

The Clearbrook Courier



The Stage Production cast rehearses **Zoom: The Musical**. Come see Clearbrook residents perform Saturday, April 29, 7 p.m. or Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at the Lifestyle desk!
Photo by Ed Hornichter



Early March saw Clearbrook's annual Club Fair when clubs, groups and organizations gathered together in the Cultural Center. Community residents had the opportunity to get involved and learn more about all the active and exciting things that Clearbrook has to offer.
Photo by Ed Hornichter



The Thursday Night Woodshop woodworkers gathered around to enjoy Steve Charney's project that he made for his granddaughter. Thursday Night is Ladies Night but that doesn't stop men from coming in and working on their wood projects. So join in an evening of woodworking and camaraderie! The Clearbrook Woodshop is open weekdays from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Monday and Thursday from 7 until 9 p.m.
Photo/caption by Jerry Spierling

CCA President's Report

By Beverly Eskra, President
April 2023

Leo Tolstoy once said, "Spring is the time of plans and projects." Your board is always planning ahead and projecting ways to improve our community. Recently we reached out to our engineers to determine the feasibility of adding several Electronic Vehicle (EV) charging stations to an area in front of the Clubhouse. We know the addition of these charging stations will provide not only a service to our community but it will help us to stay relevant and marketable in the community where it is predicted that sales of electric cars will continue to grow.

Increasing your property values is what this board is determined to focus on, now and in the future.

Pool season is fast approaching and we are hoping for a great season with many Lifestyle activity plans coming your way. Our lap swimmers will be able to indulge in early morning swimming, pool hours will be extended from 10 a.m. to 7:45 p.m., and Millennial Pools will be providing us with lifeguards that we hope will serve us well. Rules for both pools will be published for your safety so please, familiarize yourself with them. Many thanks go to our pool committee

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General Manager's Report

By Donna Galindo, CMCA

Hello everyone, spring is finally here. I guess we shouldn't complain since winter was so mild.

The nice weather brings more people outside walking and walking their pets. Please be aware of your surroundings when driving. Please stop at all stop signs and look both ways before turning. We want everyone to be safe.

Very soon all unit owners will be receiving their Section's Notice of Annual Meeting mailing. All elections take place in May. The mailing contains the date, time and place of the meeting, the requirement for quorum, an

absentee ballot and brief biographies of the candidates who are running for election. You can vote by absentee ballot or in person at your annual meeting.

Spring also brings more insects. Starting, April 3, we will be increasing our extermination services back to three days a week, M-W-F. Call the administration office to make an appointment should you need the service.

The landscapers are onsite cleaning up winter debris and will start mowing this month.

Summer is around the corner and preparation is in process. The fountains are being installed in the ponds, an addition

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The Presidents' Council

The President's Council, an advisory council to the CCA, is made up of all Section Presidents in Clearbrook who meet once a month to discuss issues pertinent to the good of the community.

Currently there are two bills pending in the New Jersey Legislature to limit the number of "rentals" in adult communities. The Presidents' Council is supporting this effort and will be sending out the letter below in the near future to:

Senator Linda Greenstein
Assemblyman

Daniel Benson
Assemblyman

Wayne DeAngelo

Many of your constituents are those, like us over 55, who currently live in Active Adult Communities in New Jersey.

Clearbrook, our condo community in Monroe Township, is supporting legislation recently introduced to limit renters in our adult communities.

A bit of background: Clearbrook was built almost 50 years ago. The reason rentals were introduced – it was a way for the builder to expeditiously unload excess inventory. He allowed renters

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Voice of Clearbrook – Channel 26 Out with the Old and in with the New, The VOC Studio Gets a Makeover

By Matthew Troncone,
VOC Producer/Announcer/
Engineer

Spotlight: The Makeover

The Voice of Clearbrook saw March come in like a lion as the studio got a much-needed makeover.

After three days, the old dirty carpet and the fading Chroma Key paint on the walls were gone.

Freshly painted and new carpeting installed had March going out like a lamb for the VOC.

If you are wondering what Chroma Key paint is, it's unique. Blue or green paint allows the background broadcasted to be anything you could imagine. If you have ever taken a trip to Universal Studios or any other broadcasting studio, you probably know what I am talking about. For example, when you watch the news, the weather person speaks in front of a blue or green screen, and you see a map on your television. The engineers in the studio control room are changing the maps and graphics to reflect what the meteorologist is reporting. We do the same thing here at the Voice; our studio background is a virtual set. Would you like to learn how that works? We welcome new members and will happily show you what it takes to engineer a show.

I had some free time on Saturday and stopped by the studio to see if I could help put things back together. When I entered the control room, I found Ralph and Bob crawling around on their hands and

knees—working on getting all the equipment back in service. Having to reconnect thousands of feet of cables and wires was no doubt a task that was greatly appreciated by everyone here at the station—a big thank you to Ralph and Bob. The Voice of Clearbrook had to be off the air for a few weeks as it was all put back together.

Although we were not broadcasting, the VOC was well represented at the Club Fair held on March 6 in the Cultural Center. We had many members answering questions from curious residents about getting involved with the VOC. We look forward to turning the fresh ideas discussed at the fair into new programs to share with the community.

If you want to make new friends and bring the local news to your neighbors, consider announcing a show or two each month. Maybe you have an idea for a show; come down and share your thoughts, and let's make your dream a reality.

The Voice of Clearbrook meets every two weeks in the Clubhouse at 12 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. During the meeting, the schedule of shows and titles for the following two weeks are discussed. Also, each show's announcer, engineer, and producer for the upcoming week's programming are set.

Our next VOC meetings are on April 4 and April 11. All are welcome. You can also call Ralph Carito at 609-860-5631 or Maureen

Tereshko at 908-202-6537 for more information.

Recent and Recurring Shows

One of the favorite recurring shows includes Murphy's Law on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Murphy has endless movies, television shows, and Broadway productions. Tune in and catch some tremendous classic programming.

This past month, our weekday morning shows were put on hold due to the studio and control room makeover. However, you can expect some great classical, jazz, and opera music to return soon.

We welcome artists and hobbyists to contact us so we can interview/film them and their works in their homes for upcoming VOC shows. If interested, please call Stan Brim at 732 614 1277 to set up a short phone meeting.

Channel 26 is your Central Hub

Channel 26, the Voice of Clearbrook (VOC) cable TV station, is your central hub for Clearbrook news and relevant entertainment. We broadcast a live entertainment show every weekday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. We also have a live show on Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and once a month on Friday nights. On all other days/times, Channel 26 features scrolling announcements set to various great music. **NOTE:** We will be broadcasting taped shows soon. Stay tuned!

Three Ways to Watch Channel 26

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

On your computer from the Clearbrook website: if you don't have Comcast or 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 Activities. 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 resident's Facebook page, outside the TV studio room in the Clubhouse, or the Clearbrook-nj.com website (under VOC -> Morning Broadcast Schedule).

Lights, Camera, Action. Come volunteer! Experience is optional. We will teach you what you need to know.



Manager's Report

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tional fountain will be installed in the Cornus pond, canopies and windscreens will be put up this month, power washing the common areas will take place where needed, Belgium block repairs will start this month and the streets will have been swept by the township already.

The Clubhouse pool renovation will start this month and will have beautiful new tile and coping. The pool rules have been updated and will be posted on the website and will be in the May Courier.

The Pickleball court is being resurfaced, the bocce courts are at completion with new wood frames and new paint, cameras will have been installed at the common buildings and gates, acoustical panels are installed in the Ballroom and new carpeting was installed in the billiard room. The bathrooms nearest the nurse's

office have been upgraded to be ADA compliant and the VOC received a face lift with new paint and carpeting. Soon, some of the windows at the Clubhouse are being replaced and the Cultural Center is getting a very much needed face lift.

It sure is a busy time and we love it.

Architectural Applications and Regulations have been updated and are posted on the Clearbrook website at www.clearbrook-nj.com and are also at the office if you are looking to do renovations. If you are unsure whether you need approval or not, please contact Andrea Wolstromer and she will guide you through the process.

The RV lottery will be coming up in May. We will post where you can obtain an application and when it will be due back to the office in my next article.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

CCA President's Report

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members who made all this possible with your utmost safety and enjoyment in mind. Our aim is for you to enjoy this pool season and relax.

As we move into April and the warmer weather, our other emphasis is on maintaining the integrity of this community along with having a solid, sustainable relationship with our residents. We plan on continuing to be transparent in the things that we do and will endeavor reaching out and communicating to our residents for your input. However, communication cannot be effective unless we listen to each other, focus on what each other has to say, be consistent and offer each other value. Unfortunately, this is not always the case with social media. If you have anything that may be of concern to you, going on social media

is not the way to communicate that concern. Reaching out and meeting with us to be able to rectify it is more productive and may lead to a better understanding between all. I would like to take an excerpt from a comment Marianne Gallagher made in the March Courier News Section 1 column, "Posting about me or our incompetence is not only mean spirited but it is also pointless and it doesn't solve the problem and often creates more problems." I feel that this sums up the feelings for all of us that serve the CCA Board or Section Boards. We do it voluntarily; we do not get paid and we do it because it's who we are!

In conclusion I would like to wish everyone who celebrates Passover "Chag Pesach Sameach!" and to those who celebrate Easter, a very blessed and Happy Easter!

Presidents' Council

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with an option to buy. That reason no longer exists.

It was because of this that the Master Deed for the community, written at that time, allowed for rentals. New legislation would override this Master Deed.

Now, some 50 years later, many of our Section presidents would like to limit residents being able to rent out their units. Over the years, we have found that renters are:

- Not able to vote therefore limiting our pool of residents to establish quorums.
- Not able to volunteer on our Boards so we don't have enough volunteers.
- Not psychologically or financially invested in the property.

Currently, we are aware that the CAI-NJ Legislative Action Committee is in the process of trying to pass this

bill that permits associations to limit the number of rentals in a community. We are confident that many adult communities in New Jersey would also subscribe to this idea.

We ask for your support for this new legislation.

Letter

What to say and when and how to say it. Well, thank G-d, I am here to thank everyone for their warmth and friendship towards me at this time, honoring me on my birthday. Every day is a birthday.

The greeting cards, donations, phone calls, visits – for these my thanks are immeasurable. All my Clearbrook friends and neighbors are wonderful and caring.

It is my pride and joy to express my thoughts via the Courier. Friendliness begets friendliness. I do indeed express my love.

Sincerely,
Bernice Miller

Clearbrook Golf

By Joe Zicaro

Fore! It's that time of year again on the links at Clearbrook.

We're gearing up for the new season with new ideas. We'll say hello to the new and past players. Get those shoes and clubs cleaned or stop in the Pro Shop for new. Everyone looking forward to seeing one another and exchanging stories of the winter months.

Please look for signup sheets in the lobby of the Pro Shop for future Association tournaments. We kicked off with the Green Derby tournament on March 18. Opening Day is April 1. Signup sheets have been posted.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the links.



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James Barre
Maria Pontoriero
Gilberto Santiago

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Robert "Bobby" Jones
Joseph Montalbano
Barbara Turner
Michelle "Shelly" Zicaro

Section #3

Janet Kovacs
Lynn Leavitt

Section #4

Marion Bush
Elizabeth Coulston
Kenneth Doctors
Dawn Vega

Section #5

Tae Cheong
Ann Martucci
Wayne Mueller

Section #6

Howard Birdsall
Lisa Gessert
Dominick Iadicicco

Elyse McGuire
Laurie Reyes

Section #7

Scott Bennett

Section #8

Eileen Ayala
Felipe Diaz
Pat Esposito

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Angelo Gibaldi
Shashi P. Suri

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Barbara Kist
Gary Levine
Denise Trojanowski

Section #11

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R.D. Patel
John Price
David Silverthorn

Section #12

Margaret Dickow
James Hoenings
John Tepedino

Section #14

Vincent DiNiso
Ilene Freilich
Bill Leahy
Lee Wargo

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Daniel Wasilko

Section #16

Christopher Perdoni
Thomas Riley
Thomas Tompkins

Section #17

Peter Abate
Pat Czerwinski
Holly Ives
Robert Scheid

Section #18A

Bob Ambrosini
Stanford Brim
Ralph Gerbino
Josh Jacobs
Thomas McCaffrey

Section #18B

Edward Swartz
Anthony Yodice
Gene Zonis

BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS

Listed below are the dates and times of the annual meetings, the length of the terms of office that are up for election, and the individuals whose terms are expiring.

CONDO ASSOC	DATE, PLACE TIME	LENGTH OF TERMS TO BE FILLED	DIRECTORS WHOSE TERMS ARE EXPIRING
1	May 9, 2023 Lounge B 7:00-8:00 P.M.	3 3-year terms	Jim Barre Maria Pontoriero Gilberto Santiago
2	May 9, 2023 Ballroom 7:00 P.M.	3 3-year terms 1 1-year Alt. Dir.	Frances Blum Bobby Jones Phyllis Schuster Barbara Turner
3	May 18, 2023 Lounge B 2:30 P.M.	3 3-year terms 1 2-year term 1 1-year term	Janet Kovacs Lynn Leavitt Vacancies (3)
4	May 25, 2023 Lounge A 7:00 P.M.	3 3-year terms	Marion Bush Liz Coulston Vacancy
5	May 15, 2023 Lounge B 6:30 P.M.	3 3-year terms 1 2-year term 1 1-year term	Anne Martucci Wayne Mueller Vacancies (3)
6	May 15, 2023 MPR 7:00 P.M.	3 3-year terms 2 2-year terms 1 1-year term	Howard Birdsall Dominick Iadicicco Elyse McGuire Laurie Reyes Lisa Gessert Vacancy
7	May 8, 2023 Lounge B 7:00 P.M.	2 3-year terms	Scott Bennett Eric Vecchione
8	May 10, 2023 Lounge B 7:00 P.M.	3 3-year terms 1 1-year term	Eileen Ayala Felipe Diaz Pat Esposito Bill Gould
9	May 18, 2023 Lounge B 7:00 P.M.	1 3-year term 2 1-year terms	Angelo Gibaldi Lucy Carlucci Pamela Frank
10	May 17, 2023 Lounge B 7:00 P.M.	3 3-year terms 1 1-year term	Steve Chaitowitz Gary Levine Denise Trojanowski Barbara Kist
11	May 16, 2023 Multipurpose Room 7:00 P.M.	3 3-year terms	John Price Julia Leonard David Silverthorn
12	May 8, 2023 Ballroom 7:00 P.M.	3 3-year terms 1 2-year term	Margaret Dickow Naomi Lefkowitz Vacancies (2)
14	May 8, 2023 Lounge A 6:00 P.M.	3 3-year terms 1 2-year term	Vincent DiNiso Eileen Freilich Lee Wargo Vacancy
15	May 11, 2023 Lounge A 7:00 P.M.	2 3-year terms	Sandra Stark Daniel Wasilko
16	May 16, 2023 Lounge A&B 6:00 P.M.	3 3-year terms	Chris Perdoni Thomas Riley Thomas Tompkins
17	May 18, 2023 Cultural Center 7:00 P.M.	3 3-year terms 1 2-year term	Peter Abate Holly Ives Robert Scheid Patricia Czerwinski
18A	May 25, 2023 Cultural Center 7:00 P.M.	3 3-year terms 1 2-year term	Stan Brim Josh Jacobs Joe Manzo Sharon Monchinski
18B	May 16, 2023 Cultural Center 6:00 P.M.	3 3-year terms	Ed Swartz Anthony Yodice Gene Zonis

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Lifestyle Happenings

By Krystal Graves
Lifestyle Director

Happy spring, Clearbrook! Hopefully some of the blustery days of March are behind us and we can fully watch the season start to change from cold to a bit warmer.

If Lifestyle can say one thing about March it is that it was a very bountiful month full of events but don't worry; April will not disappoint. Sip & Sign with our sponsor, The Gardens at Monroe, was one of our fastest moving arts and crafts sign-up to date. This event was a complete sell out in less than ten minutes due to its popularity. We do have a wait list but please note, we will have The Gardens back in July for acrylic canvas painting. We will be painting a beautiful bird-watching picture so if you were not able to make it into Sip & Sign then Paint & Sip will surely be the next best thing!

For April we have the ever-popular and sold-out Musical

Bingo with Tara Feeley on the 13th, Saturday Night Fever \$5 Dance on the 22nd, and Zoom: The Musical on the 29th and 30th.

As a reminder to our community: Lifestyle hours are Mon-Fri, 9A-5P with lunch from 12P-1P. We follow specific policies and procedures for event sign-ups, registration and ticket sales. Lifestyle events are paid in person by check only at the time of registration. Checks are made out to the CCA, unless stated otherwise. We do not accept cash, app or credit as payment. Initially our events are open to one guest per resident and certain crafting classes are resident only. If there is still availability, the event will open to additional guests at the two-week mark. We do not hold or reserve tickets or spots for our events. The name(s) of those attending given at the time of purchase must match the person/ID shown at the door on the day of the event. The ID can be Clearbrook or a license. Once a name is given for an event and payment is received, that name/ticket now

falls under our non-transferable and non-refundable policy. We do understand that circumstances arise, but at this time we do not allow the transfer of a ticket or refund. Examples of events that differ from this policy are: day trips such as Lancaster or Broadway. Those types of trips allow for a transfer of a name, transfer of a spot or personal resale of a ticket. Thank you for your understanding of this policy as it has helped us run the department and all of our events very smoothly.

Did You Know?



In April

- Sip & Sign – 7
- Osteoporosis Screening - 11
- Movie- The Good House - 12 and 15
- Musical Bingo – 13
- Saturday Night Fever \$5 Dance - 22
- Zoom: The Musical – 29 & 30
- Ladies Night in the Woodshop is now Monday and Thursday nights at 7 p.m.

Township Events for You

1. Household paint drop-off:

April 15, 8 a.m. to noon at the Monroe Public Works, 76 Gravel Hill-Spotswood Road.

Please note this is for homeowners, no contractor or business generated material is accepted. Also, no empty or dried out containers. They go in the regular trash.

2. Paper shredding:

Friday, April 21 at Veterans Park, Avenue K. Household paper only, no magazines, newspapers, books, junk mail, or plastic bags.

Limit per car: 100 lbs.

Emergency Medical Services Info Featured at LWV Meeting

By Linda Bozowski

EMS Director Judith Olbrys will discuss EMS services offered in the township at the April League of Women Voters meeting.

Scheduled for 1 p.m. on April 24 at the Municipal Building Courtroom, the meeting is open to the public. League membership is not required to attend.

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Nurse's Notes

By Marge Drozd MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, FNP-BC, CSN-NJ
 Director, Community Health Services, Saint Peter's University Hospital



Skin Cancer Awareness

Skin care is important all year round, but particularly so when we are outdoors in the milder weather. We shed protective layers of clothing and spend more time outdoors enjoying warm weather activities, increasing our exposure to the leading cause of skin cancer, the sun.

Skin reflects only 5% of sunlight. The other 95% is absorbed or scattered in the skin's deeper layers. While we may think a sun kissed look is healthy, in reality, it is our skin's response to over-exposure to the sun. Tanning, burning, blistering and peeling causes short term damage to the skin. Over the long term, that damage accumulates and can lead to freckling, loss of elasticity, wrinkling, breaking of small blood vessels, precancerous lesions and eventually skin cancer.

90% of all skin cancers are the result of long-term exposure to the sun's ultra-violet or UV, radiation, and the most damaging effects occur before age 18. Millions of Americans develop skin cancer annually making it the most common form of cancer.

Basal Cell Carcinoma, or BCC, forms in the basal cells that line the deepest layers of the epidermis, the top layer of skin and accounts for about 80% percent of all skin cancers. BCC usually appears on the nose, cheeks, forehead and ears, but can be found anywhere there has been significant exposure to the sun.

Squamous cell carcinoma, or SCC, attacks the squamous cells that line the top layer of skin. It is the second most common form of skin cancer, accounting for about 15% of all diagnoses. A bald scalp, ears, face, neck and the lower lip are sites where SCC is most likely to develop. While these cancers appear mainly on sun exposed areas, they can show up anywhere on the body.

The third type of skin cancer is malignant melanoma, which grows in the melanocytes, the cells that give color to our skin. Malignant melanoma accounts for only about 5% of all skin cancers, but it is the most deadly. It is estimated that 207,390 cases were diagnosed and 7,180 died of this in 2021. Malignant melanoma is seen in men more frequently than women. It is most commonly found on the trunk in men and on the legs in women. Light skinned individuals with a history of severe blistering sunburns, numerous atypical looking moles and a family or personal history of melanoma are at a higher risk for developing melanomas.

You're at higher risk for developing any type of skin cancer when you have a family history, fair skin, red or blonde hair, light colored eyes, freckling on the upper back and a history of three or more blistering sunburns before the age of 20. In addition, three or more outdoor summer jobs before the age of 20, a tendency to burn and an inability to tan increase your risk. The time of day you spend outdoors (sun is strongest between 10am and 4pm), your geographic location and the condition of the ozone layer are also contributing risk factors.

Early detection and treatment can lead to a cure for most skin cancers, even melanoma. To help protect yourself you need to learn your ABCs. A stands for

asymmetry. A normal mole is symmetrical so be concerned if a mole has an irregular shape. B is for border. The borders of a normal mole are usually even and regular, while a malignant melanoma has irregular, scalloped borders. B also stands for bleeding. A normal mole will not bleed unless it is traumatized, while melanomas often bleed with little trauma. C is for color. Normal moles should be uniform in color. If you notice a mole that differs in color from others on your skin, be suspicious. In addition, melanomas tend to be multicolored they often have red, black, brown, black, blue or white in them. Color may also spread from the edges of their borders. D is for diameter. Malignant melano-

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Art Appreciation Club

By Paula Davis

At our February meeting we showed a fascinating film about the building of the Brooklyn Bridge. This beautiful structure is still in use for motorists and pedestrians. One of the aspects of the story is the illness and death toll of so many of its workers, those who engineered and conceptualized what the

bridge would be and the hundreds of laborers who had to work under extraordinary conditions.

Our group also participated in the CCA Club Fair on March 6. Many of the people attending showed an interest in what our organization is about. We hope that they will attend our meetings in the future.

In the past, many of our resident artists spoke about their work at a general meet-

ing. We would welcome anyone who wants to speak at a meeting about what he/she is doing and how they started in any field of art. Remember, there are all types of art, even in the architecture of a bridge. Please call Evie at (732)928-0891 if interested in presenting a talk.

Stay tuned to Channel 26 and the bulletin board in the Clubhouse to see upcoming programs. Join us. You don't have to be an artist to enjoy and appreciate art. All Clearbrook residents are welcome.

New Horizons

By Janet Adkins

The movie *Nomad Land* on March 2 was well attended. Afterwards, there was a spirited discussion of the movie.

The Card Party held on March 16, which included a delicious bag lunch catered by Livotis, was a huge success. Board games were also available for those that were interested. The funds received from the Card Party will be donated to charity.

April 12: April's book is *The Mother-In-Law* by Sally Hepworth. She is the author of *The Good Sister* which was reviewed a few months ago. Call Lois Goodrich (609) 409-8465 or Anita Hyman (609) 409-6775 for further details.

April 19: Socrates Café at 1:00 p.m. in the Club House. Call Leader Elena Stolzer at

609-409-0253.

May 11: Please mark your calendars! *Trumbo*, a movie of social significance, will be shown in the Clubhouse Ballroom on Thursday, MAY 11 at 1 p.m. Please join us to enjoy the film and a lively discussion.

Duplicate Bridge

By Stan Carol

WE ARE BACK!

Like most if not all clubs in Clearbrook, Covid decimated our ranks. Those of us who survived were concerned that our beloved Duplicate Bridge Club would be just another victim of the dread pandemic. I am happy to report that the club is on the comeback trail. Thanks to the leadership of long-time members Martha Sperling and Rhoda Wachtel, and new member Larry Lai as our scorer and inter club communications coordinator, the club has grown to an often size seven tables. Come join a great bunch of people on the following schedule:

Mondays – 12:15 in the Multipurpose Room (usually)

Thursdays – 12:15 – usually in Lounge A or Lounge B

Don't worry if you don't have a partner. We can usually provide one.

We are also currently offering free bridge lessons (by yours truly) on Mondays from 11 to 12 in the Multipurpose Room.

Fiber Arts Club

By Chris Brenner

Best wishes for happy holidays in April—but watch out for April Fool's Day on the first!

The Club Fair was a great opportunity to learn about all the available clubs here in Clearbrook. It was very energizing to our members to display their wonderful variety of projects. Many people came by to view the homemade items.

We found that several people would like to join the group; but they work in the daytime when our group meets. We thought about that and Donna Richards came up with the idea of a kind-of "Branch Group" of Fiber Arts to meet informally on an evening every week. It would possibly be on Thursdays as the Ceramics Room is available then. This would start in May. This would be a place for working on your own fiber arts project within a casual group setting. Donna Richards will be heading up this group. Stay tuned for flyers and more information as we develop this idea.

If you enjoy any type of needlework, knitting, or crocheting, etc, and would like to be part of our friendly group, just come on down to the Ceramics Room on Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m. For more info, please call Chris' answering machine at 609-395-6825



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Women's Health



The Boomers Club

By Frank Casey and Steve Rudin

There are still tickets available for the Boomers 50-50 Derby Event on Saturday, April 15 at 7 p.m. in the Cultural Center. This event is open to all Clearbrook residents and guests. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. DJ Mike will be back to serve up his blend of music for your dancing pleasure, in between the races. We'll be serving up an assortment of sub sandwiches, chips, macaroni salad, dessert and coffee. This is a BYOB (no hard liquor) event. Tickets for this event are \$15 pp members and \$20 pp for non-members and guests. A resident ID and a list of the names you're getting tickets for will be required at the time of your tickets purchase. Additional ticket sale dates will be posted on our website. Our members will receive that info via email. Please visit our website, www.boomersofclearbrook.com for more information.

Following this event, The Boomers Club will be hosting a Cinco De Mayo dinner dance on Saturday, May 6 at 7 p.m. in the Cultural Center. This event is open to ALL Clearbrook residents, their

friends and family. Feeling a little South of the Border? Well, the Boomers are setting up a Mexican cuisine hot buffet, as well as dessert and coffee. This is a BYOB (no hard liquor) event and we'll be selling 50-50. Ticket prices for this event are just \$20 pp members and \$25 pp for non-members and guests. Tickets for this event will go on sale Tuesday, April 18. The room location will be posted to our website.

The Boomer's club is the place to be if you're looking to meet people, make new friends, and forge lasting friendships. For information about what we've got going on in 2023, please visit our website.

For information about joining the Boomer's Club, or upcoming event information please contact our club President Frank Casey at fcasey69@hotmail.com or our Vice President Steve Rudin at srud58@outlook.com

Clearbrook Computer Group

By Hal Wexler

In a previous column I discussed Artificial Intelligence, AI. It's a challenging concept somewhat elusive to most people, but proving to be insidiously invasive to all branches of technology.

Presently Artificial intelligence is in productivity apps and video games; it's writing blog posts and software; it's conducting conversations and designing computer chips. Right now, it feels as though AI is an unstoppable force, but scientists at Johns Hopkins University believe one thing might overpower it. It's called organoid intelligence, or OI, and it uses human brain cells to make computing more brain-like. OI uses organoids, clusters of living tissue grown from stem cells as biological hardware to power systems of algorithms. The hope is that it will provide more advanced learning than conventional computers thus resulting in better decision-making than AI can provide. For OI to produce desired outcomes each organoid would have to hold 10 million cells. At that point it could handle close to 600 trillion bits. Today's fastest computer can handle about 240 billion bits. Using human brain cells to power computers has obvious ethical implications. Researchers

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Nurse's Notes

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mas tend to be larger than six millimeters, the size of the head of a pencil eraser. However, a smaller mole that changes in size or shape is also cause for concern. E stands for elevation. Any mole that grows and raises itself off the surface of the skin should be viewed with suspicion. F is for feeling. If a mole is painful or itchy, investigate it. A change in the appearance, shape or color of a mole or spot is always cause for concern. If you have any questions at all about a spot on your body, have your doctor check it immediately or schedule an appointment with a dermatologist. Prevention is key! Remember that the sun's damaging rays penetrate through water, clouds and shade. Overcast skies reduce ultraviolet rays by only 20%, and shade reduces UV exposure by only 50%.

People who reach the age of 65 can expect to live, on average, two more decades. This means that efforts to improve the use of sun protection and reduce sunburn among older adults would likely help to reduce skin cancer risk in later decades of life. Recent research shows that only about 15% of older adults and 8% of sun-sensitive older adults regularly used multiple types of sun protection.

Make sure you wear sun protection to provide a barrier against damaging rays of the sun. Use sunscreens with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30 to provide a barrier against the

damaging rays of the sun. Choose a broad-spectrum sunscreen that protects against UVA (long-wave rays that penetrate the skin more deeply) and UVB (more potent short-wave rays that cause sunburn) radiation. Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before you go outside and reapply every two hours, especially if you're swimming or in the sun for extended period of time. Also minimize exposure between the hours of 10am and 4pm when the sun is highest in the sky. Wear tightly woven fabrics and darker colors that will not reflect light onto your face and wear a hat.

The most popular kinds of sun protection among older men were wearing clothing to the ankles, such as pants (44%) and staying in the shade (37%). The most popular kinds of sun protection among older women were staying in the shade (47%) and using sunscreen (32%).

Also note that certain medications can increase photosensitivity to UV rays. Check with your doctor and pharmacist and read all medication labels, especially those on prescription drugs. Absolutely avoid tanning beds. The UV radiation they emit are more intense than the sun.

Finally examine your skin every month, beginning at the top of your head and finishing at your toes. Use mirrors to check difficult to see places such as your back. If you see any changes or notice a new spot make an appointment right away with your health care provider or dermatologist.

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Computer Group

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would have to monitor development of OI for signs of consciousness. In addition, there are concerns about protecting stem cell donors' privacy.

The Internet Explorer Browser is gone. Microsoft stopped all support for IE in January. Unfortunately there are still businesses and even government agencies using web-based systems that can only function in Internet Explorer. Many organizations spent huge sums in creating complex web applications in IE. Of course, that was when IE had 90% browser market share. These same organization may not have had the time or budget to rewrite their systems for today's browsers. Microsoft has permanently disabled Internet Explorer. If you need to use IE in Windows 10 or Windows 11, the way to get it is through Internet Explorer mode in the Microsoft Edge

browser. To get sites that require IE to work inside Edge click on the three-dot menu on the right side of the top menu bar. Choose Settings which is nearly at the bottom of the resulting menu. Choose the Default browser item from the Settings list in the right-hand panel. This opens the Internet Explorer Compatibility dialog box. Select the Allow option for the "Allow sites to be reloaded in Internet Explorer Mode (IE mode)" setting. Restart the browser to apply the settings and load legacy website addresses correctly.

Italian American Club

By Medele De Filippo

Ciao amici. Spero che state bene. Hi everyone. I hope you are doing well.

At this writing, it is the middle of March. Our first 2023 meeting will be held in a couple of weeks, and I will be reporting on the goings on at that meeting in the May issue

of The Clearbrook Courier.

For many of us, every year in the month of March for St. Joseph's Day we treat ourselves to Italian pastry and for St. Patrick's Day, many have their enjoyable fill of Katie Reilly's Irish soda bread (unless you bake your own like I do). These treats are traditional and it's always so nice to see it continue. I hope you enjoyed them.

Mark your calendar: Our meeting this month will be held on Tuesday, April 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse Ballroom once again. We always welcome new ideas and suggestions and would be happy to hear you are considering joining our board as a member. This will be further discussed at the meeting.

Happy Birthday wishes in April (birthstone: Diamond) (flower: Sweet Pea) to: Gail Cetta, Nick Desalvo, Vincent Diniso, Harry Dowling, Cynthia Dyer, Pam Frank, Ed Hornichter, Rhoda Kaufmann, Ann Liquori,

Elizabeth Radtke, Willie Schaffer, Lois Silverman, Giovanna Tirrito, Maria Velsor.

Happy Anniversary wishes in April to: Vivian and Ralph Carito, Joanne and Con Fetsko, Mariann and John Fenimore, Deirdre and Nick Zarelli.

Congratulations to all who celebrate. Enjoy your special day.

Trips: Monday, April 10, 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. If you are interested in joining, please call Vice President Marie Schiumo (609-409-9931). Everyone in Clearbrook is invited to join and to be a part of our membership.

Before signing off, let me leave you with this. "A hus-

band and wife were shopping in Walmart and the husband picked up a case of beer. The wife says they can't afford it. Then the wife picks up a \$20 jar of face cream and the husband says they can't afford it. "It's for my face," says the wife. "It makes me look beautiful." "So does this case of beer," says the husband. Heard over the loudspeaker: "Cleanup in aisle 25. Husband down."

To all, I wish you a blessed, Happy Easter and a Happy Passover.

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

"Rack 'Em Up"

By Pat Castrucci



March winds are subsiding but do not despair; spring is in the AIR. Get ready for a fun, full season of playing Billiards! The March Club Fair held at the Cultural Center introduced us to new members that we are excited to welcome, meet and enjoy playing billiards with.

Everyone is enjoying the ambiance and brightness of our billiard room since its refurbishment. New carpeting has also been installed. It looks great and welcoming, all thanks to the efforts of our President Paul Barbash!

Our first official meeting was held on March 1, with great attendance and enthusiasm by members and newcomers to start off the year. We are so pleased to meet new neighbors who have joined us to learn and enjoy the benefits of joining our team.

Looking forward, all-new tournaments being arranged for the upcoming months and to the Billiard Club Breakfast – sometime in April (date to be announced). And GET READY LADIES, we want our female members to join in on the tournaments as well! It will be a lot of fun!

To sum it all up: Billiards is a social sport for all ages that brings old and new friends together. Pool is social and game time – great for meeting new people and a fun activity in which to partake with current friends.

A Little Bit of Trivia

Before the invention of celluloid and new-age plastics, billiard balls were made out of ivory. The elephants might thank their present existence on the invention of plastics because billiard balls had to be cut from the dead center of a tusk; the average tusk yielded only 3 to 4 balls.

Throughout most of the 1800's, the chalk used on leather cue tips was made of lime: a soft, white, porous, sedimentary carbonate rock; better known as black board chalk. Most chalk used today is comprised of fine abrasives and does not contain a speck of actual chalk. And, by the way, Chalk is used to provide

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“Rack ‘Em Up”

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friction between the cue tip and cue ball during contact, to prevent a miscue; without chalk, the contact point between your pool stick and the cue ball would lack friction.

A Little Humor

Q: Who will take the second shot in this snooker game?

A: Find out after the break.

Q: How many pool players does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: Five. One to change the bulb and four to stand around going “Pfffffft, I can do that.”

The Democratic Club

By Patricia Schwalje

The Democratic Club membership is wishing all Clearbrook residents happy holidays.

The next meeting of the Clearbrook Democratic Club will be on Monday, April 10, 7 p.m., in the Multipurpose Room. We hope to see you there. Please call Larry Silverman with any questions (908-421-1968).

Republican Club at Clearbrook

By Melody Henry

“While science, medicine, art, poetry, architecture, chess, space, sports, number theory and all things hard

and beautiful promise purity, elegance and sometimes even transcendence, they are fundamentally subordinate. In the end, they must bow to the sovereignty of politics .because in the end - everything - high and low and, most especially, high - lives or dies by politics because of its capacity, when benign, to allow all around it to flourish, and its capacity, when malign, to make all around it wither.”

This excerpt is from Charles Krauthammers’ book, *The Point of it All*. Charles Krauthammer was an American political columnist. As a political pundit, he won the Pulitzer Prize for his column in The Washington Post in 1987. I began with a quote from his book, *The Point of it All*. because I keep trying to understand the politics that we are living under. Are we flourishing or withering? How is our country perceived by our adversaries? I’ll leave you with these questions.

Consider joining the Republican Club at Clearbrook to discuss current topics such as border control, illegal immigration, and national security issues in a safe and friendly environment. The fourth Thursday of every month we meet for stimulating conversation, camaraderie and documentary films of current issues. The next meeting is scheduled for April 27 at 7 p.m. in the Ballroom.

Poetry

Let’s March into Spring

By Ellen Tischio

*Let’s March into Spring
And hear the birds all Sing*

*The days are getting Long
Soon you’ll hear the Robins
Song*

*The squirrels are digging up
acorns they buried in the
ground*

*It’s fun to watch them scurry-
ing and leaping all around*

*Soon, when you’re going down
a road*

*You may see a Frog or a
Toad.*

April Showers

By Joyce Blechman

*The roar of thunder rolled
across the sky,
In no more than a blink of an
eye,
A bolt of lightning followed
pretty fast,
It illuminated the sky but that
didn’t last,*

*The world got dark and looked
like night,
The wind kicked up as if things
were not right,
The rain started falling slowly
at first,
Then got heavier as if to
quench some thirst,*

*Puddles were forming all over
the ground,*

*People ran to shelters they
had found,
It rained and rained soaking
everything in sight,
Then slowly it stopped and
began to get light,
The clouds started moving and
rolled on by,
A splash of some sun spread
across the sky,
A rainbow appeared wearing
colors so bright,
Giving the feeling that all was
now right,*

*The sun was now out shining
on us all,
The grass and trees suddenly
seemed tall,
Flowers sprouted where none
were before,
Mother Nature’s touch had
come alive for sure.*

Showers in April

By Ellen Tischio

*Soft Spring rain is falling again
Honeysuckle will start to bloom
Open your eyes to Nature
Winds are Balmy
Enjoy sitting outside in the
Evening
Robins are Returning
Saplings are Sprouting*

*Irises are poking up in the Gar-
dens
Notice all the Colors of Spring*

*At Last it really feels like
Spring
Purple Violets are popping Up
Roses will start to Bloom
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Jewish Congregation Highlights

By Michael Katz

Welcome home, snowbirds. We had less snow than Florida! I want to catch you all up on what's transpired this winter.

Friday night services were held according to schedule led by our Cantor Ron Sucher. We are looking forward to seeing all of you getting back into attending.

By the time this has been published, we have completed our yearly matzoh give away. The JCC had a very successful club night having signed on many new members. We also had a general Board meeting election with the current slate of officers having been reelected for the next two years Michael Katz, President; Larry Silverman, Vice President; Naomi Lefkowitz, Treasurer; Joan Axelrad, Recording Secretary.

The JCC also celebrated two centennial birthdays, Bernice Miller celebrated her 100th birthday on February 25, and on March 18 Sylvia Shreder turned 100. Mazel Tov and happy birthday to both of them.

Our annual ice cream so-

cial meet and mingle is scheduled for sometime in May. I look forward to seeing you all there. Date will be announced.

Passover will be celebrated from April 5, the first Seder night to April 13, *Chaz Sameach*.

Last but not least, Joyce Blechman and Barbara Gottfried, our communications people, try to keep

most up to date with emails and robo calls for everyone. If you are not receiving either an email or a robo call, please call Michael Katz or any other Board member to make sure our files are up to date as possible.

We want to wish Barbara Wellen, in charge of our membership a speedy recovery.

Have a great spring 2023!

Christian Fellowship

By Brenda A. Carpio

The first day of spring has come and gone. I am always happy when spring pops its beautiful head. Even if we get April showers, we know they will bring us the amazing flowers that bloom in May including the Lily of the Valley signifying humility, joy and hope. That is why, in one of our beautiful hymns, Jesus is referred to as the Lily of the valley – the Bright and Morning Star! We can see the hand of God all around us as the seasons change.

The most important days of this month are Maundy Thursday when we gather to remember the Lord during Holy Communion. The breaking of the bread (Christ's body being broken for us) and the wine (Christ's blood shed for the forgiveness of sin) is celebrated. This was Jesus' way of telling us that He was about to die and be God's sacrifice for our sins. Good Friday, that dark day of the crucifixion when we remember that Jesus died on the cross, God's sacrifice of His only son. Then comes Easter Sunday ... the Glorious Day of the Resurrection when Jesus rose from the dead as promised, our living God, our Savior. Our God is not dead, He has risen indeed and lives in our hearts. Oh, the joy of serving Jesus and gathering together to honor His name during this season. I love this

hymn which has been sung by Christians for many, many years:

*My hope is built on nothing less
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame
 But wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Thank you all for making our St. Patrick's Day meeting such a roaring success. It was a fun time enjoying green goodies, a guest speaker and music. We also had a few new people join us who had been at the Club Fair last month.

We hope you can join us at our next meeting (April 21 at 1 p.m.) when we will have a couple from the Bridge Women's Center in Old Bridge, NJ. It is a group that provides life-affirming choices for women and families facing unintended pregnancies. Services are provided prior to birth and afterwards as well. We are going to have baskets prepared so that those who come can fill them with clothing from 3-6 months, hats, blankets, sleepers, small diapers and wipes for their clients. Use your imagination. Bring them with you to the meeting. This is always such a worthwhile project. If you have problems shopping, please call 609-235-9950 and we will be glad to assist.

Warmest wishes to all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month. God bless each one of you.

Happy Easter to you and yours.



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CCA Open Board Meetings for 2023

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Wednesday, May 24	Clubhouse Ballroom
Wednesday, June 28	Clubhouse Ballroom
Wednesday, July 26	Clubhouse Ballroom
Monday, August 7	Annual Meeting (Election Day)
Wednesday, August 23	Clubhouse Ballroom
Wednesday, September 27	Clubhouse Ballroom
Wednesday, October 25	Clubhouse Ballroom
Wednesday, November 22	Clubhouse Ballroom
No Meeting in December	

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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 1

By Marianne Gallagher

Check it out! Two months in a row posting! That may seem to be an organized approach, but alas, it am not. Just trying to keep up...

As I write this we are getting a tiny bit of snow, widely portended to be a serious nor'easter. As usual, we seem to be fine. Hopefully by the time you are reading this, there will be no more snow, but be prepared just in case. If you are getting your garden ready, remember the queen bees are readying under the mess from last year – try not to disturb them while clearing your beds, we need the bees! Also, please follow the gardening guidelines; mulch must be LOWER than the base of the siding, barriers need to be separating rocks from the grass, approvals are necessary for all new additions (excluding flowers), and nothing in areas to be mowed. Believe it or not, there are good reasons for all these rules!

Contractors are getting ready to begin some big projects; please allow them to do their work as contracted; if you have a problem, contact a board member, not the workers. They are doing what they were contracted to do. Refer to your "refrigerator list" to see which board member is responsible.

Elections are coming up – resumes should already be in, BUT you can still be nominated from the floor at

the annual meeting and you can nominate yourself. As of now, we have three openings and three current board members running, but you can still run and we can accept up to two alternate board members. This is a wonderful way to get your feet wet and learn the ropes – I'm a master of clichés!

We have a few new residents – WELCOME! I hope to see you at the regular Section meetings -- the next of these will be on April 11 in Lounge B in the Clubhouse at 7 p.m. Come meet your neighbors and see what's going on. Become an active member of our community!

Section 2

By Barbara J. Turner

Spring has finally arrived! With the exception of any unforeseen surprises that we may experience due to climate change, we can now begin to enjoy the beautiful weather of the season. Now is the perfect time for sprucing up the three-foot area around your home as well as any interior upgrades. If you plan on making any upgrades, please be sure you comply with both CCA and Section 2 Rules and Regulations which can be found on the Clearbrook website or obtained from administration.

After the success of our Winterfest Snowflake Gathering event, we are looking forward to our next event which will take place in June. Get ready for more great food, friends and fun under beautiful summer skies. Stay tuned!!

As you are aware, elections for Board members will be held in May. We would like to thank and congratulate Bobby Jones, Joseph Montalbano, Michelle Zicaro and Barbara Turner, all of whom are running for a seat on the Board. We greatly appreciate your interest in wanting to be a member of the Board and being a vital part of this Section and its day-to-day operations. While we are pleased to have four candidates running for a seat on the Board, it must also be reiterated that you do not have to be a Board member to be an active resident of the Section.

Tuesday, May 9, 2023, is Election Day as well as our annual Board meeting. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse Ballroom. While all Board meetings are important, this meeting is especially important in that you will be able to meet the candidates who are running for a seat on your Section Board. Hoping to see you there!

A mistake that makes you humble is better than an achievement that makes you arrogant ~ Unknown

Section 3

Chatham Gardens

By Patricia Feeney

It will be interesting to see what the second half of March's weather will be. At the time of this writing (13th) we were expecting a Nor'easter on the 14th. March is definitely an unpredictable month when it comes to weather. Central Jersey was definitely blessed with our temperatures in the upper 40's into the 50's this winter. I only heard one complaint regarding their \$700 JCP&L bill for February. One last thing regarding JCP&L, if you have overgrown trees/bushes in your 3-ft area near the meters, the meters will not be read. You will then get estimated bills and most likely a large bill when the meters can be read.

Our first Open Meeting was held in March and it will be interesting to see how many residents attend this year. Since most things have been running smoothly, the Open Meetings will be held every other month.

Most of you should be aware that Clearbrook has Presidents' Council meetings held every month, with the President from each Section attending. Last year a suggestion was made to include the CCA Board and Taylor Management together at quarterly meetings with the goal of having all Sections on the same page. An upcoming meeting will be our third of this kind. At the Presidents' Council Meetings we get to hear of other Sections' issues and how they were handled, such as finding a new vendor, etc. The meetings can be very informative. At the request of Administration, each Section is now responsible for finding and reporting lamp post outages and also flickering lights. This information will be submitted to Administration, who in turn reports it to JCP&L, and hopefully the bulbs are replaced in a timely fashion. We will also make note of the date each light is fixed. This can be a problem and in some cases a hazardous situation.

We have one extremely large tree that has to come down since the overgrown roots have now cracked an underground pipe. We cannot fix the piping until the tree is removed. There are also two or three dead trees behind our fence along Applegarth Road that Section 3 has to have cut down. According to Monroe Township, a tree cannot be cut down unless it is dead, diseased, or has created underground problems.

The Section's Board Member elections will be held on May 18 at 2:30 pm in Lounge B. You will be receiving in your Absentee Ballot soon for this election.

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Special holidays in April include Passover (4/5-13), Easter Sunday (4/9). If you observe these holidays, enjoy your family and friends in doing so.

One last item that should have been in a previous issue of the Clearbrook Courier. It is with extreme sadness to inform you of the untimely and sudden passing of Patrick Malley on January 21 at his home. Pat was an amazing man who would help anyone that needed a hand. He was a Board member for many years and handled landscaping issues and anything else he was asked to do. If you didn't see Pat riding around in his golf cart surveying trees, etc., you would find him on the golf course where he played an excellent game. Our heartfelt condolences to Pat's wife Donna, his three children and five siblings. Pat was a young 73 years old and will be missed immensely.

Section 4

By Irene Belinsky & Betsy Nichols

One of the biggest advantages of living in an adult community is the opportunity to make new friends. We are in a 55+ community and by that measure alone we have an awful lot in common with our neighbors, and our backgrounds are similar:

- We're all the same generation – We grew up on the same TV shows and can now watch them all on MeTV. We listened to the same music from the iconic Elvis to folk songs like Peter, Paul and Mary, Joan Baez to disco like the Bee Gees and Saturday Night Fever, and Rock like the Eagles, Rolling Stones, and Fleetwood Mac.
- None of us raised our families here.
- Most of us grew up in New Jersey or the tri-state area.
- We all know the Jersey Shore and look forward to the summertime.
- Most of us are retired.
- Many of us look forward to seeing our grandchildren.
- And many of us welcome visits from our neighbors.

This is also a time for "us". There are so many activities here in Clearbrook and things to do that residents can find interests which they put off for many years while raising their families – things that they may have wanted to pursue but never had the time or chance to before moving here. So now is that time for you!

Like playing cards – the game room in the clubhouse is full virtually every night of the week with so many residents playing many different card games. You can go in anytime and join a table.

Dancing – you always wanted to take ballroom dancing classes – now is your chance as we have weekly classes in the clubhouse. There are also line dancing and Chinese dance

classes.

Clearbrook recently held their club fair which showcased a large variety of clubs you can join to nurture your specific interests. You can reach out to Clearbrook's Lifestyle Department, either Krystal or Susan for more information on any of the options mentioned below.

If politics is your thing – join the Democratic or Republican clubs which also sponsor many like events.

Take advantage of your Section events like block parties, holiday parties or other social gatherings.

A few more options also worth following up on are meditation, yoga, woodworking, billiards, and other crafting sessions like making jewelry, blankets, and wine glass painting. There are also women's/men's discussion groups.

There's more: diamond painting, stained glass making, Improv class, current events discussion group, and New Horizon's women's group that shows movies of social significance and then discusses (Nomadland is the current one), and has a Socrates Cafe where people pick topics to discuss, resident speakers who talk on certain topics, and card/game parties for fund raisers.

As you can see, there are so many activities right here in Clearbrook too numerous to mention – really something for everyone to enjoy!

The point is to take advantage, take a chance. Get out there. Socialize. Join a club. Invite your neighbors over for coffee and a game of cards. Just do it! And make new friends!

Section 5

By Art Rosenthal

April has sprung, and we look forward to flowers and bushes to bloom. We need to be careful when hiring a contractor for doing home improvements and repairs to the inside of your unit. If a permit is needed, call the office before you start. A permit is needed for electrical or water lines work. (Water heater replacement)

The council discussed fuse boxes. All the fuses should be the same manufacturer. Different brands will affect your power use in the box.

Owners of rented units need to check on them at least once a month. This helps to stay ahead of any issues. Renters are to notify the owner of any problems, not to call the board. We answer to a call from owners. Owners are allowed to attend Section meetings and elections, not renters.

Elections are coming up in May. If you are planning to run for a board position, please remember we are on call Monday thru Friday 9 am – 5 pm and on Saturday 9 am – 12 pm. After hours, we will get back to you as soon as possible.

The board has put cul-de-sacs on the back burner. This year, gutter guards are our next project. We are go-

ing to check to see how many we can do. The water main shut off valve is still in motion. Residents have no need to touch these valves. A certified plumber or the water department are the only personnel to touch this. Dogs need to be on a 6-foot leash. Walk in the street and the dog may reach three feet onto the grass. No cutting between units and wear light clothing. A flashlight also helps. I will be mailing a list of board and Section meetings. Unit owners will receive this.

I missed March, so belated wishes for birthdays and anniversaries. April should have you hopping with joy for your birthday or anniversary. Enjoy the holidays

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 18 at 6:30pm in Lounge B.

Hope to see a nice crowd. Until next month,

Section 6

Hilltop Village

By Bernice Fitzgerald

Section 6 Co-President

Hello Neighbors,

Happy Spring!

Phase II of our siding project has begun! The new siding looks incredible and is adding value to our homes.

Additionally, the unit owners where the siding has been completed have advised that the new insulation has kept their homes warmer and quieter!

Please be advised that under no circumstances should anything be nailed to the siding. If someone nails anything to the siding, the Section will issue fines and the unit owner will be responsible for the cost of the repair and/or replacement of the damaged siding. This is an extremely expensive project, and every unit owner holds responsibility to ensure the siding is not damaged.

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Additionally, if any unit has trees and/or oversized bushes within their three-foot bed that could impede the installation of the siding, they will be required to have these removed at their expense. If the unit owner fails to do this, either the Section will have it removed and the cost levied onto the unit, or the building will be skipped and the next building in line will be done.

Exciting things are happening in Clearbrook! Beginning approximately May 22, a food truck will be on site from 7 am until 2 pm every day! Ahh La Carte, which has a café in Concordia, will have their truck here to serve breakfast and lunch. So whether you are a golfer, lounging at the pool, or just feel like getting a bite out, Ahh La Carte will be here to serve you! Let's try and support this local business!

We are excited to hold our first open meeting of 2023 on Monday, April 17 in the Clubhouse. We will be kicking off the meeting with a pizza party! We look forward to seeing you all there.

The Board cannot express enough the importance of using safety when walking. We have had several close calls. Wear reflective clothing and carry a light.

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

The Section has established a **Hot Line number** for all residents to call. **No one should be calling a board member's cell phone directly.** Please use the Hot Line number – 732-573-8473. Board members will no longer be answering their cell phones for residential calls.

Stay happy and stay safe!

Section 8

Hampton Village

By Liz Strazza,
Vice President

Welcome to April! We have changed our clocks and are enjoying the "wonderfulness" of Daylight Saving Time. Things seem brighter and we all seem to have more energy!

Our Pizza Party was lots of fun and it is always good to see some new faces attending the General Meetings. Regarding the General Section Meetings, we encourage all residents to attend.

Below are the remaining dates for this year, so please mark your calendars.

- Wednesday, June 14, 7-9 p.m. Lounge B
- Wednesday, September 20, 7-9 p.m. Lounge B
- Wednesday, November 15, 7-9 p.m. Lounge B

As the weather starts getting warmer, many residents start planting. Remember you can only plant low growing shrubs and plants in the three foot area around your unit. Removal of shrubs may be done without permission.

If there are dead bushes, over-grown bushes, vines or wandering plants in these areas they must be removed by the unit owner.

With the cold weather still here many folks have plumbing issues. If your bathrooms are backing up or not draining or you have no heat/hot water, etc., do not call the Board members. Here is the process for anyone experiencing plumbing / hot water heating issues within their unit. Call a plumber. Below are names of plumbers the Section has used in the past:

Anytime Plumbing in Jamesburg 732 390 9955 or 732 238 8788; Redline Plumbing 732 616 7260; Plumbing Solutions 609 490 9774.

If, and only if, the plumber is unable to clear the problem, then you may call the Board to follow up.

Please remember to put your cars in the garage if the forecast is snow. The snow removal vendor will not clear your driveways (if the cars are parked in the driveway. Also, remember that the CCA provides Calcium Chloride pellets that you can pick up from either the Clubhouse parking lot or the Cultural Center parking lot to protect your driveways from icing. Please do not use Sodium Chloride, because it invalidates our driveway warranties.

When walking your dogs, please remember to pick up after them, especially in the common areas. Additionally, when you see garbage in the streets, please take the time to pick it up and place it in a garbage can. Let's keep our streets and neighborhood clean!

Maintenance requests

If you have maintenance requests, please fill out a Section 8 - Work Assignment Sheet. Unless it is an emergency, please do not call because we do not want verbal requests. We use the Work Assignment Sheet as an audit trail. These forms are now located in the file room of the Administration Building/Clubhouse - on the right hand side in the center cubby. They can also be returned to the same location. The form is also available on the Clearbrook-NJ.com website. You need to LOG-IN, (if you don't have your password information, follow the prompts). Then go to CONTACTS. Once there, go to SECTION 8, then scroll down until you see the RED BUTTON. Click on this button to view and print the Work Assignment Sheet. (I put this in every month, for our new residents or just in case you misplace the directions to access.)

Also, remember elections will be next month, watch your mail for ballots.

I hope you find this information of help to you. Stay tuned each month for more "Helpful Hints."

Best Wishes to all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.

Keep love in your heart and "Celebrate Everything!"

Section 10

By Barbara Kist

April is the month we can finally feel that spring is here. Every year I can't wait for the trees to blossom on Clearbrook Drive. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and Passover

The April section meeting will be on April 24 at 7 pm in the Clubhouse Lounge B. Refreshments will be available starting at 6:30. Please try to attend.

As a reminder, garbage cans should not be put out earlier than dusk on Tuesdays and the wheels of the cans should be facing the curb. The garbage collectors don't pick up bags left at the curb. If possible, you can put the bag on top of the garbage can. If you have big items, you can call Waste Management to arrange a pickup. There is a fee associated with this service.

The Section will be scheduling dryer vent cleaning. You will be contacted in the near future to schedule an appointment. As a reminder, the section will be electing board members at the May 17 meeting. The Clearbrook census should have been completed by March 1, if you have not submitted your census form, please do so as soon as possible.

If you have an issue that the section needs to address, call the section hotline at 609-655-4723.

I would like to remind folks, CCA regulations specify when walking your pet you should not go more than three feet from the curb. Please pick up after your pet.

If you have anything you want to be discussed in the section news, please email me at barbkist@comcast.net.

Section 11

Malden Village

By Rich Kretschmann

We love springtime:- The chirping of birds, milder temperatures and longer daylight hours. Trees and some plants are starting to bloom and more residents are walking about in the community enjoying the warmer weather. Just remember when walking in the evening, wear light-colored clothing and carry a flash light or lantern.

Springtime not only brings out nesting birds but other small creatures; such as: squirrels, chipmunks, rabbits, etc. Although they are cute and part of nature, birds and small creatures can become pests and cause destruction to property. The CCA has a contract with Anchor Pest Control that provides free treatment to Clearbrook homes for many problematic pests (e.g., wasps, ants, termites, and more). For more info, call the CCA Admin Office (609-655-2706).

For our neighbors who are starting to return to Clearbrook after spending the winter months in the warmer states, remember to check for any leaks, running water,

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etc. If you do find a leak or have a problem getting everything up and running, Clearbrook's on-site service company, Rezkom may be able to help you resolve the problem.

Section 11 Annual Election – The Section 11, 2023, Annual Meeting will be held **May 16 at 7 pm**, in the Clubhouse Lounge B. The meeting will last until all legally cast ballots have been counted, both those cast at the meeting or received as absentee ballots by the CCA Admin office by 5 p.m., on May 15. We currently have all nine Board seats filled, with three, 3-year term seats expiring at the May 16 meeting.

Whereas the Open Board Meetings are for the purpose of conducting official board business, the purpose of the Annual Meeting of Unit Owners is to conduct the official business of the 99 Unit Owners, most notably the election to fill Board vacancies and passage of resolutions that modify governing documents (e.g., Section By-laws.)

The quorum for a Unit Owner Election meeting is 15%. This means that at least 15% of the Section's eligible units must cast ballots at the meeting or by submission of absentee ballots. If you think you may not be able to attend the Annual Meeting, please vote by absentee ballot to help assure that our quorum number is met.

Board Reorganization Meeting – Each year, following the Annual Election, the newly constituted Board will meet the following week to hold its Reorganization Meeting. At this meeting the Board will elect its officers, consisting of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. A Recording Secretary will be appointed, as well as Committee Chairs as needed. These leadership positions are elected by the Board members to serve a one year term.

Our Newest Section 11 Neighbors – Section 11 did not gain any new neighbors in January or February this year. However, in March, the home at 452C Closter Rd., previously owned by Lois Silverman, was purchased by David and Ann Rojas and they began moving in immediately. If you have a chance, please give David and Ann a friendly welcome to our Malden Village neighborhood.

Unexpected water shutoff – Last month, several Section 11 residents unexpectedly had their water service abruptly shut off. Here is a brief explanation as to why this happened.

Section 11 has 5 water meters, each of which services approximately 20 units. When water had to be temporarily shut off to one of those meters due to an installation of a replacement water heater, the Monroe Township Utility Department (MTUD) was contacted to obtain a list of all units that are serviced by that particu-

lar water meter. All residents on that list were notified the day before the scheduled shutoff.

However, when MTUD did shut off the meter, it was discovered that only 19 of the 20 units scheduled for the shutoff lost water service and that the one unit needing the shutoff was not shutoff. When the MTUD quickly realized the problem, it began to shutoff the other four meters to determine which of them was servicing the unit needing the water heater replacement.

While the defective water heater was successfully replaced on the scheduled date, it was not without unpleasantly surprising some Section 11 residents. The Section 11 Board regrets that circumstances did not afford our Board time to notify its residents in advance of the MTUD's quick action to resolve the shutoff problem.

Section 12

By Jerry Sperling

Hey, I'm all rested up and ready to resume giving you the up and up on what you need to know about our Section! Did you know that this is the month that our guys and gals on the Maintenance Committee do their "walk about" to check on all the things that keep our Section bright and shiny. They will keep their eyes open for cracks in driveways, roofs that need work, front doors, siding, and all the stuff that keeps our Section in perfect condition!

Make a note, if you have any furniture to throw out or items that come under the heading of "bulk pick up," Monroe Township will pick it up between April and October. Just phone 732-521-1700 and get the information!

We are adding two residents John Tepedino and James Hoening to our ballot to join our Board for the May Election. They will be running with Maggie Dickow who will be seeking re-election. Please cast your vote to add all of these residents to our Board. This will assure that our Section 12 continues to maintain its high level of efficiency. Next item, If you have any question about your unit, reach out to any of your board members for answers to your queries and not to any individual unit owners who may not know your particular situation!

Attention! Please fill out the census form you received and return it to Administration if you have not already done so! This is mandatory! If you lost your form, call Rosetta in Administration to have it replaced.

Announcement, Naomi Lefkowitz has resigned her position on the Section 12 Board. We wish her the best and thank her for her years of service!

And finally, be careful on April Fool's Day or any other day in April, May, June or any other month. You don't know what any fool will do, anytime!

Section 14

Oxford Village
Grace Makuch, Secretary
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Welcome spring. I see the flowers are starting to come up to enjoy the spring weather. Spring brings many benefits. It allows residents to take walks and see the flowers blooming. Let's enjoy the spring and get daily exercise. We all want to look good for the summer. Please review all news in the Courier. There is a lot of helpful information and news from all the sections.

Important News

Welcome new residents. We are having an Open Section meeting Monday April 10 at 7 to 8 pm in Lounge A. Please come the Section Directors will be going over the upcoming projects for the spring. Please be polite when asking questions. Only unit owners can ask questions for their own unit. It's also a good time to meet your neighbors. Living in a community is different than owning a private home. If you are a new resident, we can answer your questions to help with your transition. We will be discussing the final replacement of the roofs at this meeting.

Please review the Belgian blocks at the end of the driveway; the repair/reset for 2023 will be starting soon. Also if you have any lamp post not working or not in the ground securely, contact Vinnie with the information at 609 903 0273. It doesn't matter if you reported it already we still need to compose a new list to submit.

More residents are getting a pet which is so nice for both owners and pet to have companionship. Each section has its own rules on how many pets you can own at one time. Section 14 has a rule you can only have one pet at a time. Owners will be solely liable for any and all damages to the Common Elements or other property and any injuries to persons caused by the owner's pets. All pets must be leashed at all times and kept under control so as not to disturb the peace of residents. Cats must be kept indoors or on a

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Section 14

leashed as they are not permitted to roam free across the Common Elements. All pet owners must pick up waste after their pet and take the bag with them. Do not leave bags on the street.

Garage doors are not to be left open without someone attending to them. That is how bugs, insects, squirrels, and other critters get into the house through open doors.

Owners will be responsible for any cost to repair any damage. Cold weather brings rodents, etc., to build a nest in the garage to stay warm. They have even nested in cars that are not used very often. Some people have reported chewed wires in the engine area of the car.

Section 16

Queensway Village

By Maria Petro

Spring is always a sign of

new beginnings and new hope and this year we must look forward to even more. We are so happy to be able to have in person meetings and events again. Our last open meeting unfortunately was poorly attended. The Board is asking you what we can do to attract our residents to attend. We alternate our meetings between evening and morning to try to accommodate everyone. Please let us know how we can get residents to attend the meetings. This is a perfect way to get your issues on the agenda. You can get answers to your questions and have your voice heard.

Our next open meeting will be May 16 at 7 pm. This is also our annual meeting with our Section Election. All residents should have received a ballot in the mail or electronically. Whatever way you vote, electronically, by paper ballot, or in person the night of the Election, your vote counts and we encourage everyone to please be sure to vote. The Social Committee is working on an event for that evening.

The Section Board is still working very hard to keep the Section safe and beautiful. We are continuing to replace roofs. We plan to replace 10 this year. Landscaping is hard at work keeping our trees, grass and shrubs in good shape. New shrubs will be placed around the two Devon buildings in the section soon.

The Section breakfast was well attended and everyone had a great time catching up with old friends and meeting new ones. Our next breakfast will be at City Streets on Sunday, April 30, 2023.

With the nice weather approaching, please remember the watering rules. Watering is allowed on Monday and Thursday during June; Monday Thursday and Saturday during July and August; and back to Monday, Thursday for September. Flowers and new plantings can be hand watered as needed.

Some gentle reminders: please pick up after your dogs. Garbage cans must be placed in your garage, not outside. This is a CCA rule. When walking after dark, please wear light colored clothing or bring a flashlight so drivers can see you.

We are also planning to start our Friday Night at the Movies as soon as the weather gets warmer. These movies are held in the Ralston Plaza Cul de Sac. Residents will bring their own chairs and snacks and Bill Turkus provides the movies and screen. It is a lot of fun.

The Board would like to wish all who celebrate a very Happy Passover and a very Happy Easter.

Section 17

By Holly Ives

Ah, spring...I thought you were teasing us! The groundhog might have predicted six more weeks of winter, but we avoided any real snow. Now we can rise with the sun and enjoy outdoor activities in the light of day longer! We also need to dig out our sunglasses for driving and walking. Longer days bring more people out to enjoy the weather. Remember to wear light clothing or a reflective vest and bring a bright flashlight when you are walking in the early evening. Drivers will thank you!

Did you attend the Club Fair? What a great way to see all the activities available. I have a challenge for you. Look into something new...‘No Strings Attached.’ Observe a game in the Billiards room, watch a card or Scrabble game, drop in on Ceramics or the Woodshop to see what projects are in progress. For the more active, there are many types of dance classes as well as table tennis for men and women. Less active? Meditation, Current Events and, of course, the CCA Work Sessions and Open Board meetings. [Did you see their full 2023 schedule on page 11 of the March Courier?]

Section News

* Make a change on your calendars for our BBQ date. It will be in the afternoon on Saturday, June 17. The committee is busy planning and will share more details as the date nears. [How do you like your burger?!]

* Our next Board meeting is Wednesday, April 12, from 2 to 4pm in the Conference room at the Clubhouse.

* The next Section 17 meeting is Thursday, April 20, from 7 to 9 pm at the Cultural Center.

Holidays for April : National Love Our Children Day (1), Palm Sunday (2), Passover (5), National Walking Day

(5), Holy Thursday (6), Good Friday (7), Holy Saturday (8), Easter (9), National Siblings Day (10), Last Day of Passover (13), National Gardening Day (14), Orthodox Good Friday (14), National Laundry Day (15), Orthodox Easter (16), TAX DAY (18), National Columnists Day [ahem!] (18), Administrative Professionals Day (19), Last Day of Ramadan (20), Earth Day (22) and Honesty Day (30).

Happy Birthday to those born under the sign of Aries and Taurus, especially Maxine Charney and belated wishes to Pat Czerwinski. Happy Anniversary wishes to those who are celebrating. And Get Well wishes to those who are in need.

Section 18A

Stuart Village

By Marianne Ippolito

Spring has arrived and at press time, I have to say I was a bit disappointed that we had so little snow this past winter despite popular opinion. As a young mom, I loved ‘free play’ days for my kids and as I’ve aged I enjoy the quiet and beauty it brings. We’ve turned the clocks ahead and I’m enjoying the later sunsets and longer days. April brings special holidays and holy days and I wish you all good times with family and if you so choose, fond feelings of faith.


This month is the perfect time to start planning for gardening and beautifying the outside of our units. Looking forward to the colorful displays over the coming months.

It’s nice to see the car haulers outside our gates which signals our snowbirds returning. It is imperative that you keep your speed down as the number of bikers, joggers and walkers will increase each day. Clearbrook residents know how to live an active adult life! Speaking of which, I hope you had opportunity to visit the club fair at the cultural center in March. Right within our gates, there is something for everyone. The residents at each table were welcoming and really pointed out that if there is something you’d like to get involved in, your level of expertise doesn’t matter. Along with that is the probability of making new and great friends. In the event that you couldn’t attend, check this publication for information and meeting dates of clubs. Many have no fee to join and some do, but the cost is minimal.

Section board elections are coming up and you will receive packages with resumes of current board members up for reelection and new nominees. Our board works hard to ensure the safety and value of our homes. They are in the planning stages to schedule needed work around the community. The best way for you to gain knowledge on planning is to take the time to attend meetings. Each meeting ends with your ability to take the mike, ask questions and share your concerns.

If you are planning renovations in your unit, be sure to use only licensed and ensured

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Bernice Miller's 100th Birthday



Friends and family congratulated our beloved Bernice Miller as she celebrated her 100th birthday.

Gathered together were the current and past presidents of the Jewish Congregation in the privacy of her home. Also joining the celebration was Ed Hornichter representing the Jewish War Veterans. A private family party was held for her family.



Happy 100th Birthday, Bernice

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You've always been there to do your
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*With so many organizations,
You've lead, or have been a part,
Everyone knew that since it was you,
It was run with love from the heart.*

*You're a woman who's always been ready
For the next big undertaking,
And we all agree we're glad to be
The receiver of your wonderful baking.*

*So on this special occasion,
Our very best wishes we send,
A big hug to you for all that you do and
We're proud to call you our friend.*

By Joanne Axelrad



Section 18A

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professionals. Be cautious of scammers and vendors that prey on "elderly." Feel free to reach out to the board with questions. Contact information is provided below. Kindly refrain from calling on weekends, before 10 am or after 5pm unless it is an emergency. Remember, the Clearbrook Community Association's web page which has an abundance of information including what needs a permit or form, community governance, model floor plans, amenities, a link to this publication and FAQs. You will be sure to find helpful information on the site.

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Section 18B

Tudor Village

By Kay Neu

I am certainly enjoying the added daylight, and I understand there is a bill in the New Jersey State Legislature to go to permanent Daylight Saving time. It would mean that this fall we may not "fall back."

April comes from the Latin

word "aperilis" meaning to open, symbolizing spring when buds open to an array of flowers and blossoms. Easter Sunday is celebrated April 9 this year, and Passover begins at sundown the evening of April 5 to sundown April 13. Happy Birthday to all Aries born during the first twenty days of April, adventurous, enthusiastic, confident and quick-witted; those born the latter part of April, under the sign of Taurus the Bull, tend to be reliable, patient, persistent and determined! (Who decides this?)

It seems to me that incidents of speeding on the streets within the community and failing to obey Stop signs (or even to slow down) are increasing. We're all neighbors here, please don't ignore the possibility of being involved in an accident and seriously injuring someone.

Spring is here, with the warmer temperatures seeing an increase primarily in ants. It's good to call Administration at first sighting of these pests to mitigate the spread. However, Section 18B has had incidents of raccoon infestation in the attic. Trapping and cleanup are costly, so we ask homeowners to be vigilant if you notice areas such as under soffits where the raccoons have chewed away enough material to allow entry into an attic. Also check siding periodically as squirrels can get in that way.

Landscape season is in full swing. So why are homeowners asked to complete a Landscape Modification Request before planting in the three-foot area around their homes? One just has to drive around the community to see trees and shrubs that were never meant to be in such a small space and in some cases are now taller than the unit, with roots growing under foundations.

It's a good idea to periodically inspect washing machine hoses to ensure they are not leaking. If it's time to replace your hose, replace with a metal type of hose. Make sure the drain hose is secured in the pipe.

The Monroe Township Library offers several services, all available with your library card. For those of us who have mobility issues, consider books, (large print also) movies, and music C/D's all available for home delivery, but require an appointment. Contact Danielle or Donna at 521-5000 Ext 135 Friday to Sunday 10 to 4:30. Books can also be checked out on-line or over the phone for pick up (by appointment) at the drive-up window. There is also a book mobile that travels throughout Monroe Township whose schedule is on the Library website or can be obtained by calling 521-5000 Ext. 126. Also, ask about passes to many museums or attractions.

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Mayor Dalina: Proposed State Budget Adds Million in Additional funds to benefit Monroe Taxpayers



Mayor Stephen Dalina

I reached out to Governor Murphy last month, as I did this time last year, to ensure his proposed fiscal '23/24 budget focuses on affordability and provides more property tax relief to Monroe residents.

I am doing everything I can to hold the line on taxes in the municipal budget, but we need the state to be a partner in affordability.

Inflation is a challenge for our residents and I asked the Governor to continue to invest in helping residents with property tax relief. I highlighted the need to increase state school funding again this year and do even more

to maintain and expand property tax relief programs for our residents.

I am pleased to report that the proposed budget includes many items I am fighting for on your behalf.

Monroe learned today that 2023-24 school funding from the State is proposed to increase by almost \$1.6 million, a 16% increase. Monroe has been woefully underfunded by the state and received as little as \$2.9 million just six years ago.

I went to Trenton with many others in 2017 when Senate Bill 2, the most recent school funding formula, was passed.

Since that time, Monroe's aid increased to almost \$9.6 Million in 2022.

With an additional \$1.6 million, we will reach \$11.2 million in State Aid for the first time for the schools.

While we deserve an even better funding formula, this increase and the previous five years of increases, has helped our efforts to stabilize property taxes for all Monroe residents.

I will continue to fight on this school funding issue and work with our 14th District legislators to ensure this \$1.6 million remains in the final state budget bill.

The Governor is also renewing the Anchor Rebate program which provides up to \$1,500 to homeowners who earn less \$250,000. This program would be re-

newed for 2024. According to the State, checks from last year's program may arrive as early as this month.

The Governor is also proposing to expand the Senior Freeze program next year. We fought to expand the income eligibility for this program two years ago. In his budget announcement for this year, the Governor will further expand the successful Senior Freeze property tax relief program next year – increasing income eligibility to \$150,000 and removing roadblocks to eligibility. That means additional property tax relief in 2024 for 50,000 more seniors.

I have been fighting for years for the residents of Monroe. My list of top priorities has included: increased school aid, expanding the Homestead Rebate that has now been replaced by the Anchor Property Tax Relief program that now applies to even more residents, higher Senior Freeze income eligibility, larger state retirement income exemptions, veterans tax credits and much more.

Monroe residents deserve our fair share of state funding to help keep property taxes stable again this year.

I pledge to continue my efforts to serve the people of Monroe, ensuring a safe and affordable community with services and resources beyond compare for years to come.

Cultural Arts Upcoming Concert

By Cathleen Norback

Please join us as Maestro David Wroe and the N.J. Festival Orchestra present "Tango: Music in Motion" - an enticing visual/aural presentation of the white-hot dance form of Tango and iconic instrumental music written with the seductive rhythms embedded in its soul.

Tango Master Carolina Jaurena and her collaborators join the N.J. Festival Orchestra recreating, in dance, such classics as "Oblivion," "La Comparsita," (think the movie "Some Like it Hot") and Por Una Cabeza, (think

"Scent of a Woman"). At the center of the program is the music of Tango's greatest composer - Piazzolla.

The program, sponsored by the Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission, will be offered on Sunday, April 23, at 3 p.m. at the Monroe Township High School Performing Arts Center, 200 Schoolhouse Road, Monroe Township, New Jersey. Ticket information is available on our website: www.MonroeTownshipCulturalArts.com. Please join your neighbors for this upcoming presentation.

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