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There are nine candidates running for five seats on the CCA Board of Directors. From left, standing, are Lisa Gessert, Irene Belinsky, incumbent Stephen Holzinger, and Pratibha Sharma. Seated from left are Larry Vant, current CCA President Beverly Eskra, current CCA Secretary Kathy McLaughlin, and Cemil Yucel. The last day to vote for the candidates of your choice is Monday, August 7, 2023.

Photo by Ed Hornichter



Above is a scene from the Cultural Center pool aerobics class that happens every day from 10 to 11 a.m. There were 38 people attending this class, a record high.

Photo by Lisa Gessert



At Bob Scott's Game Show Night on July 13. The next Game Show will be held in early November.

## The CCA President's Report

By Beverly Eskra

This past year has been one of growth and development! We have learned from our past experiences that reaching out to one another will lead to progress and success. Reaching out is expressing our desire to grow as a community with respect and dignity. By going to the source and voicing your concerns rather than complaining about them has shown we have extended our touch to one another. We've made mistakes along the way but we have learned from them and accepted responsibility. We are stronger in the knowledge that we can fail but we are only failures if we stop trying. I am reminded of a quote that I would like to share with all of you, "I think by not being perfect has given us the freedom to keep getting better." If we can live by these words then we can all connect at a higher level.

We've listened to you and have seen some positive changes in our community. One of the changes is that we invited you to become part of a process in updating

our Clearbrook Rules and Regulations. This committee was spearheaded by Kathy McLaughlin, who served as chair and is Secretary to the CCA Board along with Donna Galindo, General Manager, Liz Saunders, Administrator Director, Taylor Mgt., Bernice Fitzgerald and Steve Holzinger, CCA Board directors. There were four residents who shared in this responsibility and they are; Lisa Gessert, Maria Petro, Robert Frank and John Bennett. We thank all who participated and appreciate your contributions. It will now go to the Presidents Council and CCA Board for approval. Thank you, Kathy, for taking on a challenging assignment.

Another endeavor that we embarked on was reinstating the Pool Committee. Bernice Fitzgerald liaison, Marian Senemore, Chair to this committee and her team have made some significant improvements, one being that we've extended the pool hours and made a decision after careful review and feedback from other communities

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## Manager's Message

By Donna Galindo, CMCA

The heat of July has certainly shown its ugly head. As we tough out the summer heat, the pool is a refreshing get-away. Hope everyone is enjoying it.

The garden is in full swing and the members are able to pick what they have grown. The new fence looks great and will have animal screens installed soon.

Candidates Night proved enlightening and showed how much these candidates care about Clearbrook.

**The CCA Annual Election will take place Monday, August 7, 2023 in the Ballroom. If you are voting by absentee ballot, ballots must be returned to the Administration Office by 9 a.m. the morning of the election. Any absentee ballot without a name and address is considered invalid. Make sure you place your absentee ballot in an unmarked envelope and then place the unmarked envelope in another envelope that is marked with your name, address and Section. The polls will be open from 1 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. There are nine candidates running for five positions. Please be sure to vote.**

Immediately following the election, the newly elected members of the CCA Board will meet to elect officers. The newly elected members and officers will be announced the following day.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT RETURNED YOUR CENSUS, PLEASE DO. THE DEADLINE WAS MARCH 2023.**

The rain, while needed for the plants and trees, is posing a problem for the pools. As the weather gets warmer and the rain continues constantly, there may be some cloudiness and additional service needed. The pool management company will continue to check both pools to make sure they are in tip

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— Lifestyle Happenings —



It was a full house in the Cultural Center for a recent performance of RENT.

By Krystal Graves,  
Lifestyle Director

Can you believe that it is already August? Summer is such a lively and fun season but the warmer months always seem to fly by the fastest. Can you also believe that Clearbrook finally had a jackpot winner at Bob Scott's Game Show Night? Lucille Panos won the jackpot of over \$500!!! Be on the lookout because ticket sales for our next Game Show night will be in early November.

Let's not get too far ahead because there is so much to discuss that is coming up in September and October.

Lifestyle has worked with all the wonderful clubs and groups to finalize a date for the Arts & Crafts Fair. Our new date will be September 6 from 4-8 p.m. The Clubhouse will be transformed into a full arts and crafts experience with the Art Appreciation Club in our ballroom featuring original works of art and all other Clearbrook clubs such as stained glass, ceramics, diamond art, woodworkers and so much more showing their work throughout the Clubhouse. Please stop in to see all the amazing and talented artists and creators that Clearbrook

has to offer. Also, stop in the Lounge A Café for a delicious snack, some punch and stay to listen to some live music.

Other upcoming standout events that you need to know about are: Grandparents Day on Sept 10 in the Clubhouse, a murder mystery dinner on Oct 5, Trunk to Treasure on Oct 21, Halloween dance with band "Let's Be Frank" on Oct 28, Game Show Night and a Wind Creek Casino Trip both landing on Nov 9, NYC Lights Tour with dinner in Little Italy on Dec 4 and an incredibly dapper Gatsby themed night to remember for New Year's Eve. These are only a few of the big contenders coming up for the fall and winter of 2023 but keep an eye out on Channel 26, and your email for other event information like Dancing with the Clearbrook Stars, Veterans Lunch, our tree and menorah lighting ceremonies and movie specials.

**President's Report**

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to eliminate the lifeguards at the Cultural Center Pool. We do however mandate that you swim with a buddy and that this pool is for residents only. We also extended our hours, changed pool management companies along with a host of changes to meet the demands of our residents and we thank all who participated on this committee. Our thanks also go to Lucille Panos, Edie Lehman, Linda Palmigiano, Darlene Smith, Madeline Torrisi and Cathy Vaccaro. Without your valuable feedback this would have been a daunting task however your participation made it a smooth transition. Special thanks go to our Chair Marian and Board Director Bernice. We acknowledged your feedback and will always respect your comments. Change is a part of progress

Our outreach also brought about quarterly meetings between the Presidents Council, CCA Board and Administration to share in the exchange of ideas in managing our community. A question that continues to come up is how do we help keep our maintenance fees in check? This has become an ongoing task for all the communities, not just Clearbrook. Although a challenging one, it is doable. We can proceed by looking towards the possibility of lowering our fees to contractors and service providers. If we can lower their fees which remain the biggest expenses for all communities and retain the same quality of service or increase it, we would be doing our part. One possibility is looking at newer companies willing to negotiate on reducing their fees to get a foothold in our community while providing quality workmanship. This may encourage our ven-

**Manager's Message**

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top shape. Budget time will be starting soon. The staff and board will be reviewing what is needed in the community for 2024.

The staff is in the middle of a software change and there are some bumps in the road. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Some updates on projects: Belgian Block repair lists have all been completed. New requests will not be accepted after October 1. If the repair cannot be done by in-house personnel, it will be left for repair in 2024. The Cultural Center is getting a face lift and will be closed starting July 26, 2023, for approximately four weeks. Window replacements at the Clubhouse are at conclusion. Lifestyle Lobby area is still awaiting replacement. This will be done after drainage is complete outside the building.

Some reminders: Please do not drive around the speed humps. This is for your safety and the safety of others. Please do not dump in the dumpsters. They are for the use of people that live in buildings without curbside pickup or at the common CCA Buildings.

I would like to say thank you and goodbye to the CCA Board Vice President, Paul Handwerk. Paul has served as Director, President and Vice President over the years. He has decided to retire from the board after many years of service. His dedication and service have been so appreciated. He has helped the community in so many ways. Many years ago, Paul was the one who talked me into getting my CMCA and continuing my education with CAI. That push led me to my current position. I will always appreciate his kindness and help whenever I have needed him. I will miss him dearly.

**Understanding the CCA and Sections**

By Andrea Wolstromer,  
CMCA

With the CCA elections approaching, it's important to have a complete understanding of what the CCA is responsible for and how it differs from the sections.

The CCA and the 18 Sections here are all separate corporations, each with their own services, governing documents, elected boards, and finances. Each unit owner is a member of the CCA and also a member of the section in which their unit is located. While the CCA is considered a master association, the Sections are all condominium associations.

The CCA is responsible for maintaining all the common elements of the community and recreational facilities and services such as the Club-

house, Cultural Center and amenities, which the CCA board oversees (and has hired Taylor Management Company to maintain). Each Section is responsible for maintaining the common elements of the condominiums such as the roofs, siding, driveways, property, etc. The Section Boards oversee and maintain these common elements. The Sections have formally delegated some maintenance responsibilities to the CCA, such as landscaping and roads.

So, the CCA and the Sections each maintain different areas of the community and one does not generally govern the other.

For a complete overview, please refer to the Educational Series on our website portal at [www.clearbrook-nj.com](http://www.clearbrook-nj.com) under the "News" tab.

dors who may have become too comfortable or complacent into lowering theirs to compete.

I would also like to give a special shout out to the rest of the CCA Board for their hard work and contributions this past year. A special thank you goes to Steve Charney who was the liaison to the Landscape Advisory Committee. Steve worked very well with Administration and the residents to bring about positive change, Dwight Hathaway, who took on a daunting task to bring JCP&L problems towards a resolution and sometimes with much frustration when they did not think we needed our street lights on at night, Tom Kreiger, who meet the challenge of Treasurer and delivered the financials to our residents in a concise manner, Steve Holzinger, who jumped into the fray and dedicated his time on the Sports Committee trying to improve communications and saw to it that there were no dandelions on the golf course this year — first year I was amazed! Paul Handwerk who is the hands-on person in Clearbrook worked with Eric our facilities manager to keep our community in tip top condition. The entire Board working to help bring this community to where we are right now. In the moment,

and steadily improving!

We also added some "Speed Humps" to Clearbrook drive as a measure to reduce the speeding in our community. I hear that it's working; cars are slowing down and this is good news. Should we make them permanent? Since I submit my article to the Courier before the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month I must inform you that a workshop meeting to be held on Tuesday July 18 and the results of the "speed humps" will be forthcoming.

We have seen significant improvement. but we are still a work in progress. In the words of Abe Lincoln, "you can please some of the people all of the time, all of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time," With your help we can make a difference.

With the new Board in August, we hope to see a continuation of unity and progress. Change has always been difficult to accept especially in the older adult but with an atmosphere of working together, respecting and supporting each other we can reach all of our goals in keeping *Clearbrook Strong!*

Thank you and it's been a pleasure serving this community as President of the CCA Board of Directors. Have a happy summer!



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**CCA Open Board Meetings for 2023**

**All Open Board Meetings are at 7:00 p.m.**

- 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

**Work Sessions take place the second Tuesday of the month. All meetings are subject to cancellation.**



Clearbrook's Community Health and Wellness Fair was held in the Cultural Center June 8.

## Nurse's Notes

### Influenza Season Is Coming! Protect Yourself; Get Your Influenza Vaccine!

By Bari Siegel, Elizabeth Caruso, MSN, RN, COHN-S, Lisa DiGiovanni, EdD, MSN, RN, MEDSURG-BC, CHSE and Sherry Zare



No one enjoys being sick — as they say, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

Influenza is a virus that can involve fevers, fatigue, and body aches. The severity of the virus depends on what other medical conditions you have. Influenza can be dangerous and sometimes fatal, so it is important to protect yourself as much as possible from this virus.

#### Get the Influenza Vaccine

Saint Peter's University Hospital will be hosting two influenza vaccination clinics in your community. The best time to get your influenza shot is in early fall—from late September to early October. Please be on the lookout for the Saint Peter's flyer announcing when and where the clinics will be held.

Nurses from Saint Peter's Community Health Services will be administering both the quadrivalent and the high-dose vaccines. Please speak with your doctor to determine which vaccine is best for you before you make an appointment to come to a Saint Peter's influenza vaccination clinic.

#### Frequently Asked Questions about Influenza & the Influenza Vaccine

**Q. What is seasonal influenza?**

**A:** Influenza is a virus that is very contagious. It affects the respiratory system, targeting the nose and throat all the way to the lungs. It is passed by tiny droplets that are produced when a person coughs or sneezes.

Someone who is infected may experience fever and/or chills, body aches, tiredness, sore throat, headaches, and a cough. A person may be infected with the influenza virus for a day or two before any symptoms appear, but they are still contagious dur-

ing this time.

**Q: How does influenza differ from COVID-19?**

**A.** While influenza and COVID-19 are both respiratory viruses, there are some differences in the symptoms and the length of time it takes to recover. Both viruses are spread the same way, but COVID-19 tends to be more contagious.

A person who contracts COVID-19 tends to be contagious for a longer period than a person who has influenza. This is because symptoms come on more slowly with COVID-19 than influenza.

**Q. Who should get the influenza vaccine?**

**A.** Everyone over the age of 6 months should get the influenza vaccine. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) highly recommends that pregnant women and people who have a weak immune system or chronic illness should get this vaccine once every season.

It's very important to discuss influenza and your personal health risks with your doctor so you know which vaccine is the best for you. Your doctor will take your age into consideration when making this decision.

Remember, if you are a caregiver for someone who is considered high-risk like an infant, an elderly individual, or someone who has a chronic illness, you should get the influenza vaccine if you are able to do so.

**Q. Who shouldn't get the influenza vaccine?**

**A.** The influenza vaccine is not recommended for people younger than six months old. Additionally, if you have had a severe allergic reaction to any of the products used to manufacture the vaccine or if you have had a previous life-threatening allergic reaction to the influenza vaccine, do not get it. It is important to

speak to your doctor to find out what is best for you.

**Q. Can I get sick from the influenza vaccine?**

**A.** No, it is not possible to get sick from the influenza vaccine.

The influenza vaccine is developed using the inactive virus. In other words, it is not alive and can't make you sick.

There is a "live" vaccine that is sprayed into the nose. However, this spray vaccine is made from virus particles that have been significantly weakened. This is done to protect people who get this form of influenza vaccine from getting sick.

It is important to remember that the nasal spray influenza

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**YOM KIPPUR**

Sunday, September 24th	Kol Nidre	6:30 pm
Monday, September 25th	Shacharis	10:00 am
	Yizkor	12:00 pm
	Evening Service (NEILAH)	6:45 pm

**SHEMINI ATZERET**

Saturday, October 7th	Yizkor	10:00 am
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For More Information Call: Michael Katz (609) 619-3762

**Service Location:**

Clearbrook Cultural Center, located on the Clearbrook Community Campus  
1 Clearbrook Drive, Monroe Township, NJ 08831

\*\*\* Tickets for holidays will go on sale July 19. \*\*\*



Clearbrook's Wood Shop has many Supervisors. But the Wood Shop takes special pride in boasting about the exquisite workmanship of master craftsman, Vinnie Curto. Above are two jewelry boxes made by Vinnie for his granddaughters, Elizabeth Grace and Erica Renee. It took Vinnie many months of loving, tedious, delicate labor to make these two amazing pieces of artistic, woodworking craftsmanship. Even the decorative ribbon on each box is made of exotic wood. Come to the Clearbrook Wood Shop and let Vinnie teach you a thing or two about the art of woodworking!

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- 2 – Saint Peter's Managing Medication Seminar
- 9 & 12 – Movie, Avatar: The Way of Water
- 18 – Trenton Thunder
- 19 – MusAlliance Performance
- 29 – Musical Bingo
- Upcoming – Pool Closing Party 9.2, Arts & Crafts Fair 9.6, Grandparents Day Celebration 9.10, *Grumpy Old Men: The Musical* 9/19

**Nurse's Notes**

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vaccine is only recommended for people ages 2 to 49. Pregnant women and people with weak immune systems or chronic conditions should not take the nasal spray form of the influenza vaccine.

**Q. What side effects might I develop after getting the influenza vaccine?**

**A.** Some people experience no side effects after the influenza vaccine. However, many patients who get the influenza vaccine do experience some mild effects including fatigue, headache, chills, fever, or soreness at the injection site. This is your body mounting an immune response to the virus and this is a completely normal reaction.

**Q. If I get influenza, what can I do to feel better?**

**A.** If you get influenza, there are several medications that may help you minimize your symptoms and lower any risk of developing serious complications. These drugs work best when started within one to two days of your first symptoms. See your doctor when you are not feeling well to give yourself the best chance at recovering from influenza as quickly as possible.



This is a preview of the Fiber Arts Club "Big Picture" project "Our Summer Garden" with several members of the club. It is made by members using fabric, yarn, felt, etc. Knitting, crocheting and sewing techniques were used in the making of the mural.

**Fiber Arts Club**

By **Chris Brenner**

Note time change for Fiber Arts in the evening!! Thurs. 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Ceramics Room will be open for anyone interested in working on their own fiber arts project – be it knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, sewing, cross stitch or the like. This is primarily for those who work during the day; but anyone may attend. This will be every Thursday throughout the summer and fall.

There will be a member present in charge.

This is in addition to the daytime meeting which is still 1 to 3 p.m. on Mondays throughout the summer in the Ceramics Room. New members are always welcome. Just come on down!

The big picture! Our "Summer Garden" is almost finished and should be ready by the time you read

this article. It is a club project with members crocheting, knitting, sewing, using felt, etc., to create a happy look for summer. It is close to reality; but has the fan-

tasy of each member's idea of a lovely flower, leaf or critter! You must see it! Look for it! It's BIG!! You can't miss it! See our photo! Happy summer!

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**Art Appreciation Club**

*By Paula Davis*

At our June meeting, we were happily surprised to be able to see a film called "Reds". This didn't have anything to do with communism. It was the story of a brilliant, narcissistic artist named Mark Rothko, who painted large red lines on enormous blank canvases. His interaction with a young assistant revealed his strengths and weaknesses in their vocal confrontations. As with many artists, he always felt unappreciated, but now his canvases are selling in the high millions of dollars.

Now, we are looking forward to our Annual Art Exhibit. NOTE: The date of the show has been changed to Wednesday, September 6. It was changed to facilitate the inclusion of various clubs in our community. They will be exhibiting their special arts and crafts in individual rooms

in the Clubhouse. We will all be part of the Arts and Crafts Fair.

Our Art Exhibit will be held in the Ballroom and will include the many painters, sculptors, and photographers who live in Clearbrook. Our featured artist, Bea Donovan, has been showing her beautiful art work every year and now we will get to see much more of it.

All Clearbrook artists are invited to participate and exhibit their work. Just call one of the following people to register and find out the details: Evie: (732) 928-0891; Hedy: (609) 409-1632; or Loretta, (609) 235-9867.

We look forward to seeing all of our artists and art lovers for this lovely afternoon. All residents and their guests are invited to attend. In addition, we will have refreshments in the Lounge A Cafe, as we did last year.

Please watch Channel 26 and the Courier for hours and more details about the Arts and Crafts Fair.

**New Horizons Club**

*By Janet Adkins*

The Card Party was such a great event for everyone involved. The New Horizon Board decided to make this an annual occasion. More information once 2024 plans are made.

We hope you are enjoying your summer activities.

**Lunch Bunch**

Look for more information on a Lunch Bunch being planned for September 20.

**Short Stories**

Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Isabelle Tucker, 656-C Nutley Drive. If you have any questions, please call Leader Millie Schneider at 609-655-0946.

**The Boomers Club**

*By Frank Casey and Steve Rudin*

I certainly hope that everyone is enjoying their fun in the sun summer days. There's a lot to be said about hanging out with friends and partying, either poolside or at the beach.

Much was noted at our last membership meeting on July 14, and it's my sincere hopes that we can move forward with a new generation of Boomers. We've come a long way to where we are at today and I would love nothing more than to see the Boomers Club continue to thrive in the coming years.

Our next big and most popular event is our 50-50 Derby, scheduled for September 9 at 7 pm in the Cultural Center. Doors open at 6:30 pm. This event is open to all Clearbrook residents and their guests. This is a BYOB (no hard liquor), event. We'll be serving up sandwiches and side, as well as dessert and coffee. We'll also have DJ Mike back with us, providing you with an array of dancing songs between the races. The tickets prices are \$20 pp members and \$25pp guests, which will go on sale Tuesday August 22. Sale venue TBD.

Hopefully, the renovations at the Cultural Center will be completed, in time for our 50-50 Derby event. Updates about this will be posted on our website, and on Channel 26.

Interested in joining the Boomers Club? Our annual club dues are still just \$10 pp.

Having difficulty navigating to our website? There a link to our website from the CCA website, under the Boomers club tab, [www.boomersofclearbrook.com](http://www.boomersofclearbrook.com)

Feel free to reach out to our club President Frank Casey at [fcasey69@hotmail.com](mailto:fcasey69@hotmail.com) or Vice President Steve Rudin at [srud58@outlook.com](mailto:srud58@outlook.com) with any questions you may have.

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## Clearbrook Computer Group

By Hal Wexler

Microsoft views running Windows 11 from the cloud as a long-term priority. This idea was formulated in June of 2022 when the company set out its goals for a variety of its businesses. Microsoft has already enabled this capability for Windows 365, which the company introduced in 2021. It lets you run Windows 11 from the cloud to a device such as a lower-spec PC, tablet, or smartphone, but the service is currently geared for commercial businesses. That could change. Microsoft wants to expand Windows 365 to enable a full Windows operating system streamed from the cloud to any device. This could be a problem for consumers since a cloud-based Windows experience could force users to pay a recurring fee for the OS. In addition, it would require PC's to be online continuously. Although these plans were developed more than a year ago there hasn't been any recent mention of its effect on consumers. It may be that Microsoft would direct a cloud-based windows 11 to niche-based operations. Last month Microsoft released Windows 365 Boot a way to automatically sign into Windows 365 on a PC without needing to sign into the local OS.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is

making inroads into the space program. Shades of Star Trek. NASA engineers are developing a ChatGPT-inspired interface that will let astronauts communicate seamlessly with their spacecraft. Mission controllers will be able to engage in conversations with AI-powered robots and computer systems as they embark on exploratory missions across space on their own. The desire is to get to a point where there will be conversational interactions with space vehicles. Initial launch of the NASA chatbot project will be on Lunar Gateway. This is the upcoming space station designed for extraterrestrial operations within the Artemis Moon program.

The DuckDuckGo browser offers a level of privacy well above most mainstream browsers. It has been available on many other platforms and a Widows version has just been released. This is a Beta version so it is still under development. The DuckDuckGo browser for Windows comes in the form of an app and, as such, does not install in the normal manner. After installing, you won't find a new folder in Program Files; instead, it will be listed among the apps in Settings. It also adds a shortcut to the Start menu. Upon completing the installation there is a prompt that allows importing bookmarks and passwords from other browsers.

## Italian American Club

By Medele De Filippo

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

On Tuesday afternoon on June 27 we held our annual summer luncheon at the Cultural Center. Rick Davis and Sal Celentano sold the 50/50 tickets, and as an added treat, Director Marie Service sold raffle tickets for the chance to win a lovely gift basket filled with goodies. Marie assembled the items in the basket and wrapped it. This was a big hit. Vice President Marie Schiumo arranged for the catering,

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## Italian American Club

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and our luncheon tables were set with trays holding sandwiches, salads, pickles, cookies and brownies. Pitchers of water and buckets of ice were available, as well as soft beverages. Many thanks to our luncheon helpers, Diane Davis, Maryann Kraemer, Sal Celentano, Pat Czerwinski, Joann Rago and Betty Colgate.

After everyone had arrived, President Tim Casatelli asked us to stand and pledge to our flag. Then, he asked us to observe a moment of silence to honor the passing of former club president Lou DiMeglio. Tim then read the note received from Lou's family thanking us for the condolence basket and for our treasured friendship with Lou.

Now it was time to eat. Our long-time friend and club member Jerry Sperling was kind enough to provide us with music for our listening and dancing pleasure. He selected songs familiar to us all which were sung and played by some of our all-time favorite singers and musicians. Thank you, Jerry, for your most-welcomed contribution.

After chowing down and enjoying conversation, Tim called on Secretary Medele De Filippo to read the birthdays and anniversaries of those celebrating in June. Congrats to all! Tim then followed by calling the winning 50/50 ticket numbers. After the 50/50 numbers were called, it was goodie basket time. One lucky ticket holder was the winner. Congrats to all our winners of the day.

**Happy Birthday wishes in August (birthstone: Peridot) (flower: Gladiolus) to:** Pete Abate, Michael Angelone, Lucy Carlucci, Michael Cetta, Esther Capone, Bernice Fitzgerald Casatelli, Millie Coraci, Florence Cordova, Antonina Cusimano, Veronica Dery, Ralph Gerbino, Lorraine Jopling, Rosemary Kellert, MaryAnn Kraemer, Maria Lidestri, Reid Maurer, Arlene Meredith, Loretta Miglioro, Marie Nasta, Roseanne Penn, Joan Schurmann, Michael Sekac, Karen Szot, John Tredici, Vincent Villareale, Nicholas Zarelli

**Happy Anniversary wishes in August to:** Marilyn and Gus Bachman, Lisa and Vincent Diniso, Sandra and Andrew Geary, Paula and Thomas Krieger

**Mark Your Calendar** Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cultural Center.

**Trips:** Monday, August 14, to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. Please call A/C Trip Coordinator, JoAnne Rago (609-655-4482) if you wish to join us for the day. You are always welcome and so are your friends. We play games on the bus and watch a movie on the trip home. 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. **The best way to get rid of kitchen odors is to eat out!**

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

## Republican Club at Clearbrook

By Melody Henry,  
Club President

With the November election fast approaching, I took the liberty of learning about a lifelong resident of Monroe Township, Councilman Charles Dipierro, who is running as our Republican candidate for Mayor of Monroe. It does not matter to "Charlie" if you are a Democrat, Republican or Independent. Charlie wants to make Monroe a better, safer and friendlier place to live and it's about growing the community. He believes there needs to be a liaison, between the Active Adult communities reporting directly to the Mayor's office to coordinate Monroe Township's activities for all to participate in. He helped build the James Monroe Park and the softball fields on Gravel Hill/Spotswood Road and the 911 Memorial on Prospect Plains Road. He supported the \$1.8 million Open Space funds for the middle school for the track and turf field. He initiated community cleanup projects with residents in Monroe by himself and not the town council. He used the free manpower of the State Home for Boys to accomplish the cleanup task and cleaned up the streets. One site in particular was the parking lot at the Stop and Shop. He thinks about turning the driving range into a children's park. Although he is currently Councilman for Ward 3, Charlie has been known to follow up on issues that are not in his ward or district. If a resident reaches out to him, he follows up, i.e., loud music issues and late night noise, lawn mowers, jackhammers, backhoes, etc.

Charlie is in his fifth year as a town councilman in Monroe. He was born in Monroe, schooled in Monroe and now lives and works in Monroe, while working for Monroe residents every day. He is a frequent guest at our monthly meetings, so be sure to come by and meet our next Mayor!

Our CCA Board election is Monday, August 7, 2023, at 7 pm in the Clubhouse Ballroom. There are 9 candidates running for 5 directorships. The CCA Board is composed of 9 members each with 1 vote, except for the President who only votes if there is a tie.

Remember the Monroe Township Republican Club meets the third Thursday of the month at the Monroe Township Library at 7 pm and our club meets the fourth Thursday of the month in the Clubhouse Ballroom at 7 pm. Please note that there will not be a meeting on August 24.

## Clearbrook Democratic Club

Submitted by

Patricia L. Schwalje

Hello residents of Clearbrook. It is hard to believe that it is August already, summer is going fast. On July 12 the Clearbrook Democratic club members had the pleasure of hosting several Democrat lawmakers. First introduced was Democrat State Senator Linda Greenstein. She spoke about the state legislative fiscal budget for 2024. That budget includes \$11 million of grant money which is coming to Monroe Township. The money has been earmarked for preservation of open space, improvements to our Police Department, and school improvement. The Senator was also a sponsor of several bills Governor Murphy signed to ensure affordability of prescription drugs. Insulin costs will be no higher than \$35/month. The State Legislature has also focused on StayNJ. A program designed to provide substantial tax relief for New Jersey residents over the age of 65. Linda also spoke about the Energy Tax Relief bill she is sponsoring that will give back approximately \$150 million to New Jersey communities.

Senator Greenstein spoke about the meeting with JCP&L to discuss the lightening issues in our community. That meeting was also attended by Mayor Dalina, and Councilmen Terry VanDzura and Mike Markel. JCP&L committed to repairing and improving the mechanics of their systems. The Senator stated that the meetings with JCP&L will continue until the lightening issues are corrected. She has also been a strong champion for the needs of our veterans.

The members also heard from Council President, Miriam Cohen, and Council Vice President Terry Van Dzura, and the focus shifted to the upcoming November elections and the need to increase the Democrat representation at all levels of New Jersey government in order to help ensure the protection for women's rights, lower drug costs, and keep the focus on the needs of New Jersey residents. Electing our Democrat representatives is particularly important for Monroe Township, where Mayor Dalina has continued providing significant improvements to our community, and has managed to provide budgets which require no tax rate in-

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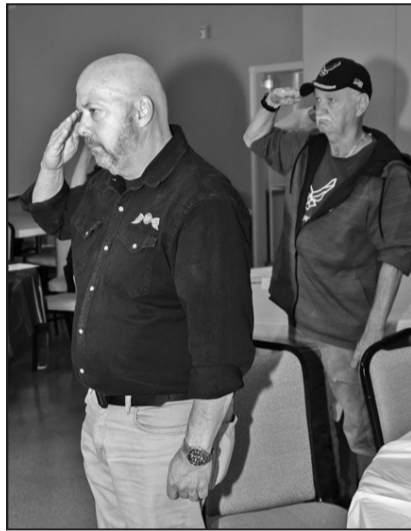
### Clearbrook Veterans Group



Former resident Julie Gelb and CCA Director Kathy McLaughlin salute colors. Kathy, an army veteran from 1967 to 1970 served in Vietnam, earning the rank of Spc 5.



Special Ops SGM Myles Cappiello (Sec 10) ret, explains to Clearbrook Veterans how to become a Special Ops trooper.



Sgts. Myles Cappiello and Ray Kerner (Air Force) saluting colors. Myles resides in Section 10, while Ray is in Section 4.



National JWV Commander is seen with 609 Commander Jack Kirshenbaum. Photos by Ed Hornichter

### Clearbrook Democratic Club

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creases. We want to continue to enjoy the positive policies of our Democrat

candidates running in the election.

Thank you, State Senator Linda Greenstein, for all of your hard work, along with Wayne DeAngelo and Tennille R McCoy for State Assembly. We also want to say

a big thank you to the Democrats running for reelection this year, Mayor Dalina, Miriam Cohen, Terence Van Dzura and Mike Markel for their constant focus on the needs of Monroe residents. The election of 2023 is probably one of the most important elections ever, so get out and vote, and take advantage of early voting.

### “Rack ‘Em Up”

**Congratulations to these winners!**



By Pat Castrucci

Summer is upon us and all outside activities are on the rise, however, our Monday Night Billiards remains still successful. Remember, when finished with your outside activity, come join us inside to play pool. All are welcome and our active members are always willing to assist if needed.

Lots of our Clearbrook neighbors are on vacations and others are enjoying the open pools for a quick dip to cool off. We always enjoy seeing you when stopping in to play or just say hello. Our seasonal breakfast at



the Town Dinner was a success and a thank you to Tom McCaffrey and Mike Kircher

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At the Linke Invitational.

Photos submitted by Joe Zicaro

**Saturday Golf Association**

By Joe Zicaro

Golf is a game created to be described in flowing, poetic sentences that elicit more than just reactions from those tied to the game — they elicit feelings.

Whether it's the intrinsic beauty of a well-manicured golf course at dusk or the ringing feeling that runs through your hands when you've struck the perfect golf shot, there's something about the game that brings us back for more and can turn even the most averse soul into a poetic speaker.

We kicked off June 30 with a spectacular day on the links for the 3rd Linke Invitational with special guests players from our Spirit Management team.

The Championship Flight there was a shoot out with match of cards with a score of 69 for both to 1st place Mike Attara and Alex Bushman edging out with a score of 69 Perdoni n Perdoni. 3rd place went to Evan and Dave Linke with a score of 71

A Flight  
 1st place Mike Rekuc and

Colin Jones 73  
 2nd place Joe Zicaro and Dave Silverthorne 71  
 3rd place Richie Davis and Andy Kosco 77  
 B Flight  
 1st place Costa and Tepe 71 with a match of cards  
 2nd place Drew and Mitch 71  
 3rd place Mr Han and Woo 72  
 CTP Hole # 2 Kyle Tepe  
 CTP Hole # 11 Mike H  
 CTP Hole #5 Mike Attara

The individual low gross score winner was Chris Perdoni with a 71!

Needless to say it was a big success as we wrapped things up with dinner cocktails and prizes at the Spotswood Knights of Columbus.

**July 4th 9 hole Scramble**  
 A Flight  
 1st place Chris and Kathy Perdoni 30  
 2nd place Dave and Linda Silverthorne 31  
 B Flight  
 1st place Benson and Hedges n S. Han 29  
 2nd place John and Nancy Lee 31  
 Long Drive Tom Luttmann  
 CTP Chris Perdoni

**July 8th 3 Man Scramble**  
 This match had to go to match of cards as both teams shot an awesome 63  
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 Joe Zicaro  
 Chris Perdoni

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**Christian Fellowship**

By Brenda A. Carpio

What a wonderful day it was to sit on our front bench and watch the activity around us...bikers, strollers, dog walkers and grandparents pushing carriages with visiting grandkids. With all the rain we have had, I have learned to enjoy the clear sunny days even more.

Since we will not meet again until **Friday, September 15 at 1 pm**, remember to keep in close contact with one another. **Mark your calendars** now so you will not schedule something in its place. If you have a need between now and then, please call us at 609-235-9950. Your Fellowship friends are here for you and our community. Be sure to leave a message with your

full name and phone number. We will get back to you asap.

I would love to have you join me and read Mark 10: 46 -52. There was a blind man Bartimaeus who was only known as the son of Timaeus. He was blind but he was aware that Jesus was in the crowd and was anxious to reach him. The crowd chided him, but Jesus told the crowd to let him come forward. Bartimaeus jumped to his feet, flung his coat on the ground, ran to the Lord, and said, "Rabbi, I want to see." As he approached Jesus, he heard these wonderful words..."Your faith has healed you" and at that moment he received his sight. We have so much we can learn from this passage.

Jesus is calling us. Are we willing to lay aside every obstacle, maybe all our possessions or anything in our life that will block us from God? We should be so desperate to be a follower of Jesus that we chase after Him without thinking or caring what others think of our choice. Drop everything...Run with faith into His arms...and He will give us joy even in our darkest days.

*Dear God, Help us never to be so busy that our lives blot out your voice. Teach us to listen and faithfully follow you.*

*In your precious name we pray. Amen*

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to all who celebrate during this month. May you enjoy a wonderful day whether at home or with family and friends.

**Remember, mark your calendars....our next meeting will be on Friday, September 15 at 1 pm.**

**Rack 'Em Up**

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for running the 9-ball tournament. Congratulations to our winner Ralph Gallo. Let's show off our winners of our 8 ball and 9 ball tournaments. Great job guys making the sport a lot little more interesting. We are looking forward to upcoming new tournaments. Let's consider a lady's tournament. How about it, ladies? If interested, please speak with our President Paul Barbash. Taking the time to thank our volunteer judges who participated in making the tournaments competitive. Remember if interested in a tournament or volunteering to be a judge, you need to be a member or a seasoned player.

All have a safe and pleasant summer – see you at the Billiards Room.

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8:30 pm Approximate depart for home

10:15 pm Approximate return to your designated pick-up location

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**CCA Open Board Meetings for 2023**  
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Wednesday, August 23	Clubhouse Ballroom
Wednesday, September 27	Clubhouse Ballroom
Wednesday, October 25	Clubhouse Ballroom
Wednesday, November 22	Clubhouse Ballroom
No Meeting in December	

**Work Sessions take place the second Tuesday of the month. All meetings are subject to cancellation.**

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*By Susan Matiejunas*

It's hard to believe that 2023 is over half over, but here we are, with the hottest of summer still ahead of us. That said, early July gave us some beastly hot days. Here are the results of the last four tournaments.

June 21: With ties at two under par 33 were Herman Bozenhardt, Paul Henry,

Carol Ann Hroch, and Andy Kosco; and Harold Carlton, Barbara Desiderio, Joe Servedio, and Bob Tereshko. There was another tie at 34 by Betty Lou Carney, John and Nancy Lee, and Dan Seltzer; and Irwin Bailer, John Jensen, Ed Kopil, and Libby Podber. Melody Henry, Bob Kaufman, Peter Perperas, and Vito Ponzio shot an even par 35. One stroke over that were Barbara Camhi, Gary Davis, John Donohue, and Ed Tauss. Nancy Haberman, Al Peller, Jim Pierson, and Jerry Totin finished at 39.

June 28: An EAGLE on the par 5 third hole helped give Melody Henry, Dave Nielbury, and Dan Seltzer a three under par 32. Herman Bozenhardt, Harold Carlton, Andy Kosco, and Vito Ponzio finished at one under. The next four groups shot 36, 37, 38, and 38 (tie) respectively.

They were Irwin Bailer, Nancy Haberman, John Jensen, and Ed Tauss; Mark Baff, Carol Ann and Zoc Hroch, and Al Peller; Betty Lou Carney, Gary Davisk Paul Henry, and Bob Kaufman; and Tim Casatelli, John Donohue, Walt Link, and Libby Podber.

July 5: No fireworks on the course this day. Scores were in the average range. Tied at 34 were Betty Lou Carney, Gary Davis, Dan Seltzer, and Joe Servedio; and Melody Henry, Carol Ann Hroch, and Vito Ponzio. Then came a three-way tie at 36. Those players were Tim Casatelli, John Jensen, Ed Kopil, and Libby Podber; Mark Baff, John Donohue, and Jerry Totin; and Herman Bozenhardt, Andy Kosco, Dave Nielbury, and Al Peller.. Irwin Bailer, Harold Carlton, and Fred and Nancy Stone finished with a 38.

The heat took its toll on the players on July 12, although the temperature didn't reach the 90s until they finished (and were finished!). Two groups managed to shoot an even par. They were Herman Bozenhardt, Barbara Desiderio, John Donohue, and Andy Kosco; and Barbara Camhi, Nancy Haberman, Walt Link, and Vito Ponzio. Two more groups tied at 36: Dave Nielbury, Al Peller, Fred and Nancy Stone, and Jerry Totin; and Tim Casatelli, Betty Lou Carney, Jim Pierson, and Ed Tauss. And finally, another tie, this one at 37, by Irwin Bailer, Mark Baff, Stan Kolodziejski, and Libby Podber; and Melody and Paul Henry, Bob Kaufman, and Benson Situ.

That's it for this month. Until next, stay cool, keep swingin' and hit 'em long and straight.

**Saturday Golf Association**

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2nd Place Ed Swartz 63

Mike Rekuc

Mike Shinkle

CTP Hole # 2 Chris Perdoni 12'4"

CTP Hole # 14 Colin Jones 4'

**Quote of the Month:**

Success in golf depends less on strength of body more on strength of mind and character!

Remember stop by the Pro Shop and sign up. A lot of fun on Saturdays

Coming up Ryder Cup and Club Championships look for the upcoming dates


Grip n Rip It! Until next month enjoy how nice the course is starting to look.

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# Section News

## Section 2

By Barbara J. Turner

Hopefully everyone is enjoying the weather, the pools, family, friends, and all the activities provided by the Clearbrook Lifestyle Department.

If you have not already done so, please be reminded that the last day to vote for the CCA candidates of your choice is Monday, August 7, 2023. You have the choice to vote in person, by absentee ballot, or online. There are nine candidates and five open positions on the Board. Make your vote count.

Please note that I will re-address certain things that bear repeating either as a reminder or because there are some residents who may not be following certain rules.

You will often see requests to maintain the 3-4 foot area around your unit. If you cannot personally maintain this area, you should fill out an "Application for Unit Modification" form which can be found on the Clearbrook website or obtained from administration. If you have any questions with respect to landscaping, please contact Joseph Montalbano - (917) 902-7996.

During the month of July we experienced a few storms which were accompanied by heavy rains. The rains were welcome because they lessened the need for watering. However, when we do not have enough rain for the lawn and whatever plants are in the 3-4 foot area around our units, we need to provide water to hopefully keep the grass green and our plants alive. Please limit any watering to either the early hours of day or in the evenings. These are the times when any water you may utilize will be less likely to evaporate before it can penetrate the soil. Please keep in mind that the Section pays the water bill, which ultimately means that you indirectly pay the water bill. Please utilize the water wisely.

We have several residents who live alone, some of whom do not leave their

homes. Please call or stop by and check on those residents if they live near you. Just to know that someone cared enough to check on their welfare will brighten their day.

Unfortunately, I must report the passing of one of our residents, Tim Conway. Mr. Conway was a widower.

We will be continuing our roofing project in the fall which includes five roofs which have been budgeted for 2023-2024.

Our Board members continue to be eager for your suggestions and your help. As a resident of the Section, you can be useful in many ways that do not require Board membership. We are all volunteers in our community.

Nobody watches you harder than people who hate your confidence. Give them a show. ~ Unknown

## Section 4

By Irene Belinsky

Nobody likes going to the doctor. But at our age, it's a little bit more important than it was 20 years earlier.

We are very fortunate as Clearbrook is situated near six great hospital centers: Penn Medicine Princeton Medical Center, Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center in New Brunswick, St. Peters Hospital also in New Brunswick, CentraState Medical Center in Freehold, and Hackensack Meridian Health in Bayshore and Old Bridge. These hospitals house some of the very latest in technology and qualified physicians to help patients.

Getting a physical at least once a year as we age has been the recommended practice for several decades. The rationale has been that routine checkups can help you stay healthy and reduce your risk of getting sick. Screening tests, performed during a regular physical exam can let a doctor catch any risk factors or diseases early. When you catch these early, they are much more treatable, and your chances

of recovery are greater. I know of several friends and neighbors that this has indeed benefited.

However, there is now an interesting trend emerging saying that an annual physical is not the best approach. Things change with the times. *Aging Care* is an online newsletter which recently published the following:

"An article published by *Consumer Reports* examined the most popular preventative measure Americans take – annual physicals. In it, researchers and doctors agree that, for most people, annual check-ups are a waste of time and money. Furthermore, the yearly visits often lead to unnecessary and risky follow-up procedures, such as blood tests, EKGs, and chest X-rays."

Doctors from the American College of Physicians, the American Medical Association and the Society of General Internal Medicine are now emphasizing the importance of personalized, preventative medical care, visits and tests based on a person's gender, age, health, as well as family history.

Work with your doctor if you exhibit any symptoms of pain or discomfort or have risk factors to find out what tests they suggest. And whatever you decide to do, most researchers and doctors do recommend you get the following tests/screenings when needed:

- Blood Pressure Check: All over 18
  - Cervical Cancer Screen: Women 21-65
  - Lipid Panel (Cholesterol): Men over 35, Women over 45
  - Diabetes Test: Overweight Individuals
  - Mammogram: Women 50-74
  - Colorectal Cancer Screening: All 50-75
  - Bone Density Scan: Women over 65
- Stay safe and healthy!

## Section 6

Hilltop Village

By Bernice Fitzgerald

Section 6 Co-President

Hello Neighbors,

We hope that you are enjoying your summer! Remember to hydrate, hydrate,

hydrate!

The Board will begin acquiring bids for the continuation of our siding project. We are about a third of the way through in just two years!

Remember to change your filters to avoid excess dust and allergens in your home. And lubricate your garage doors with a lubricant made specifically for garage doors. An ounce of prevention.

There has been an allegation that Section 6 is attempting to dominate the CCA Board of Directors by having two candidates from our Section running as well as one already on the Board. If there were no Sections in Clearbrook at all, this would be a non-issue. But to discriminate based solely on a candidate's address is extremely disheartening. You should vote for whomever you believe will do the best job for our community and not based on where they reside. Any decision made by the CCA Board affects ALL the Sections – not just one. No one Section will benefit from a decision made by the governing Board. There are nine candidates in this election. The most important thing is that you vote, and vote based on the candidates and what they can bring to the community and not on geography.

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 estab-

lished a Hot Line number for all residents to call. NO ONE SHOULD BE CALLING A BOARD MEMBERS 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

Welcome to AUGUST! Hoping you all had a beautiful day on the 4th of July, celebrating the birth of our Nation!

General Section Meetings: We encourage all residents to attend.

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

- Wed., September 20, 7 pm Lounge B
- Wed., November 15, 7 pm Lounge B
- Holiday Party to be announced in December

We look forward to having you attend and participate in new things are happening in our Section.

Your Section 8 Board volunteers their time & energy to make this thing called "Clearbrook-Hampton Village" a more social environment and to keep expenditures under control (as if we were spending "out of our own money", which we are!). Think about joining your Board. Most of us have been doing this job for a couple of

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**Section 8**

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 years (myself, 9 years). There is always a need for new blood...new ideas...new perspectives. Think about it, there are small jobs that can use your help to accomplish.

**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 - 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.

To access the Clearbrook-NJ.com website, you need to LOG-IN. (If you do not have a resident sign in, visit the website and 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, just in case you misplace the directions to access.)

**Home Improvements**

If you are planning on having any work done to your units, please be sure to inform the Section 8 Board & the CCA Administration, in writing (with the required forms, plans & permits before start of any work). If there is a need to use dumpsters, DO NOT have any put on the driveways before informing and having an inspection done with the Section Board representative.

Ivy is not permitted at all. If you have ivy planted anywhere on your property, please remove it. Trees are not permitted in the 3ft area and should also be removed if they are there. Refusal to cooperate with these policies will result in fines.

Mailboxes are the property of the Section. Please do not place your name or any permanent paraphernalia on the mailboxes or wooden post. You may place covers over them with the non-permanent covers.

Plumbing issues: if you have a back up in your unit, you should call a plumber. If they are unable to clear the back up from inside your unit, then you contact the Board. The Section is responsible for the plumbing from the Clean-out to the Curb. If the problem resides in the pipes in your walls or under the floor, this is the responsibility of the unit owner. Again, you must get a plumber to fix it.

No New Residents to Welcome this month... but keep in touch and look out for each other!

Take a moment to review all Clearbrook and Section 8

Rules & Regulations, so you are an "informed" resident!

Best Wishes to all celebrating birthdays & anniversaries this month.

Keep love in your heart and "Celebrate Everything!"

**Section 10**

*By Barbara C. Kist*

One more month of summer to go. Hopefully everyone has been enjoying the warm weather.

We had the Section's Summer Fajita Party on July 9. Food was great and all had a good time. Thanks to Marvin for making this happen.

The August Section meeting will be on August 28 at 7 pm in the Clubhouse Lounge B. Refreshments will be available before and after the meeting. Please try to attend. We have had very good attendance at the Section meetings, please try to attend.

We will be cleaning all the dryer vents in the Section starting this month; each resident will be contacted to schedule an appointment. The cleanings will be done during the week and at this time there will not be any weekend appointments. After this cleaning, we will go on a schedule of doing one third of the Section each year.

We will also begin to replace electric meters and surrounding wiring this month. There are about 30 units that have been identified as needing immediate replacement and will be done in the first wave. The remaining units in the Section will be replaced over the next two years.

If you have an issue that the Section needs to address, call David Hague at 609-289-3132.

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*

Our next Open Board Meeting is scheduled for September 19 at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse Lounge B. All Section 11 unit owners and residents are welcome to attend these meetings. Your participation in these meeting gives you the opportunity to have an input into the Section 11 Board of Directors decisions and plans and to get to meet more of your neighbors.

**Maintenance Responsibility Chart** – The Section 11 Master Deed provides a legal statement of what comprises Section 11 property (i.e., common elements) and are collectively owned by the 99 Section 11 unit owners (1/99<sup>th</sup> of Section 11 common elements per unit owner). These include all elements not specifically defined by the Master Deed as being part of a unit and, therefore, not individually owned by a unit owner (e.g., all grounds, buildings, streets) and what

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comprises a unit (e.g., all interior space and interior fixtures) as well as a few elements not in the interior (e.g., air conditioning equipment). The Master Deed specifies in legal terms that the Section has responsibility for maintenance of the common elements, while the unit owner is responsible for maintaining the unit.

What this means to a unit owner is expressed more specifically in the Section 11 Maintenance Responsibility Chart. This chart divides a large set of typical maintenance responsibilities between Unit Owner and Section 11. They are listed alphabetically, in a table format, to make them easy to find. If you have not already received a copy of this chart or if yours is missing, contact any Section 11 Board Member or call this writer at 609-955-1531. Please keep this chart in a handy location so you can quickly answer most of your questions about which maintenance items are unit owner responsibility and which are assigned to the Section. Use this chart to make sure you are not paying for a repair that the Section would have paid.

**Remember to Think Water Conservation** – Climate change seems to have brought us quite a bit of rain this spring. While most of us with sprinkler systems have had them turned on by now, we have seldom needed to use them. Summer will likely change this picture. Don't forget, while you don't write a check to the water company every month, your share of the Section's water bill is paid from your monthly maintenance fees. If you waste water, you are penalizing yourself and your neighbors. Think and act conservatively when using water. Don't bother watering lawns and shrubs if the ground is already soaked. Much of the added water will just run off into the streets or evaporate, and the excess water may harm your plants and grass. Of course, watering during a rain storm is pointless and costly. Please, if your sprinkler system does not have a rain sensor, have one installed. If you water your lawn at night, which is generally recommended, you may not know when rainfall is causing you to waste sprinkler water. But, the rain sensor will and it will turn off your sprinklers.

**Drippy Faucet?** If you hear water mysteriously running through pipes in your unit, it is likely water is being wasted by a faulty toilet, dripping interior faucet or shower head. The Clearbrook Maintenance team can economically diagnose and repair most such water wasting problems for you. If you notify a Section board member when you find an outside bibcock dripping, the repair will be paid for by the Section.

**Pesky pests and bugs**

**bugging you?** If you're experiencing a problem with pesky pests, call the CCA Admin Office (609-655-2706) to report this problem. The CCA has a contract with a NJ company, Anchor Pest Control. The CCA will arrange an exterminator appointment for you with Anchor to rid your unit of the troublesome pests at no direct cost to you. The contract with Anchor includes treatments for a broad array of vermin including ants, bees, wasps, spiders, roaches, termites, and other vermin, including mice.

**New Malden Neighbors** – Please welcome the newest residents in Section 11, Michael and Colleen Balson. They moved into 450B Closter in late June 2023. If you have the opportunity, please extend to them your greetings to the Section 11 neighborhood.

## Section 12

By Jerry Sperling

Hello again, Section 12ers! I was a bit "off" this past month in getting the news to the printers. I hope the 12 stitches in my forehead is enough of an excuse for my column being absent. I'm feeling much better now and ready with this month's report! I'll begin with a reminder: please come on down and join us on August 14 at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse's Lounge B. We'll be waiting for you!

NOTICE, there's a new maintenance phone line that is dedicated for maintenance issues only! Call 732-735-2503 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For emergencies, call Rosemarie our Maintenance Director at 732-207-4127 after hours.

All the Power Washing has been completed recently on designated sidewalks, driveways and atriums. Special thanks to Econo Wash for doing a great job! As of this time, RKD Tree Service was scheduled to trim and remove some trees in July. As always, RDK does a great job! All cement projects will begin at designated units soon by New Construction. We will keep you apprised if you are on the list for work to be done. The "Island Plantings" are thriving! A great big thank you to everyone who pitched in and helped out with the watering.

We still haven't reached 80% compliance in our census, which is mandatory by law. So, please, if you haven't filled out the form, do it now! Our Clearbrook Community needs to retain our "Age Restricted Status." If we lose it, *our taxes will skyrocket!* If you need a form, call Administration.

I am getting sick of bringing up the next two matters. I promise I will not mention them ever again. 1, Dog walkers, please, pick up after your dog makes a mess, and, 2, all you dog walkers who have and use those 12-foot retractable leashes, they are not permitted in our community!!! Please, please,

STOP USING THEM!!!

That's all for me for now, see you next month.

## Section 14

By Grace Makuch

Oxford Village

Clearbrooksection14@gmail.com

Welcome all new Section residents. Each month we are getting new residents like yourself to our Section. After reviewing the Welcome binder, residents should sign up for the Clearbrook online site to keep you updated on all events, the newsletter and more. You can learn who your new neighbors are by going to this site and select contact and then street. You can sort by street address.

The August 12 meeting has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. The next Section meeting will be announced in the fall. Possible date is Monday, October 9 at 7 pm. More information to follow.

Section 14 is pleased to announce that the **last roof replacement** has been completed. Eight years ago the Section commissioned a study by an architectural firm to inspect our houses and recommended which roofs to replace first. All the roofs were past their original warranties. Tammy Goldhamer, President at that time, and the rest of the board put out bids and selected the Cramer Contracting Group to do the work. This company has a long history of assisting sections with roofs and other repairs. The contract was the best priced. Tom and his staff had the best dependability history. They also allowed us to do the replacement over a few years. The board budgeted a certain amount of monies for each year's work. The roofs in the worst condition were selected first. This process was done each year until we were finally able to complete the final 32 houses this year.

### IMPORTANT

Every other year Clearbrook is required to have all residents complete a census form indicating how many people live in the unit and their ages. Section 14 still has outstanding residents

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My office sends many people to Clearbrook because of the low taxes, which many seniors find attractive. I look forward to hearing from you and working with you. Remember 908-337-3633 to call me.

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and Safe July 4th!**

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## Section 14

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that did not return the census form to the office.

The administration sent each Section the following email:

Dear President –

As you know, the CCA By-Laws mandate that we conduct a census every other year. And

in order to maintain our age restricted tax status, we must receive a minimum of 80% response to the census. The 2023 Census was distributed earlier this year. At this time, the Administration has received censuses from 67% of our residents.

Attached is a list of units in your Section and the unit owners who have already re-

sponded. We are asking for your help in gathering more responses. I think the easiest thing to do is to pick up a supply of blank censuses at the office and distribute them to unit owners who have not yet responded. Please DO NOT collect completed censuses. The unit owner can submit them to the office on their own.

Thank you for your assistance in this important matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Liz Saunders, CMCA, AMS  
Administration Director  
Clearbrook Community

Section 14 Block Captains are in the process of contacting the residents who have not completed their census form and returned it to the office. You may call your block captain to arrange for a census form to be delivered to you if you can't print one from the Clearbrook online site or pick one up at the office. You must turn in the form yourself.

The Block Captains are as follows:

- Nicole Dorcelien, Ardmore Rd 203 219 5036
- Pam Laminsky, Pompton, Croydon, Marlton Rd 609 619 3043
- Ilene Feilich, Hazen and Belford Rd 609 655 3617
- Bill Leahy, Velaris Plaza, Dilatis Plaza, Delair Rd 718 552 5703

## Section 15

Pickwick Village

By Sandra Stark

"To plant a garden is to dream of tomorrow." Audrey Hepburn

"Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul." Luther Burbank

*Midsummer*

*Night's Soirée*

Residents/Owners Meeting:

Our Section 15 meeting with party is scheduled for Thursday, August 10. Joanna Cook and Bege Haney have planned our "Midsummer Night's Soirée"! A flyer requiring your action has been delivered to your door. Let's all participate in this once-a-year opportunity to meet neighbors and make Section 15 the best Section in Clearbrook.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS VINYL SIDING AND INSULATION:**

The Board of Directors will be working on our Reserve Study and Capital Expenses to determine scheduling of our next phase of major projects to be scheduled in 2024.

**OPERATIONS**

**GUTTER CLEANING:**

All of the gutters in Section 15 have been scheduled to be cleaned. If you are aware of any clogging or overflowing, please advise one of the Board members as soon as possible so that action can be taken. We have 22 underground drains that will be inspected and repaired as needed in late summer/ early fall.

**LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE:**

The Landscape Committee (Anna Marie Wasilko, Ellie Kane and Ruth Golush) will be considering additional plantings for early fall.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

At the Monday, June 19 meeting of the Board, we accepted the resignation of Ellie Kane as Secretary and Board member. However, we are pleased to note that Ellie will continue to work with the Landscape Committee. Wanda Soto moved into Section 15 in December 2021 and was appointed to the Board at the July 17 Board meeting.

THANK YOU to our residents for beautifying their homes with new shrubs and flower gardens, new patios, new windows and for taking the time to improve the entire Section. Your efforts are appreciated by all of your neighbors. If you haven't walked around our eight-acre paradise recently, please take a few minutes to enjoy the sights. More improvements are planned for the future.

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

Keep cool and enjoy the summer!

## Section 16

Queensway Village

By Maria Petro

The weather has been very hot but we are getting some good rainstorms to keep our grass green. With the dog days of August upon us, please remember to follow the rules for watering lawns set by the Section. August watering is Monday Thursday and Saturday.

Just a reminder, if you are making ANY changes or additions to your home or property, please fill out the Architectural forms before doing any work. All changes must be approved before you do the work. All forms can be found on the Clearbrook website. You can download them or print them and turn them in to the administration office. You should have received the spread sheet listing "who is responsible for what". This document will clearly list what the Section, CCA or Unit Owners are responsible for. It is also available on the Website.

If you are replacing your water heater, please remember you need to obtain a permit from Monroe Township. You are also required to have a leak breaker on your heater, so make sure whoever does your installation puts one on. The inspector will not sign off on the job if this is not on your heater. It automatically shuts off the water if you have a leak. This will save you a lot of trouble in the long run.

Don't forget to vote for the CCA Board of Directors. The election will be held on August 7. You can also vote electronically if you have registered to do so. You should have received your absentee ballot in the mail. You must

turn in your ballot in the box outside the Clubhouse before the day of the election. We had a very lively Candidates Night and had a chance to meet and get to know the candidates and how they felt on various subjects. Please be sure to exercise your rights by voting. It's the only way we can have our voice heard. You can vote anytime up until election day.

We have completed our roofs for this year. We will now be focusing on dryer vent cleaning.

Our annual Block Party will be on Saturday, September 30. If you are interested in joining the committee, please call Maria Petro 609-655-4522 or Penny Lemon 6209-664-2610. We really need help with planning, and especially on the day of the party for set up and clean up. City Streets will be manning the BBQ and we have a special treat along with our usual games and prizes.

The Section Board will be implementing a "Hot Line" for all maintenance and landscaping calls. This number will be monitored and all calls will be sent to the designated person responsible. This will make getting a call much easier and you will only have to call 1 number. You must still fill out a work order request form and submit that in the Clubhouse file room as well. This will help us to keep a clear record of calls and how quickly the issues were resolved. Stay tuned for more information at our Open meeting later this month.

We have an open Section meeting this month on Tuesday August 15 at 10 am in the Clubhouse Please make every effort to attend. This is where you get to ask all your questions and get the latest information. Bagels and coffee will be served.

Please enjoy the rest of the summer. See you next month.

## Section 17

By Holly Ives

Good news! The Dog Days of Summer (the hottest and steamiest part of summer that began on July 3) are due to end on August 11! We can blame the weatherman if this does not happen. Have you found a good way to cool off? Remember to limit time outside during the hottest hours of the sun and keep hydrated.

The CCA board has nine candidates interested in running for the five available directorships. You can view the Candidates Night recording on the Clearbrook website under VIDEOS. The Annual Meeting will be on MONDAY, August 7 at 7 pm in the Clubhouse Ballroom. Have you voted yet? Let your voice be heard!

**Section News**

Did you attend our BBQ last month? It was a good time with delicious food. Thanks to organizers Pat Czerwinski, Rosemary Rin-

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## Section 17

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kowsky, Chris Thronsen, and Joan Weistreich, as well as the board member Chefs.

The next Section 17 Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9 from 2 - 4 pm in the Conference Room at the Clubhouse. [My apologies for omitting July's meeting date last month!]

At our next Section 17 Meeting we will be starting with a pizza party! It will be Thursday, September 21 from 7 - 9 pm at the Cultural Center.

Our holidays for August are: National Watermelon Day (3), US Coast Guard (4), Friendship Day (6), Purple Heart Day (7), National Book Lover's Day (9), Victory Day (14), National Radio Day (20), Senior Citizens' Day (21), and National Grief Awareness Day (30).

Happy birthday to all born under the signs of Leo and Virgo, especially Holly, Linda, and Pete. Anniversary wishes to those celebrating as well; and for all who need them, get well wishes!

## Section 18A

### Stuart Village

By Marianne Ippolito

The heat is on! Talk about a wild weather month. Hopefully you have been able to keep cool and hydrated.

So much going on in Clearbrook between our clubs and events sprinkled throughout the month. Check out the calendar at the end of this publication for the various activities. If you are not receiving emails with Clearbrook updates, please reach out to Barbara or any of the board members so that you can be informed of meetings, events and important information.

Our board has been busy working to keep our units safe and well maintained including installing new driveways, roofs and exterior maintenance such as door painting and repair. Trees have been trimmed in an effort to reduce squirrel and rodent infestation in our attics. While the Section does not remove these troublesome pests, access points can be sealed once the area is clear. Work continues on installation of gutter guards and powerwashing units. Several projects have been completed to repair lawns and will continue into the fall. Please be patient as the board deals with vendors and suppliers as this continues to be an issue for all homeowners.

An ongoing issue with sprinkler systems exists and I have been asked to remind everyone that there is no need to replace the backflow preventer as advised by some of the contractors that service your system. The board confirmed with the water company and the township so please beware of vendors recommending this change. Emails have circulated regarding the Section's responsibilities for

damage to hose bibs when sprinkler systems exist. Please be aware that repair and maintenance is your responsibility. It won't be long until your systems need to be shut down and to we will continue to remind you that the system must be disconnected to avoid problems with hose bibs, etc.

Kindly refer to the list below and contact your board with any questions and concerns regarding unit issues. Be kind...do not call before 9 am or after 5 pm unless it is an emergency. Be kinder... give the board a chance to address your issue after they have been notified. When you walk, jog, bike ride or drive around Clearbrook, I believe you can agree that 18A stands out as one of, if not the best Section.

Please save Saturday, October 7 for the second annual Section 18A Social which will be held in the Cultural Center.

Myra and Sharon have already started to plan and information will be send out shortly.

Ciao for now!  
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## Section 18B

### Tudor Village

By Kay Neu

Lately as I start to write the Courier article, I actually have to think for a moment as to the month, and it doesn't help that as I write it's only July 3. August is named after Augustus Caesar (grand nephew of Julius Caesar). It is the last full month of summer and the end of winter below the equator. August birthstone is peridot, said to symbolize healing power and strength.

Our summer is starting off with high temperatures and humidity, but we are plagued by smoke in the atmosphere coming from wild fires outside our country, and we should be

mindful of our air quality index. I never looked at an AQI before this year. Change the filters on your AC.

The heat most likely has us watering our lawns more, but early and late in the day lets the soil absorb more water and not quickly dry up in the heat of an afternoon. A purple flag has been added to include newly seeded lawns which you do not wish to be mowed and are available at the Administration office. If at least one purple flag is seen, the entire lawn will not be mowed.

The outside of your unit and patio should only have patio furniture, barbeques, propane tanks and watering hoses and are not to be used for storage of other items. Maintaining barbecues and propane tanks 5 ft. from our home is required by Monroe Township.

I recently had my first skin cancer—small and easily removed. Although these usually show up over age 65, they most likely come from sun exposure way back to our younger years. We have two beautiful pools in our community; let's apply sun screen while we are enjoying them. Aquasize is offered at 10 a.m. at the Cultural Center pool.

With many of us doing more outdoor entertaining, please be courteous and keep the noise level reasonable and remind guests not to park opposite any driveway. The GPS address that your guests should be using is 1 Clearbrook Dr.

Painting the wood on doors and around door and garage frames should be done as soon as we obtain a reasonable price. We are considering spot washing siding this year and next year power wash all. Board members have been asked to identify units where this needs to be done now where mold is present.

As you know if you have been attending our open meetings, the Board has been discussing using asphalt on driveways instead of cement. The cost savings is significant and asphalt would eliminate expansion joints which as you know wear and get dirty. The driveway would look uniform and not like patches done over time. Most likely this project would start on Nutley with the smallest number of homes.

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During the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Monroe Township Senior Center, Mayor Stephen Dalina and members of the Town Council held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new pavilion. This addition will allow for outside activities. The event was held on June 23.

Photo by Ed Hornichter

## Monroe Breaks Ground on Veterans Housing Project Located on Cranbury - Half Acre Road



At the groundbreaking

### Will provide 80 residential units of Affordable Housing for Veterans

Monroe Township announced on July 20 that it has broken ground on construction of 80 residential units for veterans located on Cranbury - Half Acre Road.

"We are thrilled to be moving forward on the construction of affordable housing for veterans as we are so grateful for their service to our country," said Mayor Stephen Dalina. "The acquisition of this land in 2019 served three very important purposes for the Township. It increased our open space

inventory and added convenient recreational facilities that residents have been using for some time now. This is the third, and perhaps most important piece – affordable housing for veterans."

The project will be constructed by Conifer-LeChase Construction, LLC. Once built, the veterans housing component will be managed by Conifer Realty. Interested veterans should visit Conifer Realty at [www.valorpointeapartments.com](http://www.valorpointeapartments.com) for more information. These units will provide mobility, visual, hearing impaired and accessible components. Units are af-

fordable and income restrictions apply.

In addition to the new veterans housing, the township-owned property known as "Patriot Park", also contains a previously constructed playground, dog park, basketball court and cricket pitch with associated parking.

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### League of Women Voters – Ranked Voting – An Alternative to Explore

By Linda Bozowski

On Monday, August 28, the League of Women Voters will offer a program on a topic that has received only limited publicity so far – ranked voting. David Goodman, Statewide Lead of Voter Choice New Jersey, will tell us what ranked voting means and how it can simplify or complicate our current methods of selecting

candidates for various positions.

Scheduled for 1 p.m. at the Municipal Building, this meeting can offer thought-provoking pros and cons of changing the voting process. League presentations are free, non-partisan, and open to the public. Membership is not required. Please join us for this lively discussion.

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