



Woodworkers displayed their hand-crafted creations at Clearbrook" Arts and Crafts Show.

At the Arts and Crafts Show—September 6



Fiber Arts members presented their delightful and colorful projects.



Model airplanes and ships created by Robert Martin were on view. See more arts and crafts photos on page 2.

Photos by Ed Hornichter

The CCA President's Report

By Beverly Eskra

It's been a great summer in Clearbrook and now we look forward to the upcoming holiday season. Our summer pool opening and gala closing party was a great success and needless to say the Cultural Center pool for "Residents only" and "Swim at your own Risk" was a received very well. We know this was a concern with some of our residents but fortunately with good planning and management we were able to reduce the risk hazards and enhance protection of our residents along with providing the introduction of a buddy system. The extended pool hours were a big hit and provided our residents with some extra time for those who work. Everyone seemed to be happy and enjoyed! Many thanks to the Staff of Taylor Management, especially Krystal and Amanda of Lifestyle who swept us away with all the planned events. A special shout out to Millennial Pools whose lifeguards made a huge impression on our residents. From what I hear their calm and reassuring manner helped in providing a rewarding experience.

As you drive around our community you will start to notice the trees turning different shades of yellow, orange and gold signaling the start of fall along with cooler temperatures, shorter days and the looming specter of winter. Because of the cooler temperatures ensure that you are up to date on your Covid boosters, flu and pneumonia vaccines to remain safe. The residents who reside here and their safety is our number-one priority. Protect yourselves, your family and friends. Wear a mask when shopping, utilize proper hand washing and limit your exposure to crowds.

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However, as we attempt to protect ourselves from environmental exposure, we also need to remember that mediocrity breeds boredom and an unhealthy lifestyle. Don't accept being average, we all have a purpose, if possible, stay active and engaged, never forget where we came from and who we are! The perfect attitude we can all adopt is to be true to your value system and enjoy the time you have!

Unit Modifications – Are You Safe?

By Andrea Wolstromer, CMCA

Community Administrator

So you hired a contractor to install recessed lighting in your living room without architectural approval. It's easier that way, right? It's on the inside - no one will know and you own the inside anyway. No contract, cash deal. But suddenly the lights are constantly tripping a circuit breaker. You try calling your contractor and he never answers. You then call the township to finally have them inspect the work but the contractor didn't apply for a permit. Sound familiar? Whether or not this type of scenario has happened to you, architectural regulations and township codes and permits exist for these reasons - for your safety, for the safety of the people and property around you, and to avoid

costly mistakes.

On August 28 we held an information session here in our community about township permits and architectural regulations. Lou Buonocore and Jack McNaboe from the Monroe Township Construction Department spoke about the importance of applying for permits and following up on inspections. Typically, the contractors apply for the permit and the homeowner either forgets or isn't aware that they have to arrange for an appointment with the township to have them come inspect the work. They encouraged all residents to contact them at their office at (732) 656-4585 to determine whether there are any open permits for their unit. Also, if you are unsure whether a permit is needed for your project, they are the

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Unit Modifications – Are You Safe?

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people to call and ask. You certainly don't want to try to sell or buy a home that has open permits.

Many unit owners also get confused in that they think a township permit negates the need to obtain architectural approval. This isn't the case. Always let your Section know you are doing any work to your unit, no matter how small, inside or out, and always confirm with me, Andrea Wolstromer, in administration whether approval is needed and to obtain an application. Our website is also a good resource as it has the applications and regulations available for downloading. Your application should always be accompanied by the contract so that we have the specifications as well as the contractor's evidence of insurance and licensure. You

may also be required to submit other components depending on the project, especially outdoor ones since they affect common property.

Another topic of discussion at our info session was our new regulations for personal electronic vehicle charging stations (EVCS). Our engineer, FWH, has outlined required specifications should you desire to install an EVCS at your unit. For now, the specs only cover those units with a garage and they are available at the administration office. Specifications for those with parking spaces are forthcoming. Community EVCS's also continue to be a topic of discussion.

If only for peace of mind, make the call. Apply for approval. Get the permit. Follow the regulations. You'll be glad you did, and so will your neighbors.

— Lifestyle Happenings —

By Krystal Graves Lifestyle Director

October is such a fun-filled month for the Lifestyle Department! The wonderful feeling of fall has entered the air and we are so ready for the spooky season. Lifestyle will be hosting our first Murder Mystery Dinner in the Cultural Center on October 5, catered by Kettle Black. This event had so much popularity that a second date had to be added to the calendar for winter of 2024 and who would not want another mischievous night of murder and fun with a table of your closest friends! Come prepared to be a part of the plot.

From Bracelet Making with Suzanne Hye to Trunk to Treasure to our Haunted Halloween Dance, the month of October is always one that really kicks off the season. Halloween this year will not only have a costume contest judged by the Lifestyle Committee but we also encour-

age those who are interested to enter our mummy wrap race. Now toilet paper was a hot commodity just three years ago, but for one night and one night only, we are going to unroll and wrap some resident to look like the best possible mummies out there. Let's Be Frank will be keeping us entertained and on the dance floor for the entire night, but I think we are most excited to see the creative costumes that we know you all love to craft at home. Just note: please come with your costume fully wearable. No additional large pieces of equipment should come along with you because we want everyone to be cool as a cucumber and comfortable while enjoying the night in the Cultural Center.

Let's take a quick peek into the rest of fall. November starts off with a day that will warm your heart and belly

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At the Arts and Crafts Show



On September 6, Clearbrook held a well-attended Arts & Crafts Show featuring original artwork and crafts, such as the stained glass seen above created by Stanley Kolodziejski.

Photos by Ed Hornichter



Colorful ceramics were shown by Jean Proper.



Photography exhibit: The three large photographs were displayed by Ed Hornichter.



Talented artists were on hand with their original creations.



Harpist Elaine Christy entertained.



Jerry Sperling with one of his unique musical instruments.

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Remembering 9-11 Victims

By Ed Hornichter

On Monday, September 11, 2023, all victims who were killed during the 9-11 terrorist attacks were honored and eulogized by Monroe residents, Mayor Stephen Dalina and other Monroe officials.

The event, due to inclement weather, was held at the Municipal Building. Monroe residents paid their respects

in the court room, with standing room only.

There were over 250 people in attendance.

Mayor Dalina read the names of the nine Monroe Township residents who were killed.

They are: Pamela J. Boyce, John Chipura, Vincenzo Gallucci, Stewart D Harris, Steven B. Lillanthal, Mark David Rothenberg, James Kenneth Samuel Jr., Jeffrey David Wiener, and Joseph M. Giaccone.

The total deceased on that tragic day was 2,977.

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- 21th Trunk to Treasure
- 25th Saint Peters Presentation Aging Hip & Knee
- 28th Haunted Halloween Dance

— Lifestyle Happenings —

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because Chef Chris Masker from Brandywine Living at Governor's Crossing will be teaching 60 sensational Clearbrook seniors his personal recipe for Butternut Squash Soup. The ballroom will be like your mini Master Chef studio where you can watch, participate and snack on some treats. Each attendee will be provided with one full portion of soup and Lifestyle serving some yummy desserts!

Another family-oriented event that is right after Chef

Chris is Dancing with the Clearbrook Stars. Resident ballroom and line dance instructor, Pam Vergoglino, has been working tirelessly to dance the night away to a Broadway themed dance competition in the Cultural Center. See all promotional flyers or keep an eye on eblasts from Lifestyle to get the most updated information on sign-up dates, costs, policy/rule changes and all other information about our amazing calendar of events. Happy Fall Y'all!

CCA Open Board Meetings for 2023

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

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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Clubs and Groups



The Open Jam Band played at the Clearbrook Clubhouse Ballroom on Monday, September 11. Audience participation was encouraged and a new vocalist stepped up to join in the fun. Their next appearance will be announced.

Photo by Liz Strazza

Stage Production News

By Pamela Vergoglin0

Calling all singers, actors and dancers. The Clearbrook Players will be holding auditions for next year's production called "Murder, Mystery and Mirth". The auditions will be held on Tuesday December 5 and Tuesday Dec 12 from 630-830 pm. Please mark your calendar.

We look forward to having you be part of our annual stage production next year. The show will be held the first weekend in May 2024.

Clearbrook Art Appreciation Club

By Alberta Mandelblatt

On Wednesday, September 6, we had our annual art exhibit. This year, it was part of the Arts and Crafts Fair of Clearbrook. The submissions of numerous works of art by Clearbrook residents were plentiful. There were beauti-

ful paintings, collages lithographs, photographs, and even a metal sculpture. It was an amazing assortment of original art. Bea Donovan was our featured artist of the year and her display was fantastic.

Our Ballroom was set up like an art gallery and we had many visitors walking around discussing and admiring the work. There were so many complimentary comments. Our club was very pleased to display the work of the talented participants. If you missed the exhibit, hope you will come next year.

The Art Appreciation Club is now collecting dues for the July 2023 to June 2024 year. If you have not paid your dues, please send them to Millie Schneider, 410B Genista Plaza. If you are not sure whether you paid, call her at (609) 655-0946.

We welcome all new members who like art in any form. You don't have to be an artist to appreciate art. Dues are \$15 per year. Watch Channel 26 or read the Courier to see when we meet and what we

Finally, thanks to all the people who worked very hard to set up this wonderful exhibit. It couldn't be successful without you.

The Boomers Club

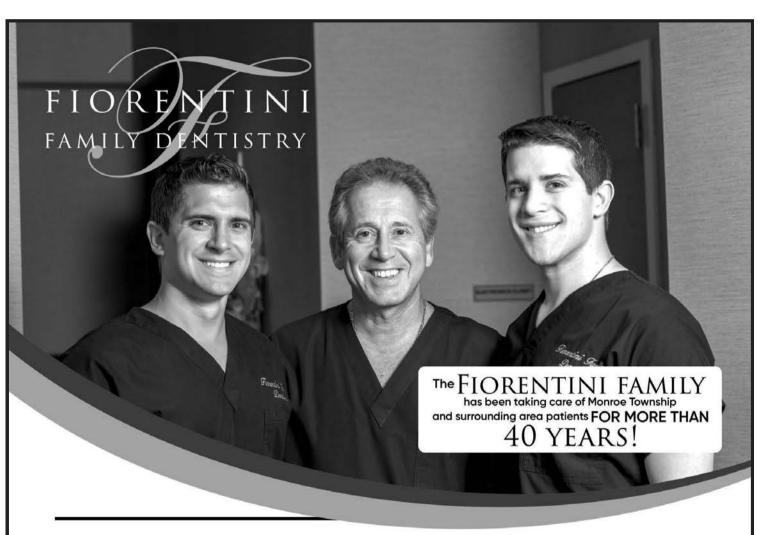
By Frank Casey and Steve Rudin

It's hard to imagine that summer is over and we are now heading into the thrills and chills of October.

The Boomers Club has brewed up some spooky shenanigans by hosting a Zombie Apocalypse dinner dance on Saturday October 14 at 7 pm in the Cultural Center. This event is open to ALL Clearbrook residents, their family and friends. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Feel free to dress up in your spookiest zombie attire. The Boomers will be serving up a spine-tingling hot food buffet, with dessert and coffee. This is a BYOB (please no hard liquor) event. We'll have DJ Jeff spinning all of your favorite dance songs. We're also selling 50-50 and we'll have lots of door prizes. Ticket prices for this event are just \$25 pp members and \$30 pp for non-members and guests. Tickets for this event went on sale September 26, but we still have tickets to this chilling event. We certainly don't want anyone left out in the dark with these creatures roaming the complex. Liz Strazza will notify our members by email of ticket sales venue location. The room location(s) will also be posted to our website, www.boomersofclearbrook.c

Our next Open Members' Meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 17 at 7 pm in the Clubhouse Ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 pm. This meeting is open to all Clearbrook residents who want to visit with us. We'll be accept-

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The Boomer's Club "Run for the Roses" happened on Saturday, September 9. Above are the winning horses of all three races. Horse #1, ridden by Jocky Carol Foti, was crowned the final winner! Photo submitted by Liz Strazza

Boomers Club

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ing new members' applications, collecting advance membership dues for the 2024 season, and selling 50-50s at the door. Our membership dues are still just \$10 pp annually.

Are you interested in running for a seat on the Boomers Board of Directors? The application is on our website. Please complete the application and submit it at the members meeting. All applications must be submitted no later than November 30.

For additional information about joining the Boomers Club, please contact our President, Frank Casey, at fcasey69@hotmail.com or our Vice President Steve Rudin at srud58@ outlook.com

Clearbrook Computer Group

By Hal Wexler

Windows 11 is the latest operating system from Microsoft. There is talk of the possibility of Windows 12 since Al technology is improving and Microsoft intends integrating it into the Windows operating system. Still, it will be a few years before these will surpass Windows 10 as the most popular operating system from Microsoft. Support for Windows 10 will continue until late 2025 before Microsoft begins to wind it down. Microsoft has made it difficult to upgrade to new OS's due to high requirements many users can't meet with their current PCs. So, if you still intend continuing with the Windows 10 OS there is still plenty to learn in order to get the most out of your aging operating system. There are a number of tips and tricks to help you get more out of your Windows 10 experience. Some of these originated from older generations of the OS, while others are new to this version. To see them, insert the following phrase into the Google search bar and press the enter key. "Who Needs Windows 11? Try These Hidden Tricks to Get More from Windows 10." There are 25 available.

Last month, Apple re-

leased a significant security update iOS 16.6.1 for iPhones and iPads. This is to patch newly discovered security vulnerabilities in the devices' system software. The issue was discovered by researchers at the University of Toronto's Citizen Lab, who said the software flaw was being actively exploited to deliver commercial spyware called Pegasus. Pegasus is typically used to infiltrate the equipment of dissidents, journalists and political opponents. Ordinary users should not fear of being targeted. Still, it was recommended that all users should update their devices. The Pegasus software can install itself on a phone without requiring users to click a link, and gives the hacker complete access to the entire contents of the phone, as well as the ability to use its cameras and microphone undetected. Theoretically the Pegasus software was designed as a tool for catching criminals and terrorists.

Uninstalr is a feature-rich uninstaller that does just one

job, but does that one job extremely well. Where Uninstalr excels is in identifying and deleting leftover remnants. It achieves this in part by deleting all remnants following a system restart. This action is important as some files might be locked and can only be deleted following a restart. Special stubborn file removers always delete files following a system restart. Uninstalr is the only free uninstaller that includes a system restart to properly complete the process. Testing has shown that it deleted more remnants than any of the main free alternatives such as Revo Uninstaller, Geek Uninstaller and HiBit.

Italian American Club

By Medele De Filippo

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

On Tuesday evening, August 22, we held our monthly meeting in the Cultural Center. As always, we sold tickets for our evening's 50/50

raffle, and tickets to win a lovely gift basket filled with goodies. At this meeting we also sold tickets for our annual September 26 pizza party. Officers of the club who were in attendance were President Tim Casatelli, Vice President Marie Schiumo, Treasurer Betty Colgate and Secretary Medele De Filippo. After leading us in the pledge to our flag, Tim called upon Betty to give the club's financial information and called upon Medele to read the minutes of our July meeting, and the birthdays and anniversaries of our members celebrating in August. Marie told us about the success of our Atlantic City trips and that there was already a full signup for September's trip. There being no further business, we were introduced to our entertainer, musician and educator, Bob Denson.

Bob entertained us with his strong singing voice and his superb guitar playing. He had us reminiscing when we heard Elvis' "Hound Dog" and Bobby Darin's "Dream

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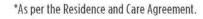


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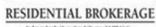
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We welcome Autumn with its crisp weather, beautiful colors of trees, great decorations and the wonderful food we prepare for the cooler days ahead. The market is still busy but will slow down in November getting ready for the holidays. There are people who will still be looking for homes and we need to keep that in mind.

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Enjoy the Autumn weather! Have a Happy Halloween with your grandchildren!







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(Continued from page 5) Lover." Everyone sang along to the Everly Bros.' "Dream, Dream, Dream," and one of my teenage favorites Bill Haley's "Shake, Rattle and Roll." I was in high school when these songs came out. Shall I say "wonderful memories?" Bob performed the Jersey Boys' "O What a Night," and continued with many other great renditions of popular tunes. He ended with "God Bless America" bringing us to stand and sing along. I can't shout loud enough about the incredible talent Bob has with the playing of his guitar. It was a joy to hear. He got so many hoots and hollers from our members. He is a warm and friendly person; holds a Bachelor Degree in Music Education and gives guitar, bass, piano, ukulele and voice lessons. We wish Bob a continued wonderful career and will welcome him back anytime.

While enjoying our delicious apple turnovers, coffee and tea, Tim called the winning 50/50 ticket numbers and the winning number for the gift basket. Congrats to all our winners! Shortly thereafter, the meeting was concluded.

New Members: Say hello to: Dan Barbaro, Joan Savasta-Berthiaume & Daniel Berthiaume, Susan & Stanford Brim, Nickolas Carbonaro, Judy Cavacloglou, Robin Di Prisco, Stephen

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Fetchko, Sheila & John Fichera, Steve Flam, Valerie & Bob Hanley, Mary & Dwight Hathaway, Cathie Mazzarella, Laura Onore, Nick Ruggiero, Roberta Scandaglia, Renee Scarano, Susan Segrave & Brian O'Connor, and Joanne Smith.

Say hello to our returning members: Rosalie Calderera, Marie Nasta, and Ann Sabatino. Welcome to the club everyone! Enjoy yourselves!

Happy Birthday wishes in October (birthstone: Opal) (flower: Marigold) to: Alan Balaban, Jim Barre, Candace Doctors, Bob Hanley, Anna Havens, Paula Krieger, Julia Leonard, Caroline Lepore, Nolberto Nieves, Brian O'Connor, Rosemary Rinkowski, Philip Rinkowski, Nick Ruggiero, Lou Scafuri, Jerry Sperling, Debbie Vollaro, Deirdre Zarelli

Happy Anniversary wishes in October to: Carmela and Calogero Comaianni, Millie and Sal Coraci, Cynthia and Joseph Graci, Patricia Cruz and Paul Peralta

Mark Your Calendar: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cultural Center.

Trips: Monday, October 9, to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. Please call A/C Trip Coordinator, JoAnne Rago (609-655-4482) if you wish to attend for the day. You are always welcomed and so are your friends. Games are played on the bus and a movie is watched on the trip home. And you might have "Slots of Fun."

Interested in Joining?
New members are always welcomed. 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. What a woman told her doctor. "I have metal fillings in my teeth and the refrigerator magnets keep pulling me into the kitchen so that's why I can't lose weight."

Happy Cristoforo Columbus Day and Happy Halloween. Celebrate the 1492 discovery of our America. And have that candy ready in case your doorbell rings. We might have some Clearbrook tricksters out there.

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

New Horizons

By Laurie Schwartzer

New Horizons is up and running for the fall and there are some exciting events planned.

September 20 brought the lunch bunch and September 21 was a workshop by Laurie Schwartzer, LCSW, on Healthy Selfishness.

The book and author event is on October 12. The book is "It's Not What You Think" by Sabeeha Rehman. This should be a very interesting talk. Price \$25. It includes a light lunch. Contact Marlene Metrick at 609-655-2932 or Susan Brim at 609-663-2665 to register.

The movie of social significance is on November 2 at 1 pm. Details TBA.

Food Flicks is November 10. Movie and lunch theme at a restaurant will match; details TBA.

The book group is reading *The Shape Shifter.* Our meeting is always the first Wednesday of the month. October 4 at 1 pm. Contact Lois Goodrich with questions at 609- 424-4370.

The short story group is the second Tuesday of the month at 10:30. The group is currently doing *The Anthol*ogy of Jeffrey Archer stories. Contact Millie Schneider at 609 655-0946.

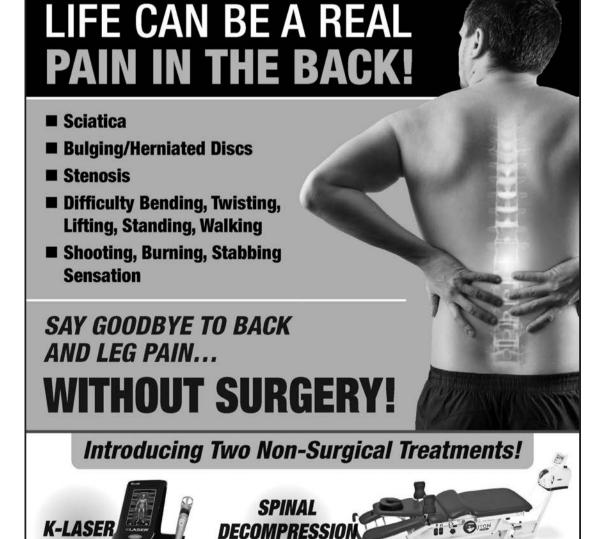
Clearbrook Democratic Club

By Patricia Schwalje

Hello residents of our Clearbrook Community. Another Election season is upon us and with this issue of the Clearbrook Courier it should be noted that the next election is November 7. I am happy to report that at the September 11 Clearbrook Democratic Club meeting we heard multiple positive concrete examples of the hard work of our Democratic candidates running for reelection in 2023, Column A.

But first, in honor of the anniversary of September 11, after the Pledge of Allegiance, Club President, Larry Silverman called for a moment of silence. Ed Hornichter, one of our Veteran members, thanked Mayor Dalina

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Democratic Club

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for the well-attended, wonderful 911 Memorial that was held that morning. Mayor, and Council members, spoke about their pride when the Monroe Township High School Chorus sang the National Anthem. Council President Miriam Cohen, spoke of her pride looking at the beautiful mosaic of Monroe diversity the high school children represented.

The meeting then heard from Monroe's Democratic candidates. Mayor Dalina spoke about a misinformation campaign claiming Monroe would be taking in immigrants. He emphasized that Gov. Murphy has stated the state of NJ is not bringing in migrants, nor will Monroe be housing immigrants being bused from other states. The Mayor then spoke about what his administration has accomplished for Monroe, with the support of his Democratic colleagues on the Township Council. The Mayor spoke about his 2023 Budget, once again with no tax increase. That flat rate for 2023 has resulted in our continued AA+ bond rating, accomplished by refinancing township debt, taking advantage of years when interest rates were low. The Dalina Administration also successfully negotiated with Monroe Township Unions on mutually agreeable healthcare benefits.

Mayor Dalina stated that he has aggressively pursued grant monies, and with the help of our Democratic State14th Legislative leaders, Monroe has recently received \$5 million in state grants.

Two and a half million is slated to preserve more open space, an additional \$2.5 million to continue with the improvements to the Monroe Police Department. Additionally, a million dollars to the Board of Education to fund improvements at Applegarth Elementary School. Grant money also aided in the construction of the Valor Pointe complex for veterans. Over his tenure as Mayor, Dalina's administration has also increased recreational facilities, made improvements to other Township facilities, and promoted the Anchor program benefits for Senior Citizens.

The Mayor, and the Council members running for reelection, Council President Miriam Cohen, Council Vice President Terry Van Dzura, and Councilman Mike Markel, all stated how proud they were of the benefits they have been able to accomplish for Monroe residents, and they want the opportunity to continue working for Monroe. They emphasized that our Legislative District 14 Democrats, State Senator Linda Greenstein, Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo, and new candidate Tennille McCoy, have supported Gov. Murphy in protecting a woman's right to choose her own health care with her doctor, and to stop the anti-democracy book banning that several neighboring towns are promoting. The Middlesex County Democrats up for reelection are Charles Tomaro and Monroe's own Leslie Koppel. As we hear, and see, how other states and towns are chipping away at democracy, women's rights, voting rights, and the rise of anti-Semitism and racism, our Democrat leaders all emphasized that voting on November 7, is vitally important. VOTE!

"Rack Em Up"



By Pat Castrucci

It's summer's end with new and exciting beginnings for fall, especially at the Billiard Club.

Welcoming new members, enjoying packed Monday night games. New Straight Pool tournaments are being scheduled. A newly decorated Billiard room makes for a pleasant way to relax enjoy our members and quest. It's a way to meet and enjoy old and new friends.

All enjoyed our seasonal breakfast, a success, and now we are anticipating our

upcoming Holiday dinner, which includes awarding our tournament winners with their trophies.

Ok, ladies, how about setting up a lady's tournament – let's make it happen.

Bit of Trivia

Paul Newman and Jackie Gleason established a friendship on the set of *The Hustler.* At one point, Newman got a little cocky about his newfound pool skills and challenged the much more experienced Gleason to a \$50 bet on a game. Now remember \$50 at that time was a lot of money. Newman broke, then it was Gleason's turn. He knocked all 15 balls in and Newman never got another shot. To make the payment interesting Paul paid Gleason the \$50 dollars in 5000 pennies.

CLEARBROOK SPORTS

FORE!

By Susan Matiejunas

As I write this, September is almost half over, and the season is winding down. You'd never know that by the numbers. We have a dedicated group, and they have been coming out faithfully each week.

There are only three tournaments to report this month, as we had one wash out. I was surprised that the 13th wasn't cancelled as it drizzled/misted until midmorning. Still, 22 players showed up for the game.

By the time you read this, our end-of-season gathering will be history. Read all about it next month.

And now onto the scores.

August 23: Thirty-three was the score of the day - three groups tied there. They were Mark Baff, John Jensen, Libby Podber, and Joe

Servedio; Betty Lou Carney, Ed Kopil, Andy Kosco, and Vito Ponzio; and Bob Kaufman, Nancy Lee, Young Lee, and Al Peller. One over that were Harold Carlton, Barbara Desiderio, David Nailburg, and Benson Situ. Tied at even par were Irwin Bailer, Jim Pierson, and Fred and Nancy Stone; and Gary Davis, Nancy Haberman, and Dan Seltzer.

September 6: Toni Fama, John Jensen, and Andy Kosco shot a four under par 31. Following them was a two-way tie at 33 shot by Bob Kaufman, Nancy Lee, Jim Pierson, and Ed Tauss; and Gary Davis, David Nailburg, Al Peller, and Benson Situ. And another tie, this one a four-way at even par by Melody Henry, Steve Holzinger, Stan Kolodziejski, and Young Lee; Harold Carlton, Nancy Haberman, Paul Henry, and

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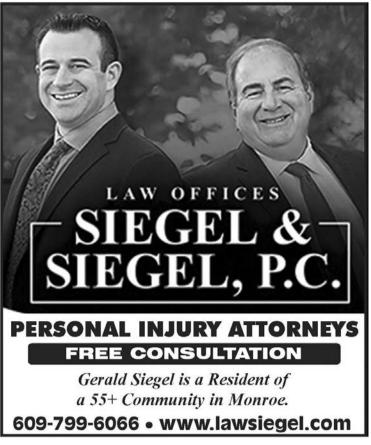
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Columbus Day October 9

Saturday Golf Association

By Joe Zicaro

Thank Mother Nature and Spirit for getting our course so green again! We are back from vacations and summer trips with some news for you. Now that vacations and holidays have dwindled away a bit, here is some good golf news around the shop. As the leaves fall there is still a lot of golf to play throughout the year.

July 8th 3 Man Scramble 1st place Bob Tersko Chris Perdoni Joe Zicaro Score 63 2nd place Ed Swartz Mike Rekuc Mike Shinkle 64

July 15th Partners

A flight Chris Perdoni, Ted Cottingham 156 2nd place Mike Rekuc, Dan

Selzter B flight 1st place Jerry Totin, Doug

Dowling

2nd place Bob Teresko, Nickie Desalvo

On July 22

3 man scramble 1st place Dave Silverthorne, Colin Jones and Rich Davis 2nd place Chris Perdoni, Joe Zicaro, Stevie

CTP Rich Davis hole #11 July 29 Better Ball Of Part-

ners

A Flight 1st place Ted Cottingham Chris Perdoni 2nd place Dan Seltzer Nguyen Phu B Flight 1st Place Lowell Weiner 2nd Place Rich Davis and

Closest 2nd shot hole #4

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Dan Seltzer Hole 16 Lowell Weiner

August 12

Schoolhouse Scramble 1st place Chris Perdoni, Ted Cottingham, Mike Johnso,n Lowell Weiner Kickers Pete Perperas Raffle winner Chris Perdoni Cleveland Putter Jets /Giants Match Play

August 26

Winning Team Jets Rich Davis Jim Equals, Dan Selzter, Jerry Totin Long Drive Mike Rekuc CTP Hole # 11 Rich Davis CTP Hole # 14 Mike Johnson With the Ryder Cup coming up on us at both our Club and reality live soon here is some trivia.

> **Ryder Cup Golf** Trivia

Who won the most Ryder Cup matches?

What is the biggest comeback in Ryder Cup history?

Who has the most losses in Ryder Cup history?

Special healing thoughts go out to our long-time member. All the best, Jimmie Equals, hope to see you back real soon.

Grip and Rip it, until next time. Hope to see you all on the course.

Fore

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Dan Seltzer; Irwin Bailer, Betty Lou Carney, John Donohue, and Vito Ponzio; and Fred and Nancy Stone, Ed Swartz, and Ed Szezepanic. Tim Casatelli, Barbara Desiderio, Ed Kopil, and Bob Tereshko finished at one

September 13: There was a tie at the low score of the day - 32. That was shot by Mark Baff, Carol Ann Hroch, Andy Kosco, and Dan Seltzer; and Nancy Lee, Ed

Schmierer, and Ed Tauss. John Donohue, Nancy Haberman, John Lee, and Bob Tereshko finished at 33. At even par were Betty Lou Carney, Gary Davis, Barbara Desiderio, and Benson Situ. Irwin Bailer and Jim Pierson ended up a two-some and shot a 37. John Jensen, Bob Kaufman and Fred Nancy Stone shot a 39.

That's it for this month. Fall will have arrived by the next column. Let's hope for still more good golf weather. Until then, keep swingin' and hit 'em long and straight.

Christian Fellowship

By Brenda A. Carpio

We are happy to say that our first meeting of the fall was fairly well attended. We hope that our next meetings, noted below, will find us all back in full swing. Pastor Ron Sager from the Cranbury Methodist Church was our kick-off guest.

Our meetings are held on the third Friday of each month, 1 pm, Lounge A&B.

- Oct. 20, Guest is Robert Gentry, Fellowship Member and Clearbrook resident.
- Nov. 17. Thanksgiving "Open Mike" for those who would like to share their blessings with one another. "Six Pies" treat.
- Dec. 15, Guest is Pastor Drew Skog, Bunker Hill Lutheran Brethren Church. Christmas Buffet \$23 prepaid is being planned. De-October meeting.

Fellowship meets here in in Jesus' love.

Clearbrook as a means of support to our neighbors and friends. Some of us can give physical support to our friends and neighbors, but many of us spread our "Love through Prayer." Prayer for one another is not a chore but rather a privilege. I have friends here in Fellowship that I know I can depend on to pray for me. We do not necessarily have to know all the details of a person's need in order to pray for them. The Lord knows our needs even before we even ask. Praying for one another brings us all closer, helps us to depend on the Lord and it binds us all closer to one another. One of my favorite verses is: Cast all your needs upon Him for He truly cares for you. I Peter 5:7. Let us pray daily and often for one another and our tails will be provided at the neighbors here in Clearbrook. Let us grow together

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By Barbara Turner

Fall is officially here! Along with the drop in temperature, we can also see the change in the landscape. The leaves have either changed or are still changing color. Clearbrook has an abundance of trees that you can enjoy while you take a leisurely stroll within the community.

Along with this change in season also comes the possibility of hurricanes and other powerful storms. I'm sure you have all seen news reports for different parts of the country that have been hit with different types of storms and the resulting damage caused by them. Some parts of Clearbrook have already experienced short power outages. Please remain vigilant and stay abreast of updates on weather conditions in our area and keep the following on hand in case of emergency:

- · Keep flashlights or alternative emergency lighting available in the event of a power outage.
- · Keep extra canned goods on hand.
- Keep an ample supply of all medications and bottled water.
- · Make sure the administration office has all emergency numbers and that they are up to date.
- Make sure all vaccinations are current.
- Check your unit for any repairs that should be addressed that may be compromised by the weather.

In the event of a loss of power there will be a power source available in the clubhouse to charge your cell phones, etc.; however, there are rules associated with the use of that power source which can be found on the Clearbrook website or by referring to your Clearbrook rule book under Section VI - C.

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Clubhouse Procedures in **Emergency Situations.**

The Section is in the process of replacing bibcocks (spigots). You will be notified in advance of anyone coming to your unit to replace the bibcocks. Please be sure that you have disconnected the hose from the bibcock "before" your scheduled service.

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Irwin Weiss. He was a longtime resident of Section 2 in Catalpa Plaza who unfortunately spent his last days in hospice. Please keep a good thought for his family and their loss.

There are currently three houses for sale in Section 2. We are always hoping for new residents who will not just live in, but hopefully will become an integral part of our community.

Unfortunately, it has once again come to our attention that some residents are making changes to their units without informing the Section. While some upgrades require a permit which automatically requires Section notification, there are some upgrades that do not require a permit. However, if you make any upgrades the Section must be notified. If you are considering making any changes to your unit and are not sure of what is involved, please contact any of your Board members to address any of your questions or con-

Slow progress is better than no progress. Stay positive and don't give up!

Section 3

Chatham Gardens

By Patricia Feeney

M. David DeMarco, President, N.J. Lic. No. 3203 Thomas J. DeMarco, Manager, N.J. Lic. No. 4651

Peter S. Winther, Director, N.J. Lic. No. 4763

Autumn is here and it is a beautiful time of year with amazing colors of foliage and waking up to the crisp morning air. A week of heat in September was a surprise but at least it's now behind

Even with some trees being taken down in August, the Board is waiting for a second go around on a few other tree-related items. With all the rain we had during the summer, it put our concrete contractor behind on a major project he was doing in another town, which put our work behind the Board had contracted with him to do. By everyone's home now, should have been power washed. That always makes a nice difference. We will also be cleaning out dryer vents this year and a robo call will go out to everyone prior to when the work will begin.

Another month has passed and the Hemlock Plaza culde-sac is still in the dark and it has been four months. From a recent meeting I attended, there are 60+ lights out within Clearbrook. This is not only a Clearbrook problem but a Monroe Township problem. One can only hope that things will get resolved within JCP&L soon and we will no longer be in the dark.

A few residents have brought up having our General Meetings in the evenings. The past few years the Section has welcomed younger residents, some of whom are still working and cannot attend meetings during the day. Since there is a welcomed interest with some residents, I believe The Board would agree to alternating months - one month at 2:30, the next month at 7:00/7:30. This still needs to be determined since this is

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Section 3

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the first time the Executive Board is hearing this. If agreed upon, our next meeting in October will be in the evening. Details will follow in a robo call.

We have a few holidays in October - Columbus Day (9th) Boss's Day (16th) Halloween (31st) Enjoy!!

Section 4

By Irene Belinsky

Congratulations go out to Section 4's new President, Vice President, and new Director. These board members have been appointed and will be elected in the spring of 2024. Please welcome these highly skilled people to their new positions:

Ken Doctors – President, 292B Vernon Road:

Ken moved to Clearbrook in July 2019 after retiring from a supervisor position at George Schofield in Bridgewater, a landscaping company that supplies golf course sand, soil, stone, brick, block as well as all gardening materials. Ken's background includes 10 years running his own environmental business licensed and registered with the state of New Jersey for asbestos removal, EPA oil spill clean ups, and underground tank removals. They also did demolition work for homes, buildings, and all types of excavation work including transporting contaminated dirt, rock, stone, and soil.

Ken's previous work experience included home remodeling, installing new bathrooms, kitchens, finished basements, siding, and windows. He is very well qualified as our new President and has the skill set required to address many of the Section's issues.

Dawn Vega - Vice President, 277-1B Crosse Drive: Originally from Staten Island, NY, Dawn has lived in Clearbrook for four years now. She says she is so happy that she decided to settle here and chose to be a part of our lovely community. Her educational and employment background as a Social Worker has given her the opportunity to help so many individuals in different settings during her career and is using that talent being a member of our Board. Her hobbies are ceramics, stained glass making, diamond art, crafting and crocheting. She also enjoys listening to music and binge watching her favorite television shows in her spare time. Dawn is a great addition to our Board and as resident of our condo buildinas helps oversee their care.

John Lombardo - Director, 290-A Vernon Road: John is a lifelong resident of New Jersey, from North Brunswick, prior to moving to Clearbrook in 2006. He was employed by Johnson & Johnson Corporate, until he retired in 2019. He began working there as a plumber/pipefitter in 1981, and moved into supervision, where he

had responsibilities for crafts/trades, internal as well as contractors, for onsite maintenance and projects. He eventually become a project manager and had a large role in implementing computerized maintenance systems. John is another excellent addition to our Board.

All residents should take notice of the new speed humps installed on Clearbrook Drive, near Pitman. A second one has also been installed on Clearbrook Drive near Prospect and Pompton. Please don't drive around it as it's there for folks to remember the speed limit and protect our safety.

We would also remind residents to please respect your neighbors and pick up after their dogs. Dogs must always be on a leash and accompanied by their owners while outside as well as inside the apartment building hallways and lobbies.

Our Board has been very busy the last few months in our Section addressing our trees, driveways, gutters, and roofs as they continue to help maintain the beauty of our Section and keeping everyone and every home safe. They trimmed 13 trees, removed 7 trees, and pulled hanging branches from 3. Six new trees will be planted in the spring. They repaved 9 driveways and redid 3 roofs. Gutter guards were installed on 83 homes. Dryer vent cleaning will be taking place shortly for one-third of our homes and the apartment buildings. You will be notified shortly.

Please remember to use the work-order number to report any issues or have

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October — Lifestyle Events and more ...

Krystal Graves, Lifestyle Director • Amanda Pena, Lifestyle Assistant Lifestyle Department Hours: 9-5 pm —CLOSED 12 to 1 pm— 609-655-5760 All events are subject to change.



CCA Open Board Meetings for 2023

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

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 Grocery Bus

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

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

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 655-5760

 Health Care Center
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 655-5888

 Maintenance
 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 655-5890

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any questions at (609) 642-6813. We ask that you not contact board members directly as we need to record requests and track them.

At this time of year, budgets are being formed by all Section Boards as well as the CCA Board. You should get that information by end of the year.

Please let us know if there were any topics you would like to hear about in the Courier regarding our Section or if you would like to contribute an article. Enjoy this fall season and stay safe.

Section 5

By Fran Hecht

Fall weather has arrived. We need to start thinking about cleaning up and shutting down.

The plants and lawn don't require much water. When finished, please remove hoses and shut off water valves. If not done come winter, water remains in the pipe and freezes over. This causes the hose bibs to break apart.

The trucks for garbage and recycling are riding over the bricks on our cul-de-sacs. To prevent any more damage, we ask that residents living on these circles, put your cans on your driveway or on

the lawn. We cannot have nice cul-de-sacs if they are being destroyed. Remember cans are to be placed in the street after 4 pm on Tuesday night. Cans should be removed as soon as possible inside the garage, not in front of unit.

If you are having a problem with ants, mice, or any small animal, you need to call the office, not a board member. We are unable to schedule an appointment for you.

Some units need to pay attention to their 3 feet area around the unit. This is the owner's responsibility. When tree or shrubs grow too high; you must contact a landscaper or clean it up yourself. LMS only does clipping on the front and sides of shrubs. The top is clipped if reachable. Be aware of what you plant in this area as some trees or bushes have large roots that extend under the foundation of the unit. Branches also crawl up the siding growing under it to allow bugs to enter the unit. Renters with this situation need to contact the owner who is responsible for keeping shrubs and others under control. The board will speak to owners only. If they are not answering, call the office for help.

Trees will be taken care of as needed. No one is to cut the trees. Board members are allowed to check out any problems on the property, for example: main shut off valves, tree roots etc.

F.Y.I. power washing of units is done on as needed

Dryer vents are done every three years per the township. We have a schedule that is followed. If needed before, call us to see when you are due, then call Rezkom if needed before your time.

Garage doors should be closed at all times. If left open, you will be responsible for any animal services.

The board is available Monday - Friday 9 am to 5 pm. Saturday 9 am -12 noon. Any other time, we will get back to you at our earliest time allowed.

The board is as follows: President Fran Hecht Vice-Presidents Wayne Mueller and Jack Bennett Treasurer Art Rosenthal Secretary Beatrice Collins Directors Ann Martucci and Gary Miller.

Fran- power washing siding Wayne-roof, gutters and siding

Bea- windows Jack- trees and landscaping Gary- concrete Ann -sunshine club (cards for

get well or passing) Good health and happiness to all celebrating a birthday or anniversary this

month. Our next open Section meeting is on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 pm in Lounge B.

Section 6

Hilltop Village By Bernice Fitzgerald Section 6 Co-President Hello Neighbors...

As we approach this beautiful season, we hope you take the time to enjoy the changing foliage! Enjoy a brisk walk and follow it up with a hot apple cider! Embrace these beautiful changes!

As a reminder you must have your fireplace inspected by a certified company. This is a life safety issue since carbon monoxide can be deadly. If you have not gotten your letter in, please remember to do so as soon as possible. You can bring them to Administration in an envelope marked Section 6. Thank you for protecting your neighbors and yourself!

If you have not responded

to the Section dinner, you still have time! Come enjoy a night of great food catered by The Kettle Black as well as raffles. The dinner will be held in the Clubhouse Ballroom on October 16. This is at no cost to the residents so come and enjoy some time with your Section!

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 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.

Vice President

Welcome to October! Fall is just around the corner...

Cool breezes and leaves falling... It's a good time to do some "clean up and clear out" and get ready for spending more "inside" time!

General Section Meeting

Below is the remaining date for this year, so please mark your calendars. Date change to: Wednesday November 8, 7-9 pm Multipurpose Room. We encourage all residents to attend.

Block Party

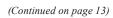
The First Annual Section 8 Block Party was held on September 9 and... in spite of the "somewhat difficult" weather...went off most deliciously! Many thanks to the efforts of the Section 8's entertainment guru, Esther Capone and her team. We look forward to doing it again next year. Can't wait!

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. 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, for our new residents or just in case you misplace the directions to access.)

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Board members. Here is the process for anyone experiencing plumbing / hot water heating issues within their unit. Call a plumber. If he cannot clear it, then, call any Board member.

Dog Walkers

For your own protection... please wear something reflective or carry a flashlight! 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!

Welcome to our New Residents. Stop by and say "Hello"... Maybe bring them to a Section meeting!

265B Glen Rd., Janet Murphy

295B Yardly Dr., Harvey & Elaine Markfield

Please let me know if "get well" wishes "condolences" to our Section 8 friends and neighbors need

to be sent. You are my eyes and ears! Just let me know!

Best wishes to all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.

Keep love in your heart and "Celebrate Everything!"

Section 9

Kensington Village By Marie Service

Hi everyone! By the time you are reading this article, technically summer will be over. However, today as I am writing this, it is 90 degrees. I know I will be sorry saying this in a few weeks when it is cold, but I have had enough heat for a while.

I understand we have several new neighbors. Sorry I don't know who you are, but I would like to welcome you to Kensington Village! I hope you are all settled in and will enjoy our gatherings and our meetings.

A lot has been going in our Section, as Paul makes every effort to keep our Section running well and looking really attractive.

meter pans on our units bringing our total to five, and four for this year and we are going to continue to replace the rest of them over the next couple of years. Everyone needs to know that any shrubs or plants in front of the electric meter pans need to be removed so the electricians have room to do the necessary work needed, including replacing some rotted wood behind the meters.

The flagpole has been installed and Paul wants to thank everyone who came to the meeting and approved its installation. This shows our Section's respect for all our military past, present and future and those who sacrificed their lives for us to live in this great country.

The shutters on most units will have been repainted by the time this article runs.

Sections of the lawns where the grass is not growing, is being repaired.

Gutters will be cleaned around the week of Thanksgiving.

bit longer than we would like but we need to be patient in order to get a good contractor to do the job right for a good cost, no matter how small the job is.

Our ladies luncheon is on Tuesday, October 17.

Open board meeting is at the Clubhouse on Thursday,

Other dates to remember

October 19.

- October 9, Columbus Day
- October 24, United Nations
- October 31, Halloween Happy birthday and anniversary to everyone celebrating in October.

Smiles that look as young as you feel.

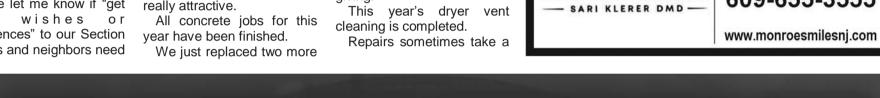
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Section 10

By Barbara C. Kist

Fall is here. The leaves are changing. Clearbrook always looks amazing with all the fall colors.

As the colder weather is coming, please disconnect any outside water hoses.

The October Section meeting will be on October 30 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: hope to see more owners at these meetings.

Most units have had their dryer vents cleaned. We provide this service to prevent the possibility of fires. For those who did not have their vents cleaned, it will be your responsibility to have the dryer vent cleaned and provide a proof of service to Denise Trojanowski. After this cleaning, we will go on a schedule of doing one third of the Section each year.

The replacement of electric meters is going slower than expected due to a supply issue. As equipment becomes available, we will replace the units identified as needing replacement. In the next three years, all meters will be replaced.

For units that needed repairs to concrete, the concrete work was done in September.

If you have an issue that the Section needs to address, text or email Denise Trojanowski at 732-580-9107 (dtroj1750@gmail.com) or David Hague (dehague1@ gmail.com) 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 12

By Jerry Sperling

Wow! What a fantastic time we had! I'm talking about Section 12's Great Block Party! What wonderful, incisive, creative people we elected to run our Section who delegate the right people to do the right things! With the probability of rain in the forecast on the day of our Block Party, our Block Party Committee went ahead and planned, with the aid of Lifestyle's Krystal and Amanda, to get the Clubhouse Ballroom as our alternate location for our grand event. Well it happened! That Saturday, September 9, 69 Section Twelvers laughed, joked, ate, drank, partied and enjoyed themselves in the Clubhouse Ballroom while it poured "cats and dogs" outside our "bone dry" Ballroom. And talk about the food, it was delicious and plentiful.

Section President Beverly Eskra thanked everyone on the Block Party Committee for their work. She also thanked our outgoing treasurer, Donna Lahav. Donna was shown great appreciation and presented with a bouquet of flowers and resounding cheers from all present for her volunteer time served. The Tepidino's grandchildren, Robbie and Skyler picked the winning door prize names from a container and prizes were awarded to the winners. I'm telling you, if you weren't there, it was a "BLAST." You missed one of the best events our Section ever had!

Now for the business end of my column. We have a new Vice President, Rosemarie Stuppiello, as well as Treasurer. n e w Neeshama Ahulwalia. Rosemarie will be in charge of maintenance and will have Robert Minkoff and John Tepedino as part of the maintenance crew. They are great guys and really know their stuff. Wish them luck! All tree and cement projects were completed in our Section. For your further information the dryer vents will now be cleaned every two years and will be started this October by Rosemary.

Folks, please do not forget to winterize your sprinkler systems. It's very important that you remove your hoses from the bibcocks and cover the bibcocks with those \$5.00 Styrofoam covers you may buy at Home Depot; it could save you a lot of trouble and expense if the pipes freeze and burst. Please phone our new Maintenance Line, 732-735-2503, if you have any maintenance issues.

Well, that's all for now, hope to see you in November!!! Stay warm,

Section 14

Oxford Village

By Grace Makuch Secretary

Clearbrooksec-

tion14@gmail.com

Welcome all new Section residents. Each month we are getting new residents like yourself to our Section. After reviewing the Welcome binder, sign up for the Clearbrook online site to keep you updated on all events, newsletters and more. If you have Facebook, sign up for Residents of Clearbrook Facebook Page. You will find helpful information and meet new friends.

You can also read the Clearbrook Courier by going to: Clearbrook-nj.com then click on Clearbrook Courier at the top of the page to open the paper. You don't have to sign in.

Mark your calendar: Monday, October 9 at 7: pm. Clubhouse Lounge A. This is a time to share your thoughts and meet your neighbors. Dessert social to follow. Come and meet our new Directors Ken Taylor and Bill

If you are going to be away for a few months you need to winterize your unit. Winterizing includes turning off the main water valve located in the ground in your back yard by a licensed plumber. This requires completing a water valve shut off authorization form. This is important, you do not want your pipes to freeze and cause water damage. If you are negligent in following the procedures, you will be responsible for all damages occurring to your unit, to any other unit, or to the common elements as a result of failure to winterize properly.

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Pickwick Village By Sandra Stark

"If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours."

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Residents/ Owners Meeting

Mark your calendars for our next meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 16. Don't miss Friendsgiving!

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The Board of Directors is reviewing our Reserve Study and Capital Expenses budget to determine scheduling of our next major projects. The current "wish list" is to complete five buildings per year during each of the next three years. So far, five of our 20 buildings have been completed which includes 20 of our 63 units.

Gutters

Now that the weather is cooling a bit, the Board will be contacting gutter repair/ replacement companies for estimates. Thank you for your patience. Watch this space!

Door Painting

A couple of estimates have been received, and we are waiting for two more proposals. We'll keep you posted of the addresses and scheduling.

OPERATIONS Grass Seed Program

As promised, distribution was completed during the third and fourth week of September. If you missed the sign-up and the weather is still cooperative in early October, please let the Section president know that you still want to participate. Thank you to the eight homeowners who took advantage of this program.

Landscape Committee

The Landscape Committee (Anna Marie Wasilko, Ellie Kane and Ruth Golush) has decided on two locations to plant red maple trees. The next meeting in September will be after the column filing date. Watch this space.

Thank you to our residents who continue to beautify their homes and strive to make Section 15 the best Section in all of Clearbrook!

Board of Directors: We meet once a month to review on-going projects and resolve any concerns or requests received. Please note the contact information for the Section President: Sandra Stark at 908-938-0798 or by email: starkc21@aol.com Happy Halloween!

Section 16

Queensway Village
By Maria Petro

Hello, Section 16 residents. I hope you are all enjoying the fall colors. It is so nice to see the pumpkins and the scarecrows decorating our homes around the Section.

Maintenance

All the roof replacements have been completed for this year. Dryer vent cleaning will have begun by the time you read this article. Gutter cleaning will also

have been started.

Landscape

The Landscape committee has been busy with tree trimming, removing some trees and replanting grass. They will resume in the spring, with the hopes that this fall and winter will not present any tree emergencies.

Social

Our Fall Fest and BBQ event is set for Saturday, October 7 from 1-4 pm. We are trying something different this year. We are holding it in the Clubhouse Ballroom. This will ensure us a firm date and not have to worry about bad weather as we did last year. We will still have great food catered and cooked by our friends at City Streets Café, fun games and prizes for all to participate, and a surprise dessert. There is still time to register so we can have a head count for food. You may pay at the door in cash. The cost is

Just a reminder that your Board meets every month on the third Tuesday at 7 pm. If you have an issue that cannot wait for an Open Section meeting, you are always welcome to attend a Board meeting to discuss your issue. Our next Open meeting will be in November.

We now have a Section Hot Line to report any maintenance or landscape issues. The number is 848-213-5684. By now you all should have received a magnet that you can put on your refrigerator so it is always handy. If you have not received one, please call the Hot Line and leave a message. We will get on to you as soon as possible.

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Section 17

By Holly Ives

Hello, fall! I know you are just around the corner, along with the end of Daylight Saving Time, but I can't wait to wear a jacket! How did everyone manage when we lost power for five minutes last month? Review your list of necessities: flashlights, plugin night lights around the house, list of phone numbers and medications, ready to eat foods, a travel bag with toiletries, pjs, a change of clothes and those essential charger cords. If we do lose power, turn off everything you had on such as lights, TV, radio, computers, etc. You'll avoid surge when power is restored, especially if you are not at home.

Section Notes

From Steve Charney/ Landscaping: Please don't water your lawn with your sprinkler system when it's raining. Is it set automatically? You can stop watering manually. If you have a rain sensor and it is not working. please call your sprinkler company to have it fixed. We appreciate your help so that we can save on our water bill!

A big thank you to those who submitted their census forms. It was a successful effort by Pat Czerwinski and Joan Weistreich who delivered the forms. Our Section went from 77% to 86% compliance!

Mark your calendars:

The next Open Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 11 from 2-4 pm in the Conference Room at the Clubhouse.

Our last 2023 Section 17 meeting will be on Thursday, October 19 from 7-9 pm in the Cultural Center.

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, December 2 from 3-7 pm for our Holiday Party! Tickets (\$15.pp) will be available at our Section meeting as well as 4 nights in the Clubhouse lobby. Flyers with full details to follow.

Holidays in October: International Day of Older Persons (1), Sukkot ends (6), Columbus Day (9), National Dessert Day (14), United Nations Day (24), National

Chocolate Day (28) and Halloween (31)

Happy Birthday to those born under the signs of Libra and Scorpio. Anniversary wishes to those celebrating. And get well, happy healing and feel better wishes to all who need them, especially Phil Rinkowski.

Section 18A

Stuart Village By Marianne Ippolito

Welcome October! We are in for a treat over the coming month as New Jersey puts on its annual fall foliage show! Gone are the days of heat and humidity and I can already see an increase in walkers and bike riders on Clearbrook Drive. Please be sure to wear bright colored clothing and, drivers, please adhere to the posted speed

I've been asked to share a few reminders regarding our units. When shutting down your sprinkler system for the season, you must be sure to have the system disconnected from the hose bib. This minimizes damage to the hose bib. If not done properly, the homeowner will be responsible for any repairs required.

Remember to inspect your attics for any evidence of rodents, etc. The Section is not responsible for removing creatures, but will close any openings and repair any damage to the unit once the creatures have been removed. Call CCA Administration to schedule an appointment with Anchor for inspec-

If you are planning renovations in your unit, be sure to use only licensed and insured professionals. Be cautious of scammers and vendors that prey on the "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 5 pm unless it is an emergency. The Clearbrook Community Association's webpage 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 helptul information on the site.

Fall is the perfect time to plant! As the board continues to ensure the value of our property, all units will be inspected for dead shrubs, bushes and plants. Any original shrubs that are now dead will be removed at the cost of the Section. If you have replaced shrubs with your own flora, you will be asked to remove dead bushes. Same applies to any dead plants in pottery around our units. The goal is to beautify our neighborhood and if necessary unit owners will be notified by the Section. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated.

Mailboxes have been ordered and are being replaced on an as need basis. Gutter guards continue to be a work in progress. Due to overwhelming repairs this past year and in order to remain within budget, any unit issue that has not been addressed will rise to the top of the list for 2024. Priority is assigned based on safety. Please be patient as we work through 136 units. The board recommends unit owners attend open board meetings as this is the best way to find out what is being scheduled and planned throughout the Section. At the conclusion of every meeting, unit owners have the opportunity to ask questions, share comments and enjoy refreshments!

Clearbrook provides many ways for our residents to enjoy an active adult lifestyle. Check out emails and information in the Courier for upcoming events and activities here and in the surrounding area. Central NJ has so much to offer.

Ciao for now!

Section Contact List:

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Section 18B Tudor Village

By Kay Neu

We all know that time flies, but as I went through the drive up at Dunkin Doughnuts last month, I was not expecting to see pumpkin doughnuts and pumpkin spice lattes on the menu board, signaling summer coming to an end. August saw no 90 degree days, but the first week in September saw us in a heat wave.

Monday, October 9 is Columbus Day/Indigenous Peo-

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ples Day. October 31 of course is Halloween, but in ancient times was called All Hallow's Eve, as it preceded All Saints Day. The veil between the living and the dead was thought to be thinnest at this time and a good time to communicate with the dead.

Recentlyo, we had two power outages, short lived, thanks in part to upgrades to JCP&L's grid. You can text the word OUT to this number **54487** (LIGHTS) to report an outage. Remember to disconnect electronics and turn off air conditioning.

Once again St. Peter's University Hospital will be giving Flu Shots here in Clearbrook on Thursday, October 19 from 1 to 5 p.m. Flu shot consent forms are located outside the nurse's office to be filled out and brought back at the time you get your shot. Appointments are highly recommended but walk-ins will be accepted. Appointments may be made online at https:// clearbrookflushots. youcanbook.me Password: clearbrook (case sensitive) or by calling 732-339-7560. You will need your insurance cards, primary and secondary, and an ID.

As days grow short, pedestrians walking alone or with their pets in the evening are encouraged to wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight.

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The white binder given to all new homeowners contains information that can answer questions and serve as a guide to those, like myself, who had not previously lived in a managed community.

The Architectural and Landscape process has been revised and streamlined into one application, including landscaping modifications, interior modifications and exterior modifications. Some regulations may have changed, so prior to submitting your application, please review them. Homes with automatic lawn sprinklers need to have rain sensors to prevent the system from turning on during a rainfall.

The last Section meeting of 2023 will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Cultural Center. The budget will be presented at this meeting to discuss planned projects and how we allocate funds. Hope to see you there.

Around the Township

Monroe Focuses on Affordability for Seniors

By Mayor Stephen Dalina

On August 23, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin (D-19th Dist.) led a town hall at the Monroe Senior Center to highlight the state's StayNJ tax break program and how it can benefit our local seniors in the future.

Monroe is an obvious venue for such a forum, as we have been focusing on property tax relief for some time. As your Mayor, and while on the Township Council, I have been continually pushing for new tax-saving programs such as the expanded ANCHOR Program, the further expansion of Senior Freeze Program next vear, and the Retirement Income Exemption --- which took a lot of hard work and advocacy. I joined these fights to ensure our senior citizens can afford to live here in Monroe and New Jersey for as long as they wish.

StayNJ is the next legislative initiative on the horizon. It is not here yet. This spring, I testified in Trenton before the Legislature on behalf of StayNJ which would cut seniors property in half (up to \$13,000.) As your Mayor, I will keep fighting to make sure this program happens as soon as possible, like I did with ANCHOR and Senior Freeze.

But it's not all about Trenton. I am doing everything I can to keep Monroe affordable while continuing our strong commitment to public safety and creating numerous amenities for both seniors and families. We have many programs and facilities to be proud of in Monroe, and we are doing this with

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overall tax rate has been stable.

I am pleased Speaker Coughlin chose Monroe to visit to talk about property tax relief. Our strong relationships with state lawmakers continue to make a positive impact in Monroe, as I urge Trenton to focus on affordability for seniors and all our residents.

Finally, I want to remind every resident who may qualify to take advantage of the ANCHOR program. I have designated Township staff at the Tax Collectors office (732-521-4405), Li-

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When life throws you a curve ball and on others you must depend

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Affordability for Seniors

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brary (732-521-5000) and Senior Center (609-448-7140) to help in applying for this program. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the library.

As always, if you have any questions about these programs or others, please contact my office at town hall at 732-521-4400 ext 114. We are always here for you.

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Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission Presents Artrageous -An Electrifying Art and Music Circus

By Cathleen Norback

Please join us for our upcoming performance of Artrageous - An Electrifying Art and Music Circus. Who or what is Artrageous? Artrageous are multi-talented live performance artists. Their high energy performance combines all of the arts on one stage; live music, speed painting, comedy, puppetry, audience participation in each scene or musical number, and so much more. Additional information about Artrageous can be found on their website: www.Artrag eousShow.com.

The program, sponsored by the Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission, will be offered on Sunday, October 15 at 4 p.m. with doors opening at 2 p.m. at the Monroe Township High School Performing Arts Center, 200 Schoolhouse Road, Monroe Township. Ticket information is available on the website: www.MonroeTown shipCulturalArts.com.

Please join your neighbors for this upcoming Electrifying Art and Music Circus Show. There is something for every-

League of Women Voters - Use and **Reuse - Recyling Options**

By Linda Bozowski

On Monday. October 23, the League of Women Voters will offer a program on a topic that has received only limited publicity so far -using and reusing items that come into our households. We'll talk about several methods of composting and how other items can be repurposed for different uses instead of being discarded. Lots of ideas are posted on the web, and we'll be happy to offer some take-home lists of suggestions that might be of interest. We'll even bring some sample items to think about!

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FASIT

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