator, JoAnne Rago (609-655-4482) if you wish to join us for the day. You are always welcome and so are your friends. And you might have "Slots of Fun."

Interested in Joining? We always welcome new members, and if you are interested in joining, please call Vice President Marie Schiumo (609-409-9931). Marie is in charge of the registration of new members. Everyone in Clearbrook is invited to join.

Before signing off, let me leave you with this. **A man ordered a pizza and when the cook asked him if he wanted it cut into 4 or 6 slices, he answered, "Four is better. I don't think I can eat six."**

On every November 11 we observe Veterans Day and will proudly fly our flags in their honor. My wishes to all are for a Happy Thanksgiving and a day filled with fam-

ily, friends, good food and many thanks for continued blessings. Gobble up, folks. Enjoy it all!

Arrivederci, buona salute a tutti. So long and good health to everyone.

Fiber Arts Club

By Chris Brenner

We hope you saw our wonderful Halloween felt and yarn pictures again this year! They will be on display in the Ceramic Room for a few more weeks.

This month's we feature Terri Pracon with her five beautiful stitchless quilted pictures made from kits. She's ready with her gifts for Christmas. Speaking of the holidays, many of our members are working feverishly on gifts for family and friends – warm hats, scarves, baby sweaters, blankets, pictures and much more! All of these things take thought, skill and time!

Our members work on their own projects and at their own pace. We have beginners to advanced mem-

bers. We are a friendly group and help each other with ideas, helpful hints, etc. as needed. We have a variety of fiber art supplies to help get you started or perhaps to complete your project. New members are always welcome! Come to the Ceramic Room any Monday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Thanks go to new member Shellie Zicaro for creating a wonderful flyer for the club. See it on the Clubhouse bulletin board.

For more info, call Chris' answering machine at 609-395-6825. (Please call again if it fails to respond.)

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!!

Republican Club at Clearbrook

*By Melody Henry
Club Chair*

Tuesday, November 8, 2022, is Election Day. Remember to vote Line A - all the way and hope that the Red Tsunami will save the day. The Middlesex County

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team are represented by Sue Kiley and Darius Mayfield for Congress, Brian W. Wojaczyk for Sheriff, Joellen M. Arrabito, Marty Herrmann and Gerald T. Shine for Commissioners.

There will be no Republican Club meeting at Clearbrook in November because it falls on Thanksgiving day. However, the Monroe Township Republican Club (MTRC) meets on the third Thursday of every month at the Monroe Township library at 7 p.m., so please consider joining us there.

The next Republican Club meeting at Clearbrook will be December 22. We anticipate showing the documentary film "Whose Children Are They." This film features brave teachers, empowered parents and front-line experts who expose what is happening in America's public schools today that may not be for the betterment of our

children's education and development. The film will be shown in the Clubhouse Ballroom at 7 p.m. Please feel free to join us and learn about our new reality, bring a friend and/or neighbor and stay for some stimulating discussion afterwards. Light refreshments will be available.

With the invasion of folks coming into our country illegally, let me leave you with an appropriate and memorable quote from President Reagan: "A nation that cannot control its borders is not a nation."

Democrat Club in Clearbrook

By Patricia Schwalje

The month of November is a month of Thanksgiving. Let November 8, this year, start that thanksgiving with a mindfulness, and thankfulness, for our opportunity to vote. The results of past midterm elections tell us that many have ignored the responsibility to vote. The 2022-midterm elections

highlight a warning, as many states with significant Electoral College votes, have "election deniers" on their ballots. Democracy needs our support, and that is best given by going to vote the straight Democrat line in 2022.

Monroe is in Congressional District 12, and up for reelection is House of Representative Democrat, Bonnie Watson Coleman. The loss of a woman's right to choose her own health care, and the many "election deniers" in the House of Representatives, are just a few of the imperative reasons for us to support Ms. Coleman's reelection. At the Middlesex County level we have a slate of Democratic Commissioners running for reelection. This slate includes our September guest speaker, Sheriff Mildred S. Scott. At our September meeting Sheriff Scott, gave a presentation on the many initiatives she has implemented to fight crime and provide safety to County residents.

At the local level, Clearbrook Democratic Club hosted Mayor Stephen Dalina as October guest speaker. Mayor Dalina spoke about how helping out his grandparents in their business instilled in him a work ethic that included caring and service. His Rutgers University education gave him strong management expertise. The Mayor gave a presentation on his efforts, and those of Township Council members, in keeping the property tax rate stable for the second year in a row. In spite of the significant challenges presented by the COVID pandemic, the Major and Council continued to maintain the Township facilities such as library, Senior Citizen Center, Community Center, Recreation Department, and our Recycling Center. He highlighted and praised Monroe's EMS services, the full time emergency management department with 24x7 certified paramedics. The Police Department has 67 trained officers, and ranks number 3 in the state of New Jersey, and number 1 in Middlesex County, for safety.

Mayor Dalina spoke about the challenges, and balancing, needed in providing court mandated affordable housing, while preserving 50% of Monroe Township open space. He spoke about plans for the traffic study and identifying farmland parcels for preservation.

Mayor Dalina also asked the club members to add their voices to the South Middlesex County Freight study. The Democratic Club will be providing more information on this freight study as the time comes.

Future Clearbrook Democrat Club meetings will be held on November 14, and December 12 at the Clubhouse, both at 7 p.m. On December 12 we will host Middlesex County Commissioner Charles Kenny.

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Jewish Congregation Highlights

By Bernice Miller

Shalom, hello, greetings are expressed with great friend-ship. How beautiful our thoughts. Our gratefulness that we celebrated our New Year 5783, memorialized our dearly departed at Yom Kippur (Yizkor) and our joyful Sukkoth.

Here we are at the month of Cheshvon, whose name means *quiet*. Cheshvon heralds the onset of winter. After the excitement and drama of the days of Awe, now is the time to take all the lessons of these Festivals and put them into practice in our daily lives.

This is an opportune time to mention Thanksgiving. How beautiful is the word *giving*. If one could change it somewhat it might be called *Thanksgiving*. A truly sensitive person will live a life of gratitude every day of the year.

The month of November brings other important dates. We have Veterans Day remem-bering our veterans, and here in Congregation, we proudly have our installation of officers and board members. As part of our Friday night services we include the installation. Please attend.

We pray and offer good wishes for a return to good health to our Cantor Elayne Grossman. We thank Cantor Robert Sucher for accepting the request to please be our Cantor for our High Holy Days. The warmth and spirituality were certainly reflected.

The expressions of thanks are extended to everyone who contributed to our Yizkor given in memory of our dearly departed. We acknowledge with gratitude our Book of Remembrance hard workers who organize this undertaking. Yes, work comes before success. Kudos to Naomi Lefkowitz, Karen Katz, and our creative cover artist Arlene Gold.

Our Congregation always uses the word WE. We do nothing alone. Membership is important in our Congregation. Please contact our membership chairs Barbara Wellen and Debbie Blendowski.

Thank you for continuing your support of our fundraising arena: Torah Fund, Tree of Life, Tree of Remembrance, Book of Remembrance and Donations.

Candle Lighting

Kindle in our homes a deeper love for one another, for our people, and for all our children. Friday, November 4, 5:30 p.m., November 11, 4:23, November 18, 4:17, November 25, 4:13.

Good Shabbat

Expressions of thanks and appreciation are extended to our Torah Fund contributors. 1. From Mildred Schneider to the White Family in memory of Mildred's loving cousin Dr. John White. 2. From Mildred Schneider to Sybil Nord in memory of Sybil's beloved brother. 3. From Rita Coleman to Rita Mondry in memory of her dear brother Stephen Rosner. 4. From Rita Coleman to Laurie Arenstein and Family in memory of beloved mother and grandmother Helen Aren-

stein. 5. From Rita Coleman to Cheryl Bernstein and Family in memory of Jack Silver, beloved father, grandfather, and great grandfather. 6. From Rita Mondry to Cheryl Bernstein in memory of Jack Silver beloved father, grandfather, and great grandfather. 7. From Mildred Schneider to Anita Hyman, get well wishes. 8. From Mildred Schneider, donation, get well wishes to Bernice Miller. 9. From Mildred Schneider to Cheryl Bernstein in memory of Jack Silver beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather. 10. From Shirley Shapiro to Miriam Levine in memory of her dear daughter Robin. 11. From Barbara and Robert Wellen to Miriam Levine in memory of her dear daughter Robin. 12. From Marie Tane to Miriam Levine in memory of her dear daughter Robin. 13. From Molly Stein to Miriam Levine in memory of her dear daughter Robin.

Please contact Bernice

Miller at 655-5931 to contrib-ute to the Torah Fund. Our cards are very meaningful. Thank you.

Welcome, thrice welcome, to our new member Marty Malovany. Happy are we! How pleasant our lot. How beautiful our heritage. Shalom.

In Memoriam

Lucy M. Sack

Lucy M. (Gelsi) Sack, 100, of Celts Plaza, passed away on Wednesday, October 5, 2022. Mrs. Sack was raised in the Bronx, moved to Paramus when she married, and settled in Clearbrook decades ago. She was employed as a legal secretary for many years. She was very active in Clearbrook and was a parishioner of Nativity of Our Lord RC Church in Monroe Twp. She is survived by nine nieces and nephews and their families, as well as many other extended family members and friends.

By Brenda A. Carpio

What a joy to peer out the window and see the beautiful landscape glowing in all the fall colors. We all love art and painting, but we all know, God is the best artist ever.

Many years ago, while working in Sweden for a Christian youth ministry, No-vember rolled around, and Thanksgiving Day would just have been another working day. This was an American holiday. I missed my family and church friends and all the preparations that went into our celebration in Amer-ica. I realize now, more than ever, that longing to be with family and friends on holida ys was not, and is not, just my desire. Rather than let myself be filled with pity, I asked if I could plan a spe-cial day of thanksgiving on that evening with the family with which I was living. We invited the staff from our of-

fice as well. It was not easy to obtain all the traditional American food but a won-derful meal of roast chicken, farm fresh potatoes, carrots, beets and lingon (similar to cranberry sauce), topped off with apple cake and coffee, was wonderful. We did not have pilgrim or pumpkin decorations, but we had sweet fellowship. The best part of our evening was the time we all shared in prayer, talking about the things we were thankful for and songs of praise to our God for His great salvation. It turned out to be an evening that I will never forget.

Some of our hopes and desires may not be granted by the Lord when we feel we need them, but He hears and cares. We must be patient; we have to wait for God to answer in His time. God's silence may not be NO....it may just be WAIT....it may

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"Thanks to our efforts over the past year fighting for property tax relief and communicating our needs to the Governor's office, the ANCHOR program is now in place. Now we need every eligible Monroe resident to take advantage of this meaningful benefit," Mayor Dalina said. "We have been fighting to make Monroe more affordable for our residents and ANCHOR is a big step in the right direction."

Please note: The deadline for application is December 30, 2022.

While many residents will be able to complete and submit the forms themselves, the Township encourages those needing assistance to visit or call the Township Tax

Collector's office at 732-521-4405 or the Monroe Township Public Library at 732-521-5000. Residents are reminded to have the following items available for reference: Anchor application with ID number and pin if available, 2019 tax return and social security number. Staff members will work with residents to complete and submit their filing either via telephone or online.

Some technical questions may still need to be dealt with by the state by calling the ANCHOR hotline at 888-238-1233. Call volumes are high given the number of people throughout the state trying to get through so residents are cautioned to expect extended wait times and encouraged to keep trying.

"The filing process may not be perfect, but we are here to help, and you have until December 30, 2022, to apply so don't panic," Mayor Dalina said. "We will work with our residents over the coming weeks and months to help get those applications in on time."

About the Anchor Property Tax Relief Program

The ANCHOR program, short for Affordable New Jersey Communities for Homeowners and Renters replaces the Homestead Rebate. The new program income limits and other qualifications are different from the Homestead Rebate so more residents will be eligible. There are no age restrictions.

The program, covering the 2019 year, will provide credits of up to \$1,500 to taxpayers with 2019 gross incomes up to \$150,000, and up to \$1,000 for those with gross incomes between \$150,000 and \$250,000. Tenants with gross income up to \$150,000 can qualify for a benefit of up to \$450.

Benefits are expected to be paid out via direct deposit or check by May 2023, the

Treasury Department said. All applicants are encouraged to "triple-check" to ensure that all information entered is 100% correct prior to submitting the application.

If you owned a home in New Jersey on October 1, 2019, you may qualify even if you sold the home. You do not have to be a current resident to apply. Call the hotline if you did not receive a notice by mail or email. New residents must wait for subsequent years to apply. Changes to mailing addresses can be made when filing the application.

Harvest Market at the Library

On Tuesday, November 22 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., the Monroe Public Library is holding a one-day-only, special "Harvest Market" on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving so that shoppers can stock up on holiday gifts, goodies and décor.

All artisans, bakers, crafters, growers, and purveyors of holiday goods and décor are invited to apply. Applications may be found on the library's website at www.monroetwplibrary.org/market and at the library's Circulation Desk. Deadline to apply is Thursday, November 10.

Christian Fellowship

(Continued from page 9) just be teaching us to be patient and TRUST Him. Let our prayer be "God, our Savior, I give You all my hopes and all my desires. I ask You to grant them according to Your wisdom, in Your time and in Your love. Thank you, Lord."

November 11 is also the important celebration of Veterans Day. Let us fly our flags and give honor to the many veterans living in our community and in our families. When you see someone wearing a Veteran's cap, be sure to greet them and say, "Thank you for your service".

May the Lord bless each of our members who are celebrating either a birthday or anniversary this month. May your day be filled with joy and peace as only Jesus can give.

Please join us as we close out the year with our holiday meetings and celebrations on November 18 and December 16. If you would like to know more about Clearbrook's Christian Fellowship, please call 609-235-9950. Leave a message and we will call you back.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Give thanks to the Lord call on His name. Make known His deeds among the people; make them remember that His name is exalted. Praise the Lord in song, for He has done glorious things; let this be known throughout the earth." Isaiah 12: 4-5



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Deadline to sign-up November 15th.

- Class starts promptly 9:30am finishing at 3:30pm.
- The Fee is \$20.00 AARP Members and \$25.00 for non-members.
- Drivers License and AARP Card Required upon paying and at the Class.
- Certificates are issued same day.
- For those individuals with points, taking these classes two points will be reduced from their DMV records.
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- Valuable defensive driving skills
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- How to stay current with the latest driving technologies
- The current rules of the road, specific to your community
- How to manage common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time.
- If you would like to bring snacks that is fine. Coffee and Tea will be available.

AARP requires masks to be worn in class. If this changes you will be notified in class.

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December 12, 2P (Lounge A)
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The grocery bus runs on Thursdays. Pickups start at 9:30 am and go throughout the community. To reserve your seat, you must call the Activities Department. **NO LATER THAN 2pm** the day prior to the day you want to go.
609-655-5760

Please look for eblasts regarding activities the Activities Department is putting on. Also, Channel 26 and the Clearbrook Website continue to be a great resource for information to keep you up to date.

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Section News

Section 2

By Barbara J. Turner

Greetings Section 2 residents! Although we recently welcomed the beautiful fall weather, we must also start preparing for the impending winter months. Although we have avoided a direct hit from hurricanes and other powerful storms that have severely affected other areas of the country, we cannot become complacent in preparing for the winter storms that are common in this part of the country. Please be sure to have the following in place in preparation for the winter months.

- Keep flashlights or other alternative emergency lighting available in the event of a power outage.
- Keep extra canned goods on hand.
- Keep an ample supply of all medications and bottled water.
- Make sure administration has all emergency numbers and that they are up to date.
- Make sure all vaccinations are current.
- Remove all garden hoses and make sure all spigots are leak free and covered to prevent freezing.
- Check your unit for any repairs that should be addressed that may be compromised by the colder weather.

We usually don't see our neighbors as frequently when the weather turns cold. Please check on one another periodically. If you haven't already done so, especially if you are new to the Section, it might be a good idea to exchange phone numbers with one (or more) of your neighbors for an additional point of contact.

Veteran's Day is November 11. Clearbrook will be sponsoring lunch and a movie for all our veterans. Everyone is invited to attend. Lunch will be provided for the vets. All other guests must provide their own meal at their own expense. Contact the activities department for further information.

SAVE THE DATE

The open board meeting previously scheduled for November 9 has been rescheduled for November 15 at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. The budget for 2023 will be presented. Pizza will be served!

On November 24, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. This is a national holiday that is celebrated every year throughout the United States. It is a special time to spend with family, reconnect with friends, enjoy great food, good company, and be reminded of the good things in life. Wishing each of you a Wonderful, Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

The most important time is family time – Unknown

Section 3

Chatham Gardens

By Patricia Feeney

Autumn is here and it is a beautiful time of year with the crisp morning air and amazing colors Mother Nature has shown to us as predicted. She has outdone herself this year in some areas. With the extremely hot summer we had, who knew what to expect, especially with many trees dropping pale leaves before their time due to the lack of water. We did have a few trees taken down in the Section and others trimmed where needed in September. The Section's Executive Board has discussed tree replacement but we were glad it wasn't this year with the heat we endured. We will now look into doing some in the spring. We had less concrete needed to be done this year compared to other years. As our Treasurer, Maureen Ambrose, works on the 2023 Budget, we will know how much money we have to work with next year after the Budget is approval.

The Section had a successful Bagel Breakfast and the Board was happy to see a few residents we have never met in person before and we were now able to put a face with the name and/or the voice on the telephone in a few cases. I believe we had over 30 people in attendance. Lynn Leavitt and her Hospitality Team did an excellent job putting this together. Special thanks to bakers on the team for the delicious cakes – Sari Gruber, Lynn Leavitt's daughter Susan, Donna Malley and Barbara Tomaino. This was the first event with food that the Section had since the pandemic began. We hope to have more periodically as well since food brings out our residents. Our next General Meeting is on **Thursday, November 17 in Lounge B at 2:30 p.m.** Please mark your calendars accordingly.

We will usually have new residents each year and if it helps even one person, this information is worth repeating:

- Close ceiling vents (if you do not have a heat pump)
- Turn clocks back on November 6
- Change batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors
- Disconnect hoses from outside spigots
- Have batteries on hand for flashlights

November has two holidays with the first being Veterans Day on the 11th. As we all know, this is a time to honor military veterans who have served in the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I, which formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. This is when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

The second is Thanksgiving which is only a few weeks away. It's still a good time to tell friends and family who we won't be seeing this year that we are so grateful to have them in our lives. If you know of a neighbor who will be alone for the holiday, you can always invite them over or offer to drop off a turkey dinner and/or a dessert. Stay safe and Happy Thanksgiving everyone!!

Looking forward to seeing more people at the November 17 meeting.

Section 4

By Barbara Kowalczyk & Irene Belinsky

We are grateful for:

- Blue skies and beautiful fall colors on the trees
 - Cooler weather
 - Terrific neighbors in Section 4
 - So many activities for everyone's varied interests
 - All the dog walkers and their terrific furry friends that make me so happy because they're so happy to be out and walking, and some in groups
 - Family who supports us in whatever happens and in whatever we do
 - And even family who can't, but are there always
 - Grandchildren who make us laugh
 - Kitties and kittens who give us unconditional love
- What are you grateful for? November is time for Thanksgiving and being grateful. Being grateful feeds your soul.

It's hard to believe that we're already in the middle of fall. Just think, in another month it will be winter, and we'll be seeing snow. Not something to look forward to, but a good time for spending more time indoors, reading, building fires in the fireplace or wood-burning stove, painting and cooking those special meals and trying new recipes.

Let's enjoy the beautiful colors of the foliage, as it only comes one time a year, the cooler weather, and the rain that we desperately need.

Thanksgiving in November is one holiday shared with many other countries. It is a special holiday. It is a time that family and friends gather for one day or weekend to enjoy their traditional food. Many Americans will be celebrating the traditional turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie, then lie on the couch and watch the football game or take a nap.

And let's not forget giving

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Betsy Nichols and Gail Cetta of Section 4 found vintage hats at the recently held Trunk to Treasure event.

Section 4

(Continued from page 12) thanks for our Veterans. Veterans Day is November 11. We can never be grateful enough to those who have served our country – many of whom gave their lives or were handicapped for life as a result. They sacrificed for all of us.

We can also donate to the local food banks for those that are less fortunate. I'm sure there will be clothing and food drives for the people down south that suffered from hurricane Ian. We are so lucky compared to so many. So maybe you can add an extra can or two of vegetables to your shopping list to donate.

It is a day when we give thanks to have family and friends around us. We are all hopeful next Thanksgiving will bring more peace and happiness to our country and to the world.

Thanks to all who participated in our Trunk to Treasure flea market October 8. There was something to be had by all. Seen above are Betsy Nichols and Gail Cetta of Section 4 who found vintage hats. They were looking for matching dresses when I last saw them.

Section 5

*By Fran Hecht
Section 5 President*

Fall has arrived, can winter be far behind? Now is the time to check on hose bibs and outdoor projects. Garden hoses should be removed and put away. When you leave the hose connected, the water freezes in the pipes and breaks the hose bibs. Furniture should be removed or secured tightly. Winter storms bring high winds besides much snow at times.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour the first Sunday in November. It gets dark at 6 p.m. or earlier.

People who exercise need

to observe the rules of the road. The area between the white lines is for safety. I have seen walkers in the roadway or walking in the same direction as traffic. This is hard for a driver to see which way you are going to move. I had this situation and the dog and owner almost got hit.

The CCA is asking residents to follow the rules when having work done on your unit. Check with the office before starting any projects. Contractors must have their insurance papers and registered number on file. This saves the unit owner the headache of our committees saying you didn't follow the rules. Then you are responsible for the removal.

When the Section sends a contractor to work on a job for us, only the board member can talk or approach them. Unit owners are not allowed to speak to or disturb the contractor or their helpers. The CCA has the same rule for the landscapers. Another rule is no climbing of ladders to check out roofs or gutters, etc. This pertains also to board members. If you see that something doesn't look right, call a board member between 9 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday and 9 am to 12 noon on Saturdays.

Our sewer pipes are not young, so we need to treat them with kid gloves. Only toilet paper should be flushed. Pills, tissues, and those flushable wipes get stuck to the walls or tree limbs can break through. Grease or cooking oil sticks to the pipes. We have three or four units together. The middle unit has the main pipe that goes to the street. The other units connect into this middle main drain. Please be careful.

We are in the process of making up next year's schedule of meetings. I am trying to make room for 6 or 8 open Section meetings. When fi-

nalized, you will be given a schedule of times and places.

Greg Michalski has stepped down from the Section 5 Board to pursue new adventures. We wish him the best and our thanks for his many years of service as a director.

There are three open Board of Director seats in Section 5. Please contact us to become a member of the Board.

Best wishes to all who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in November. Have a great Thanksgiving and go easy on the desserts.

Until next month, Gobble, Gobble,

Section 6

Hilltop Village

*By Bernice Fitzgerald
Section 6 Co-President*

Hello Neighbors,

And with the blink of an eye our hot, hazy days of summer are being replaced with the cold reality of winter!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Joe Messina for having served on our Board. Joe has decided to leave Clearbrook to be closer to his family and the beach! We wish Joe all the best!

Additionally, we would like to thank Tammy Mitgang for her service on the Board. Tammy has decided to step down to pursue other endeavors and we wish her the best.

With that being said, the Board has two open seats. If you love our Section and want to be part of keeping it maintained, please let us know. We would love to hear from you!

The Board has received a list of contractors that was derived from input from all of the Sections. This will prove valuable to each Section when they are in need of a contractor. Working together and sharing information with the other Sections and the President's Council is extremely useful.

There was a joint meeting between the CCA Board of Directors and the President's Council. Several items were discussed including fire pits. Section 6 has agreed to permit propane fire pits. Please remember that use of propane fire pits must follow the same rules and state regulations as the grills. All wood burning fire pits are prohibited in Clearbrook!

You should have received information regarding a survey that is being conducted to put a café in Clearbrook. Whether you are for or against having a café, please complete the survey. Your opinion matters! Get involved!

Please remember to cover your outside water bibcocks for the winter. And if you are a snowbird, please remember to winterize your home!

We would like to welcome all of our new residents to Section 6! Please follow any important updates on Channel 26 and we hope to see

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Wishing you and yours a wonderful Thanksgiving!



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Section 10

By Barbara Kist

Happy November to all Section 10ers! Welcome to any newcomers to the Section.

The leaves are beginning to change and we have been having some chilly nights. Now is the time to disconnect all outside hoses and have sprinkler systems winterized before the first freeze. For any of our snowbirds, be sure to winterize your house before you head south.

If you have any issues or questions, please call the Section 10 hotline at 609-655-4723.

The November board meeting will be held on November 28; refreshments will be served. The 2023 budget will be discussed at this meeting. Please note that this will be the last meeting for the year, the first meeting in 2023 will be in March.

Thanksgiving is on November 24. Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving. There are numerous food banks in the area and if you are able, please donate to one of them. A donation can make a difference in someone's holiday celebration. If you would like some suggestions, please feel free to email me at barbkist@comcast.net.

For those who may not be aware, the township will do one bulk garbage pickup per unit per year. Call the public works department at 732-656-4575.

I hope everyone gets an opportunity to vote in the upcoming election. Mail in ballots should have been received by now. If you prefer to vote in person, there will be a voting site in the Cultural Center. Watch for further details.

In case anyone missed the news, for all of us on Social Security, we will be getting a big boost in our benefit in 2023. Biggest increase in a while. Enjoy!

Please email me if you have any topics you would like me to cover in upcoming updates.

Section 12

By Jerry Sperling

Holy cow, it's really getting cold!!! Please, please, winterize your sprinkler systems!!! Make sure ALL the water is blown out from your underground pipes. If there is water in those pipes and they freeze, the water will expand and those pipes will burst! Come next spring when your sprinklers are turned on, there will be hell to pay! And, oh yes, be sure to remove all hoses from the outdoor spigots and make sure the spigots are covered with insulating styrofoam covers. Wood fire pits and chimeraeas are not permitted in our community; however, propane fire pits are permitted if they are at least five (5) feet away from your unit to insure safety!

A well deserved "Thank You" to all the volunteers who faithfully watered our cul-

de sac island plantings this past summer. They are Jon Bevaqua, Dennis Sullivan, Susan Philpot, Gideon Lahav, Anita Bowser and Allison Sciarillo. If I left someone out, please let me know!

Our Holiday Luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 10 at Romeo's Pizzeria in Jamesburg, from 12 to 3 p.m. The cost for this event is \$22.50 per/person; however, Section 12 will be paying \$10 towards the cost per person. The final cost is \$12.50 per/person or \$25 per/couple. Make your checks payable to "Section 12" and drop them off at 490 A Grandin Road. Incidentally, Romeo's menu includes: Salad, choice of entree, coffee, tea, soda and dessert. Come and join us for a Holiday Extravaganza that includes door prizes and lots of "fun stuff." Hope to see you there!!!.

Our Open Board Meeting will be held on Monday, November 14 at 7 p.m. in the Cultural Center. Please join us and learn about upcoming changes to your Section Budget.

Happy Gobble Gobble and enjoy your Thanksgiving!!!

Section 14

Oxford Village

By Grace Makuch Secretary

Contact: Clearbrooksec-tion14@gmail

Welcome all new Section residents. October 10 was the last Section meeting of the year. Thank you for all those who attended. We will post the 2023 meeting dates in the early part of the year. For those who didn't attend, we will be reviewing trees that need trimming and gutter cleaning after the leaves have fallen.

This has been a hot, dry summer. The Section does not replace dead grass. I suggest you wait until the spring to reseed yourself or contact someone to do it for you. Clearbrook may put down seed, but it will be up to you to water and care for the lawn.

Each month we are getting new residents like yourself moving to our Section. Please review the White Welcome binder. Check www.clearbrook-nj.com for online news... sign up for all updates on all events, newsletter and more. If you have any questions, please use our Section email above to ask questions. The goal is to assist you to learn about the Section and Monroe area.

Make sure there are no air spaces in your garage from the rubber stripping on your garage door. Wild life like mice can build nests in your garage and in your car. When cars sits for a long time it is not good for the car. Make sure you drive the car around the development to keep the fluids and tires rotated.

Thanksgiving is a time to remember those who are less fortunate than us. There is a Monroe food bank collection closet in the Club-

house across from the nurses' station. This closet is open all year around. When you are coming to the Clubhouse drop off a few items, every little bit helps. Only currently dated items should be placed there.

When walking in Clearbrook bring ID/cell phone, flash light at night, clothes that can be seen when walking. Do not walk more than two people abreast. Walk facing the traffic so you can see the oncoming cars.

All hoses must be disconnected from the outside bib-cock (spigot) and put into the garage. If you do not disconnect a hose from the bib-cock, it will most likely cause a pipe inside the wall to freeze and crack. Repairing this issue can very expensive. The break has to be repaired, the inside wall has to be repaired and painted and maybe the carpet has to be replaced. In the event this happens, the entire expense is the homeowner's expense because it was caused by negligence in not removing the hose. If you are going away for more than two weeks you need to have someone check on your unit. Make sure you fill out the proper form if leaving the area for a few months.

Call an authorized sprinkler dealer to have your lawn sprinklers winterized according to Clearbrook regulations.

Section 15

Pickwick Village

By Sandra Stark, Section President

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

Residents/ Owners Meeting – **SAVE THE DATE** for the next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10 at 7 pm in Lounge A. Don't miss it! You never know what we'll be planning!

Winterization Suggestions

- Detach hoses from exterior spigots to avoid frozen pipes
- Remove planters and walkway lighting to avoid damage during snow removal
- Close ceiling vents and cover intake filter for the AC system (If you have a heat pump, check with your HVAC provider.)

Capital Improvements

Contracts - The balcony resurfacing at 541P Cornus Plaza is expected to be completed during the week of 10/17. New siding for 543ABCD Berberis Plaza will be installed during the week of 10/17.

Operations

Landscape Committee – Some minimal tree trimming will be performed soon on low-hanging branches over walkways. The committee will be considering the usual round of tree trimming and new planting to be scheduled in 2023.

Fence Repairs – 538 Berberis Dumpster Area gate and 545A/C Ardmore patios – Quotes to be considered.

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Section 15

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President's Message

In an effort to include Section 15 residents in the loop of the numerous community communications, we are updating our Section Email Database. If you received a door-delivered packet with a FAQ Sheet, "Who Do I Ask?" sheet and a Café Survey, we do not have an email on file for you. Please send your email address to Ruth Golush at ruthg424@aol.com.

At our Section Meeting on November 10, I will be reporting on pertinent information from two recent meetings:

Presidents Council (11/2): The current members have been working together on many projects including a joint meeting with the CCA Directors.

CCA Work Session (11/8):

These meetings are usually held in the morning and are open to all residents.

Please note the contact information for the Section President: Sandra Stark at 908-938-0798 or by email: starkc21@aol.com

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**Section 16****Queensway Village****By Maria Petro**

Hello to all our friends and neighbors of Section 16. With the cooler weather many of you are getting outside and getting your exercise by brisk walks. Please remember walking safety. Walk facing oncoming traffic. If you are riding a bike, you should ride with the traffic. If you are out after dark or even at dusk, make sure you have light clothing on and carry a flashlight so cars can see you.

All committees have been keeping up with work requests from residents, and attending to all requests as soon as possible. Please remember if you have a maintenance or landscaping issue, go to our website and download or print a Landscape/Maintenance request form and turn it in at the administration office. The appropriate committee member will address it as quickly as possible.

A reminder again to all residents: The Dumpsters are only to be used by the residents of the Devons, and the Cambridge units. These residents do not have garages and do not receive trash cans. If you live in any other units, please use your trash cans that are provided to you. DO NOT PUT YOUR TRASH IN THE DUMPSTERS. Also all trash cans MUST be stored in your garage. They should not be outside of your unit.

Watering season is over for this year so it is time to disconnect your outside hoses and make sure the spigot is turned off tightly. If you have a sprinkler system, it's time to have them winterized.

There will be an Open Section Meeting on November 15 at 7 pm. in the Clubhouse Ballroom. Please make every effort to attend. These meetings are for you to hear what is happening in your Section. It is an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas with others. We are also planning to have regular meetings for new residents on a quarterly basis to give information and answer questions on the rules and regulations. We are also looking for volunteers to help on our standing committees. Refreshments will be served.

This is a notice to all residents living in the Devon Buildings on Sewell Road and Spirea Plaza.

A few months ago we were mandated to install automatic door closures on the Devon units. Shortly thereafter, one of the closures was tampered with and had to be repaired at the Section's expense. On August 17, 2022, the State inspector came through to inspect all the Devon's in Clearbrook. We

were cited for a broken door closure on the Sewell Road building. Once again the Section had to repair this unit. Upon checking this building in preparation for the re-inspection, once again we found the door closure was broken. This is a violation of Section property. All residents in this building were issued a fine. The Section cannot bear this expense any longer.

The annual shredding event will be held on Saturday, November 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. The event will be held in the Cultural Center parking lot.

Our November Section Breakfast will be held Friday, November 11. Please watch your mailbox for the flyer with all pertinent information. Please RSVP to 609-655-4522 if you will attend. You may pay at the door. The cost for a full breakfast is \$15. Save the date for our holiday luncheon, December 10 at City Streets. More information will follow in next month's Courier.

The Board would like to wish a Happy Thanksgiving to all. The Board would like to send our sincere thanks to all our veterans for their service to our country. We thank you for serving and keeping us safe and free. Stay safe and we will see you next month.

Section 17**By Holly Ives**

Love this crisp fall weather and adding a jacket for comfort. (What was it like to sweat?)

Happy Thanksgiving! November is a good month (they all are) to think about what we are grateful for, especially the small things. It shouldn't matter how much my glass holds as long as it holds something! We take for granted food, clothing, shelter, and being able to vote, but they are not available to everyone. If you always wish for more, you will never be happy with what you have.

Critters (2 and 4 legged) would love to get closer and warmer by entering your homes and garages. "Remember to keep everything CLOSED & LOCKED" cannot be repeated enough. Safety should be a concern for us all...all the time.

Alas, we must also look ahead to prepare for winter. Time to winterize your sprinkler system and remove outside hoses.

Our last 2022 Section 17 meeting will be on Thursday, November 17, at 7 pm in the Cultural Center.

NOT TO BE MISSED/ MARK YOUR CALENDARS... Our Section 17 WINTER GET TOGETHER will be on Sunday, December 4 from 4-7 pm in the Cultural Center. Buffet dinner, dessert, coffee, tea, and water will be provided. You may bring your own wine and beer but NO hard liquor. There is NO charge but we DO need to know how many

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are coming. Please RSVP Yes OR No to Chris Thronsen (845-728-5653) or Joan Weistreich (917-681-5972) by Monday, November 14. Hope to see you all there!

Holidays for November: All Saint's Day (1), National Stress Awareness/All Soul's Day (2), American Football Day (5), Daylight Saving Time Ends (6), Veterans Day (11), World Kindness Day (13), America Recycles Day (15), Great American

Smokeout (17), National Absurdity Day (20), Go For A Ride Day (22), Thanksgiving (24), National Buy Nothing Day (25), and National Cake Day (26).

Happy birthday to those born under the signs of Scorpio and Sagittarius. Get well wishes to all who need them.

We mourn the passing of our long-time beloved member Joyce Parkinson. She served our Section faithfully as a dedicated treasurer and was very knowledgeable of the ins and outs of Section operations. Joyce was a kind

soul and talented artist. Our condolences to her husband Ken and family.

Section 18A

Stuart Village

By Marianne Ippolito

Hi Neighbors!

As I write this month's article I am looking forward to our Section Social on Saturday, October 15. We cannot thank Sharon and Myra enough for their efforts to pull this together. As we get ready to hunker down for the

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Snow Clearance Procedures



All Snowstorms:

During all snowstorms the following snow clearance procedures will be followed. As per contract, during typical storms (15 inches or less), snow should be cleared from all driveways and walkways within 24 hours after a snowfall concludes. In the event of a larger snowstorm or blizzard conditions, clearance may take longer---at least 48 hours from the time the snowfall stops. Clearance of snow/ice will not take place in the community unless the accumulation reaches more than two (2) inches.*

* When snow and ice accumulation is less than 2 inches, the Snow Contractor shall, upon authorization from Association's management, commence with the tipping of driveways (clearing of the snow/ice from the bottom of the driveways).

Preparation Prior to an Upcoming Snowfall:

The Association takes the following steps in anticipation of severe weather conditions:

1. The General Manager and the snow contractor's Operations Manager are in constant communication with each other to determine the best time to call the snow contractor to send its crews to the Property.
2. The General Manager makes a determination based on the type and amount of snow predicted and the current temperature on whether or not to salt our roads.

Staff/Equipment:

The current CCA snow contractor has the following on site at the beginning of a snowstorm:

1. 40 to 50 laborers with shovels and snow blowers
2. 8 to 10 pick-up/dump trucks with plows
3. 12 to 15 front end loader type tractors for driveways

Plowing of Roads:

Once the snow reaches a depth of two inches, the plows begin to clear the snow from all the roads in Clearbrook. This includes:

1. Streets
2. Cul-de-sacs
3. Entry Roads (main, north and east gates)
4. Maintenance Service Road
5. Path in the Clubhouse Parking Lot
6. Path in the Cultural Center Parking Lot

Snow Removal Procedure After the Snowfall Ceases:

Once the snow stops, all roadways will be cleared 12" from the curb on each side of the road except where mailboxes, driveways, storm drains and fire hydrants are located. Driveway and walkway clearing will also begin when the snowfall stops.

The community is divided into five areas, each area worked by a different team for the snow clearing process. Teams are rotated throughout the season to start in different sections.

All snow is cleared from the following:

1. All walkways at apartment complexes, Devons, Cambridges and all sidewalks to individual units including the front door to the garage door across the atrium for Braeburns.
2. All primary entrance walks at main entrance, Clubhouse and Cultural Center
3. All driveways and parking lots throughout the community, including the Clubhouse and Cultural Center
4. All dumpster areas, fire hydrants, mailboxes and storm drains
5. All breakouts leading from sidewalks to roads

Once all areas are completed, follow up will be performed as needed on missed or problem areas.

There will be no special consideration for working residents, residents leaving on a trip or residents with doctor's appointments not deemed a medical emergency.

** Driveways will not be cleared of snow if a vehicle is parked on the driveway. The only exception to this is if a driveway is shared by two owners. We do ask that the owner with a vehicle on the driveway park as close to the opposite side of the driveway furthest away from the other owner's side of the driveway.

Medical Emergency Clearance:

Our Contractor will be handling all snow clearing for medical emergencies. The Health Care Center prepares a listing of the medical emergencies after verifying all appointments. Priorities for snow clearance for medical emergencies are only given to residents who have a verifiable appointment for one of the following:

1. Dialysis
2. Chemotherapy
3. Radiation therapy
4. Scheduled Surgery
5. Home Health Aides for the Seriously Disabled

Consideration will also be given to Meals on Wheels, Visiting Nurses and Hospice Teams.

Communications Protocol During the Storm:

The protocol that Management will be following for all snow events is outlined below. Snow Clearance Procedures are also on the Clearbrook Website. You can view it by going to: www.clearbrook-nj.com and logging in. Next, go to "Resources" on the main website menu and click on the "Documents and Forms" link.

The snow clearance procedure is located under "Emergency Procedures including Snow Procedures" link.

Once the snow stops, the snow contractor will communicate all Section plowing updates to Management. Upon receipt of the updates, Management will send out an email blast, update the website and post the updates on the electronic bulletin board (Channel 26).

These updates will also be communicated from Management to the VOC volunteers and broadcasted every three hours on Channel 26 until the VOC goes off the air.

- Management will continue to provide updates via email blast, the website and the electronic bulletin board every three hours until midnight, resuming the following morning.

• Per the snow procedures, residents should not report driveways or walkways missed until the section is complete. Once Management and the VOC have reported the section being complete, any missed driveways or walkways should be reported directly to the Administration office at (609) 664-5517. The missed driveway or walkway will then be communicated directly to the snow contractor. In addition, all emails concerning snow removal after a storm need to be directed to the following email address: snow@clearbrook-nj.com. DO NOT CONTACT THE GATEHOUSE, NURSES' OFFICE OR THE MAINTENANCE OFFICE. THE CLEARBROOK ADMIN OFFICE IS THE CENTRAL POINT OF CONTACT TO REPORT SNOW-RELATED ISSUES FOR SNOW OCCURRENCES DURING THE WEEK AND ON WEEKENDS.

- This process will be followed for snow events occurring Monday through Friday or over the weekend.

Advisory to Residents:

1. Prior to a storm, make sure you have adequate supplies: food, batteries, medications and a good book.
2. Residents should remain calm – your property will be plowed, and you will gain access from your home.
3. Watch Channel 26 or the website for updates from the VOC volunteers after the snow stops.
4. Do not report that your driveway or walkway was missed until the VOC reports that your area is completed.

5. Do not call the nurses or the gatehouse for snow information; they do not have information on the location of the plows. Their phone lines must be kept open for emergencies only.

6. Most important, be patient. Understand that during a snowstorm, the people running the plows and shoveling are trying their best to get the job done as fast as they can, working through the night and under extremely cold conditions.

7. For your safety, please do not stand behind any equipment as the operator cannot see or hear you. All snow-related resident communications should follow the protocol outlined above.

8. If there is a real emergency – you must dial 911 –not the nurse or the gatehouse.

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chilly days of November, it is nice to have had the opportunity to meet with our neighbors and perhaps make plans with one another. One of the greatest benefits of Active Adult Living is the ability to remain social without having to travel far from home.

Important reminder! If you have not turned off and serviced your sprinkler system, please be sure to do so ASAP. Any damage caused by your system will be your responsibility and that can be rather costly. Besides turning off and blowing out lines, the system needs to be disconnected from the hose bib. Also, whether or not you have sprinklers, you must turn off your outside hose bibs using the valves inside. Repairing water damage is costly but avoidable.

To our snowbirds, have a safe trip to warmer climates and come back to us safely. You will be missed. Be sure to follow the community winterization process or leave your thermostats at 55 degrees or above to prevent freezing of pipes. It's also a good idea to keep in touch with a neighbor so please be sure to share contact information.

Our Section board works hard for our neighborhood. Below you will find their phone numbers, but please refrain from calling after 5 or on weekends unless there is an emergency. Do not call the office as they will refer you back to the Section. Our own Sharon Monchinski is the first point of contact.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and grateful Thanksgiving.

Unit issues

Sharon Monchinski 609 655 3033

Dryer Vents

Myra D'Agostino 609 619
3201

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Josh Jacobs 646 606 4876

Grounds,

Bill Hamlin 908 358 2253
Josh Jacobs 646 606 4876

Trees

Mike Shinkle 609 655 8619

Winterization

Myra D'Agostino 609 619
3201

Roofs Walkways Drive-ways & Drainage

Joe Manzo 732 900 6936

ing Daylight Saving Time.

First week in October, and we've just had four continual rain days. While it did much to get us out of the drought we experienced in August, which had the highest temperatures ever recorded! Although hurricane season officially ends in November, we can get blizzards in the months that follow, so it's a good time to stock up on non-perishable food items in the event we have a power failure. Also, be sure to always have sufficient medications, flashlights and batteries, locate snow scrapers and keep extra hats and gloves in your vehicle.

With cold weather upon us, keep an eye out for signs where rodents may have attempted to get into your unit. Keep garage doors closed and check siding as well.

It's important that the Clearbrook nurse has a medical record for you on file. Make an appointment to meet with her and fill out a form if you are a new resident or need to update existing information.

November holidays include Election Day (11/08); Veterans Day (11/11); and Thanksgiving Day (11/24). Clearbrook will have its annual shredding event Saturday, November 5, from 9 am until noon in the Cultural

Center parking lot.

If you plan to be away ten days or more, kindly keep your thermostat at a minimum of 55 degrees to keep pipes from freezing. Shut off the water going to all outside spigots, and if you notice drips or broken handles, call your block contact person board member and we will schedule Rezkom and cover the cost. If you have a sprinkler system, schedule the company that services same so that it can be properly winterized. Attention to this can save money and prevent underground pipes from freezing, as this is a homeowner expense. Insurance companies generally will not cover damage resulting from freezing pipes inside your home if it hasn't been properly winterized.

Thank you to all who attended our Section barbecue September 20. The comments were positive, and all the food, catered by City Streets was very good and plentiful, the ribs were especially so. The last open meeting for 18B is November 15 at 7:30 in the Cultural Center. Treasurer Bethel Sage will be presenting the budget for 2023 as well as projects planned for next year.

Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud...

Section 18B**Tudor Village**

By Kay Neu Snyder

Pumpkins, mums and a chill in the air brought fall to Clearbrook with changing leaves, and seasonal fall decorations adding to this colorful season. We welcome the change of seasons but perhaps not so welcome is changing our clocks as we "fall back" November 6, end-

Poetry Corner**PEOPLE ARE LIKE FLOWERS**

By Ellen Tischio

I was thinking....People are like Flowers
They come in all different colors, shapes and sizes
They are found in many different places around the world

So I wrote...
It might take you hours
To name all the different Flowers

But think how it would be
If there was only one flower to see

Wouldn't it be Crazy
If all flowers looked like a Daisy

Or I suppose
They could all look like a rose

Wouldn't it be a shame
If all people looked the same

If someone did something
Lame
You wouldn't know Who to Blame

You might not be able to
Identify your Mom or Dad
That could make you Very Sad

Variety makes a garden
Beautiful to view
It also can make People Interesting to You

TEMPTATION

By Nelly Vega Sorensen
You smile at me, what a delight,
The smile that sneaks into my dreams.
My mind plays games, my mind crafts schemes...
I'll love you on a breezy night.

Illicit dreams laugh at my plight
I'll never even touch your hair,
Yet thoughts possess me with that stare...
I'll love you on a breezy night.

It's out of mind and out of sight,
It's dead and done or so it seems
But in the winter of my dreams...
I'll love you on a breezy night.



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with a large family, you can even rent an entire one of these homes. The Empress is one of them.

Or if you prefer a newer venue, there are the major hotels dotted along Beach Avenue opposite the ocean; the Marquis de Lafayette is one example.

Going backwards through my list, there are many fun events and activities. I missed the Monarch festival at the Nature Center on September 25. In fact, I missed the monarchs altogether. People come each year to see the monarchs that congregate around the beach dunes and nature areas. After treks to four beaches, including Cape May Point and the Nature Center, I and other searchers were told there were millions of them the day before. Timing is everything. Same with birds. If you are a birder, then you'll want to visit the Cape May Bird Observatory. As for other activities, see jazz festival above, and many Halloween and other holiday activities are planned. Oh, and there are at least three mini-golf courses. Mini golf is a favorite activity of mine, although Jack won this time.

Sorry, I'm a foodie, so I'm likely to get sidetracked into talking about food. Let me bring it back up to other general attractions, and I'll get back to food later. What's your pleasure? Beaches? Shopping? Activities? Lodging? What follows is just a sampling. A good place to start is the Cape May Welcome Center. They helped me locate all of the pet friendly bed and breakfasts in town and cheerfully answered my other questions. My dog Jack and I stayed in Highland House. A very comfortable and easy-going place with porches, patios, a gazebo, and plenty of fenced off loosely landscaped yard for him to roam around, as well as other pet owners and pets to meet.

For those who are not traveling with a pet, there are many beautiful Victorian homes converted to bed and breakfasts. If you're traveling and they piped their jazzy music out to the patio. The apple rosemary buttermilk cake with pear Chantilly cream was amazing. Not your thing? There are plenty of seafood, American bar and grille, and other types of cuisine to fit your palate. Two restaurants with spectacular harbor views are The Harbor View (predictably) and the Lobster House (You can eat dockside on their 130 ft schooner.), which features a great lobster salad sandwich. Oops going into food again. Back to shopping. If you like older things, there are plenty

of diverse antique and other craft shops throughout town, such as Out of the Past Antiques (The sign on the door says Hours: By Chance.), and West End Garage (a converted garage that is a huge emporium of everything you can think of, from decorative door knobs to vintage toys to clothing, antique furniture, household accessories, jewelry, artwork, and other new and old memorabilia. It houses over 50 different vendors from NY, NJ, and PA. and has the Beach Plum Café attached to it.).

Finally, the beaches...if you like great sunsets, then there is no other than Sunset Beach. People gather there nightly to watch the sun go down over Delaware Bay behind the wreck of the SS Atlantus, the most famous of the 12 concrete ships built during and after World War 1. (It went out of service in 1920, and not much remains, but the seagulls like it, and it makes for great picture taking.) The folks in the adjacent well-appointed gift shop were incredibly helpful, with many great suggestions, and even calling ahead to smooth the way in one case.

Sunset Beach is dog friendly, as is Higbee Beach, both bay beaches. They frown on bringing your dog on the ocean beaches (Lehigh, St. Pete's, and along Beach Avenue) between May 16 and September 14. All beaches are vast with unobstructed vistas. You do have to walk just a bit on sandy trails to get to some of them, except Sunset and Ocean Ave beaches, which are conveniently near the street.

One final note. A big draw is the touted "Cape May Diamond." These are pieces of translucent quartz that wash up, particularly on Sunset Beach. The tourist trade polishes and facets these until they look like diamonds. The Kechemeche Indians were the first to find them, and they invested them with powers of good fortune, success, and well-being. So if you'd like to sparkle without spending a fortune, but instead attract fortune, then these are kind of neat.

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