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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING



### Focus on: Groups and Clubs Latino/Hispanic-American group: salsa anyone?

By Jean Houvener

At 6 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month, the relatively new Latino/Hispanic-American group meets in the Gallery. This vibrant group, which formed last September, has from 15 to 30 regular members, and welcomes other residents to join them.

Members are very friendly and welcoming. They enjoy each other's company in discussion as well as playing games, for example, bingo, chess, cards, or dominoes, either as small groups or in one large group. In December, shortly after they organized, they had a holiday dinner together at the Clubhouse, which they plan to repeat this year.

They have also gone to restaurants in the area for



Happy first anniversary! Latino/Hispanic group

dinner, including Don Pepe in Jamesburg. On September 27 they had an anniversary picnic, with hot dogs, hamburgers, and special dishes brought by members to celebrate their first year as a group.

They restructured themselves recently by choosing Sylvia Zaroni to chair the group, Barbara Boyer to coordinate events, Angela Chevalier to handle communications, and Dolly Deil to

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### A bellwether election: Make sure your voice is heard

By Carol De Haan

Two states will elect new governors on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7.

In New Jersey, current Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno (Rep.) seeks the governorship, challenged by financial executive and former Ambassador to Germany Phil Murphy (Dem.).

In Virginia, lobbyist and former RNC Chair Ed Gillespie (Rep.) is running against physician and current Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam (Dem.).

Political analysts see these two contests as potential indicators for the really big election of 2018, when several more governorships are up for grabs, as well as numerous Congressional seats. It is time for you to make yourself heard.

Mail-in ballots were sent out toward the end of September. They must be returned before the closing of the polls on Election Day to be counted. For anyone who has not voted by mail, here are your choices on Election Day.

- In New Jersey's 14th District, in addition to our candidates for governor, voters must choose between incumbent Linda Greenstein (Dem.) and challenger Ileana Schirmer (Rep.) for a four-year seat in the State Senate.
- Also in the 14th District, both Democratic incumbents, Wayne DeAngelo and Dan Benson, are being opposed by two Republicans, Kristian Stout

and Steven Uccio, for two-year terms in the State Assembly.

- For a five-year term as surrogate, incumbent Democrat Kevin Hoagland is being challenged by Republican Karim Nicola.
- For two three-year terms on the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Democratic incumbents Charles Tomaro and Leslie Koppel are opposed by Republican challengers Mina Kolta and Priti Pandya-Patel.
- For a one-year term on the Board of Chosen Freeholders, voters must choose either Roger Daley (Rep.) or Shanti Narra (Dem.).
- For a two-year, at-large seat on the Monroe Township Council, incumbent Democrat Miriam Cohen vies with Republican Martin Herrmann.
- For a four-year term on the Monroe Township Council representing Ward 1, Republican John Krulewski challenges incumbent Democrat Elizabeth Schneider.



Celebrating their first anniversary as group are, from left, Patricia Corcoran, Roswitha Ibrahim, Barbara Boyer, Norma De Bartolo, Judy Gamache, and Angel Espinosa.

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### WARNING Attention, Runners, Bike Riders and Pedestrians

Be sure to wear  
reflective gear when  
out in the community  
at night.

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## at the governors' meeting



### October 19, 2017 Board of Governors Meeting

Mr. Jolly, RCAI president, opened the Board of Governors meeting at 9 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McQuade, RCAI treasurer, reported that RCAI continues to have a year-to-date surplus, through August 31, 2017, of approximately \$200,000 and are about \$150,000 better than budget.

Mr. Jolly reminded everyone that the board meeting next month was rescheduled to Wednesday, November 15 at 9 a.m. in the Village Center Meeting Room. He also announced that the Pool

Shelter bid opening is scheduled for October 24, 2017, at 9 a.m. also in the Village Center Meeting Room.

Ms. Balmer, RCAI GM, reminded the directors about the Directors Workshop on Friday, October 20 with Rossmoor's attorney, J. David Ramsey. She also announced the promotion of

Michelle Williams to Assistant General Manager effective immediately. Ms. Williams will still have oversight of the Education and Recreation Department. Erica Hardeo and Jessica Roberts will be taking a more active role in the department while Ms. Williams grows into her new position.

## Thank You

By Frank Russo

### Loving Rossmoor:

So now it's over. All those months of planning and anticipation are behind us. What remains is the formal thank you, and the organizing

of all the photos and videos so that Gale and I can re-experience what turned out to be one of the greatest evenings of our lives when we married each other. And it all happened here in Rossmoor, where both Gale and I are the happiest we have ever been. I have often told the story of how as a child, I'd come here with my family to visit my aunt and uncle, Anne and Sol Mangeri, who were among the first to buy a home here when Rossmoor first opened.

My most vivid memory is of one weekend in 1968, when Elvis Presley had a show airing which has since become known as his "68 Comeback Special." Yes, I was a huge Elvis fan way back then. Anyway, that weekend my two brothers and I went to the pool, rode around in Uncle Sol's golf cart, hit a few balls with him, played some tennis, shot billiards, and generally had a blast. At the end of the weekend, I told my uncle that I wanted to live here. He laughed and said I'd have a long wait. He was right, but as soon as I was eligible, I did move here with my significant other, Adrienne. Unfortunately, she was diagnosed with cancer a few months after we moved in, and a few weeks later she passed away. I was devastated and thought about moving away, but my par-

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## Bits & Pieces

Sue Ortiz

Wispy snow-white clouds drifted across the Caribbean-Sea-blue sky. It was not a typical early autumn day here in Monroe Township. All the weather reports called for an atypical stretch of warm days; this was the third day the temperature hit above 80 degrees.

I have always enjoyed observing clouds and other atmospheric phenomena, but on that particular day, at that particular minute, I hit the meteorological jackpot. Above me, light refracted off fine cirrus clouds, resulting in a large, rainbow arc smiling down at me! But it was not raining, so it wasn't a rainbow. These multicolored or white light effects that occasionally encircle the sun are known by several names: solar halos, sun dogs, and sun spokes are just a few.

Sun dogs? No, sun dogs are not creatures that loll around on sweltering August afternoons. They have no connection to the "dog days of summer," the time of year, from July 3 to August 11, that coincides with the rising of the Dog Star, Sirius.

Sun dogs are patches of light that appear beside the sun or haloes that circle the sun. The scientific name is parhelia (from the Greek *parhelion*, meaning "beside the sun"). They are formed from prismatic ice crystals found in high and cold cirrus

clouds at this time of year, and, during colder temps, at lower altitudes. I guess it was colder way up there in the wild blue yonder than it was down here on terra firma that morning.

It is believed sun dogs are so named because they follow the sun as a dog follows its master. Sometimes they are so bright, they look like suns themselves.

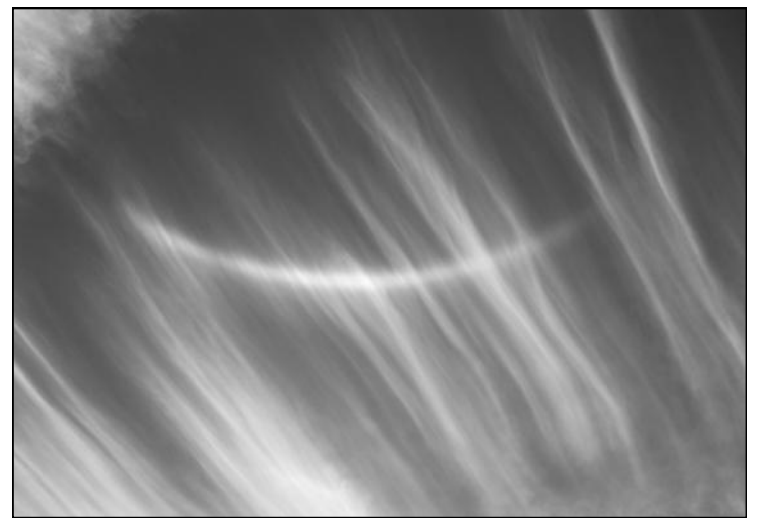
The phenomenon is usually short-lived. You have to be at the right place, at the right time, to see one. Minutes after I snapped this picture, the sun dog went back into hiding. But, I have proof that it appeared, at least, for me.

That day continued to be a beautiful, blue and white day. Eighty degrees and humid by mid-afternoon. Summer's last hurrah.

The time soon changes back to Standard Time, leaves will turn from green to gold to brown, and the days will turn cold and gray. But, every once in a while, the summer sky will come back for a visit, and we just might meet Sol, and his faithful companion, frolicking among the clouds, once again.

**B&P**

"The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers, but for the wide world's joy."  
— Henry Ward Beecher (American clergyman, 1813 – 1887)



## Letter to the editor

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ted Servis, our Rossmoor golf pro, for the monthly free golf clinics he provides for the women golfers of our Leagues. His patience, sense

of humor and helpful suggestions for improving our skills and enjoyment of the game are very much appreciated by all who participate.

**Doris Herron and Grace Hammesfah**

## Focus

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organize sunshine and procurements.

All residents are invited to join the group. Not all members are Latino or Hispanic, and not all speak Spanish. Some members use the

chance to brush up on their high school Spanish. Some just enjoy the sociability and food. Refreshments are provided at the regular meetings.

Contact Sylvia Zaroni (908-406-4465) for information on the activities of this group.

**The deadline for  
The Rossmoor News  
is the 7th of every month.**

## Charcoal Grill Cautionary Rules

If you plan to use a charcoal grill, you **MUST** follow these safety rules:

Grills must be five (5) feet away from an exterior wall or any opening when in use or when hot coals are present;

After grilling, place the cover on the grill, close the vents and allow the coals to burn out completely for at least 48 hours;

Dispose of the ashes in a non-combustible container, NEVER directly into a dumpster;

If the coals need to be disposed of before they have completely cooled, remove them individually with long-handled tongs and carefully bury them in a can of sand or in a bucket of water; and

Do not pour the hot coals into a pail of water, or vice versa. Steam from the coals may burn.

**PLEASE NOTE: Charcoal Grills are not permitted in Mutuels 7 and 10**

## Open RCAI Meetings in November

Thursday, November 9

Standing Committee Meetings 9 a.m.

Maintenance Committee

Community Affairs Committee

Finance Committee

Thursday, November 16

Board of Governors Meeting 9 a.m.

All meetings are held in the Village Center Meeting Room unless noted otherwise

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## Memoir Month

By Bob Huber

About 55 organizations and events claim November as their special month. They include everything from "Adopt a Senior Pet Month" to "World Sponge Month." Not to disparage any of them, but two particularly caught our attention. They were "Family Stories Month" and "National Memoir Writing Month."

During Family Stories Month, we are encouraged to gather 'round the dinner table and tell stories that add to the family lore. Obviously, Thanksgiving is the ideal time to do that.

Memoir Writing Month is set aside to jot down those

recollections to preserve them for posterity.

Many ancient cultures had established rituals for passing information from one generation to the next. Oddly enough, in our modern information age, we have no such device. We live in a world of Face Book and Twitter, but we are reluctant to share our personal history with others.

It's a fact that most of us of a certain age are a gold deposit of life experience for following generations to mine, but the mere prospect of having to write such information down chills our blood. Happily, the information age comes to the rescue with a plethora of de-

vices to help with the job. The voice activation app on most computers will print out our comments as we talk, or we can preserve our recollections on a wide variety of audio and video equipment.

You don't have to be the next Ernest Hemingway. The Internet offers all kinds of self help material for memoir writers. There are even prompt books that ask all the pertinent questions about your life, and all you have to do is fill in the blanks.

The process is easier than you might think. November is a good time to get started sharing your knowledge with others.

## Thank You

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ents, who also live here, suggested that I not rush into any decision and give myself some time. Obviously, I stayed, and it's the best decision I ever made. Time passed, and a family member finally convinced me to try going out on a date again, saying, and I quote, "You can't spend the rest of your life sitting around drinking beer and watching football." I reluctantly made arrangements to go with someone from where I worked at the time to her brother's restaurant in Toms River, which was having a soft opening. On the way there, I was driving past Stop and Shop and on a whim decided to stop off and see if they had any flowers there. Gale was the florist and when I saw her, it was like a lightning bolt hit me. Miraculously for me, she felt the same way and long story short, we have been together ever since.

Rossmoor is home for both of us now, and we absolutely love it here. We love the way Rossmoor looks, the way it makes us feel, and above all the sense of community. There are so many wonderful people we have come to know throughout Rossmoor, and there is an extensive circle of extra close friends who have become so much more to us. We consider them family. We simply could not be any happier or feel more blessed.

A few years ago, I threw a surprise birthday party for Gale in the Clubhouse and invited all our friends and family. It was a huge success and so much fun that Gale and I decided we wanted to keep on doing it. Now that first one was a birthday party, but since then it has evolved into what we feel is simply a great way for us to show our love and appreciation for our wonderful friends and this great place we live in.

We rent the Ballroom, have DJ Gary Morton handling the music, our friend Jimmy Barone performing a set from his nationally recognized Elvis Show, good food

from Sal's Roma Deli, and most important, one of the best groups of people letting loose, enjoying the party and having a blast. And trust me, people in Rossmoor know how to have a good time and the crew that comes to our annual bash takes it to an entirely different level.

As I mentioned earlier, my parents live here and now Gale's mother, Claire, also lives here. Though there were a few health scares this past year, all is well now, thank God. So, with things going as well as they are and the planning for our fourth annual bash in the works, Gale and I decided what better time to make our union official. We extended the party by an extra hour to accommodate our ceremony, which was officiated by our friend, and Rossmoor resident, Jeff Horner. Gale was escorted into the Ballroom by my father as Bill Strecker, again, a resi-

dent, played a beautiful, original song for her entrance. And our first dance was also to another one of Billy's songs and it could not have been more perfect. From there the party kicked into high gear and never let up. It was an incredible evening which did not officially end until Billy and I drove our friend Tommy home from what turned out to be an impromptu after-party at our house, at 4 a.m. What possibly made either Billy or me think we were in any shape to be designated drivers, I will never understand, but we survived.

Though there were so many more friends from Rossmoor we wanted to invite to the wedding, it was because it was a wedding that we had family from near and far attending, which took up five tables by themselves. Gale and I are now looking forward to 2018 and our fifth annual Rossmoor Bash and we hope to keep it going for years to come.

In closing, Gale and I just wanted to thank everyone for making our wedding such a wonderful moment in our lives. To the staff here at Rossmoor, our families, and our amazing friends, THANK YOU.

Gale and Frank Russo



Frank and Gale Russo enjoy their first dance

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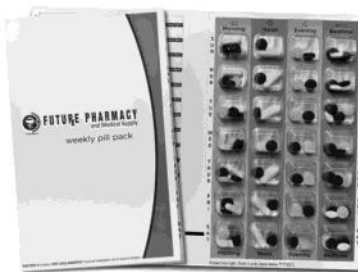
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## In the footsteps of a hero



**Rossmoor's Dan McOlvin (front, center right) with some of the 2,500 Cadets from the U.S. Military Academy who led the race again this year. See more photos, page 15.**

*By Dan McOlvin*

On September 24, 30,000 people from around the world followed the final footsteps of Firefighter Stephen Siller, whose young life ended in 2001 with the collapse of the twin towers of the World Trade Center. Race participants ran the 5K course, a nearly three-mile distance, through the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel into lower Manhattan, as Siller had done on that fateful September 11. Their goal in this annual event was to raise money for the Stephen Siller Foundation.

## How it all began

It was 16 years ago. Just after 9 a.m. on September 11, 2001, Siller had finished his shift with the New York City Fire Department's Squad #1 in Park Slope, Brooklyn. He was headed out to play golf with his brothers when he heard on his fire department radio that two airplanes had crashed into the World Trade Center, which was burning. Siller immediately drove back to his firehouse, but found that his fellow firefighters had already left. He grabbed his turn-out gear and drove to the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, only to find it closed to vehicles. Undaunted, Siller ran

through the Tunnel, wearing 70 pounds of gear. In lower Manhattan, this off-duty firefighter ran many blocks north to the burning towers, dodging fleeing pedestrians along the way. Rushing to the World Trade Center to save others, young Stephen Siller became one of the 343 firefighters to die that day when the towers collapsed.

## The Siller family responds

Three months later, in December, the Siller family created the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, hoping to “do good” in his name. They wanted to make a positive difference in the lives of others as a way of honoring Stephen’s sacrifice.

### What they've accomplished

In the past 16 years, the Foundation has raised over \$50 million. They built a founding home for orphans. They donated money to help burn victims, injured first responders, and for Hurricane Sandy relief. For the families of any first responders killed in the line of duty, the Foundation pays off the mortgage on the family home and donates money to educate the children. Through their Building for America's Bravest

program, they have also built over 59 custom-designed homes around the country for catastrophically wounded soldiers.

Whenever tragedy occurs, the Siller Foundation can be found responding with their commitment to "Let us do good." The Foundation has earned a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, which recognizes that 96% of donations are used for their charitable activities.

## Golf, too

The Siller Foundation also conducts a major golf outing around Veterans Day. They use three full golf courses on Staten Island for the Golf Fore America's Bravest event. It begins with breakfast and registration at 9:11 a.m., followed by a 10:30 shotgun start. After golf, there is a patriotic dinner with open bar at Nicotra's Hilton Garden Inn on South Avenue in Staten Island.

To learn more, or to donate, please go to [www.Tunnel2Towers.org](http://www.Tunnel2Towers.org). Your contribution will be greatly appreciated by the Siller family and especially by the needy recipients they help.

## Photography, anyone?

*By Steve Gray*

Remember all those nifty photographs on display in the Gallery last July and August? Would you like to participate in the display? Those photographs were taken by some of our residents who belong to a special interest group (SIG).

The SIG is part of the Computer Club. Our members have an interest in digital photography and how to improve our pictures. The criteria for being a member is quite simple: you must belong to the Computer Club and have a device, be it a camera, a cell phone, or a tablet, that is capable of taking pictures. Whether you use a professional grade

camera or a point-and-shoot is immaterial. We are interested in the output, not how you got there.

Your group meets in the computer lab on the first Friday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. to review pictures and offer suggestions on improvement. We held a photo shoot on Saturday, October 21. Multiple sites are always under review, but we do try to keep all our shoots to no more than an hour away.

If you have an interest in photography, would like to improve your picture taking, or even need assistance in using that camera your (grand) children gave you as a present, c'mon down – you might be pleasantly surprised.

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## How to acquire a sense of pride

By Carol De Haan

It's easy. Just make sure you attend the next performance of The Players. What you see will leave you nearly bursting with pride.

In October, the Players performed "Over Easy," a script inspired by an earlier play, "Nick's Diner," by our deceased but fondly remembered friend, Sam Newman.

The book was written by our four-time Emmy award winning writer, Bob Huber. It celebrated the triumph of a small-town diner crowd over the machinations of Big Money to demolish the whole

neighborhood and "modernize" it with new high-rise construction.

Putting the performance into overdrive was the lyrical, toe-tapping music of Bill Strecker and his band of merry musicians. Bill is not only full of fun, he's a professional musician who knows what he's doing when it comes to good entertainment. Between him and Bob Huber, you'll think you're on Broadway.

Twenty of your good neighbors are the folks who frequent the diner and sing wonderful songs. Another 16

form the very professional production staff. And let us not forget the contributions of their small-town newspaper reporter, George Steppingintothis.

These Players performances are enough to make us stop calling ourselves "An Active Adult Community" and start saying we're a damned talented bunch of people.

Be nice to yourself: get a ticket for the Players' next show. You'll go home smiling.

## Some unusual, interesting words and phrases

By Anne Rotholz

Recently while chatting after a hike someone mentioned the fact that certain individuals are born with two different colored eyes. Bells went off immediately for me. I had a cousin who was born with one blue eye and one brown eye.

A word I had not thought about for many years came rushing back... *Heterochromia*. A person who has two irises of different color are said to have this condition.

My brain then went in search of some other forgotten words. Another one came back immediately... *Onomatopoeia*. Why this word? In grammar school we were vying to see who could come up with the next big word. That one was my find. Looking back I think it was because I loved Irish poetry. Irish poetry is full of *onomatopoeia* which means that the poets constantly used words that phonetically imitated or suggested the sound they described.

Many other interesting words are stored in my memory. Some are old familiar words while others are of more recent origin. I thought you might enjoy reading some of them, so here they are, not in any particular order.

*Jetiquette* This word which means observing proper behavior while on an airplane was very much in the news earlier this year.

*Orthorexia* A fairly new word meaning an obsession with eating healthy food. This "clean eating" can become a compulsive behavior that

makes a person tense, controlling, and unhappy.

*Agowilt* A sudden unnecessary fear.

*Xenophobia* An unreasonable fear of strangers or foreigners.

*Cruciverbalist* A crossword puzzle enthusiast or one who makes crossword puzzles.

*Broxomenia* Toothgrinding  
*Terminator* The line between the illuminated and the dark side of the moon.

*Structuring* Sometimes called "smurfing," is the breaking down of bank deposits to keep them under a certain amount so that the transaction will not have to be reported to the government.

*Munchausen syndrome* Hospital addiction.

*Kine* Plural of cow.

*Holm* An island in a river.

*Fontinal* Growing near a fountain.

*Agelast* A person who has no sense of humor or one who rarely laughs.

*Mouse potato* One who spends a lot of leisure time on the computer.

*Dactylonomy* The act of counting on one's fingers. This can be primitive or very sophisticated.

*Mudlark* One who scavenges by a river hoping to find something of value.

*Cyanic* Azure blue.

*Bibliopole* One who buys or sells rare books.

*Finifugal* A person who is afraid to finish anything.

*Brain freeze* The brief "headache" you get when you eat ice cream or any very cold food.

*Ear worm* A catchy song or piece of music that one cannot get out of one's head.



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## Setting up your new personal computer

By Steve Gray

Last month we gave you some guidelines for buying a new personal computer. This month, we will describe how you can set it up for use.

### OK, how?

You can pay an expert to set up your new PC, always for a not-so-nominal fee. On the other hand, if you are a member of our Computer Club, you can ask one of our talented members to assemble it for you at no charge.

### Transferring your data

You, or our talented techie, will need to transfer your important data from your old PC to the new one. This usually involves your pictures, address books, emails, and other documents.

Games and special programs that you might have added to the old PC cannot be copied to the new one. They will have to be reloaded. If you have a backup, or if you copied these items to a CD, the process will be very quick. If you did not, then the old drive has to be accessed to pull the data from it. As long as the old PC is working, that will not be a problem.

### Cleaning up the new PC

Clean it up? Why?

Because all manufacturers like to load up their systems with all sorts of programs. They get paid to do so. For example, there will probably be an anti-virus program that is good for a short period of time, and then you have to pay for it. You can remove that anti-virus program and instead activate Windows Defender, a no-cost option from Microsoft. This will not give you compete protection but if all you are doing is checking email, some banking, and online shopping, it will be good enough.

### However, if you

- are going on the dark web, (and if you don't know what that is, then you are not), or
- are looking for free versions of paid programs, or
- open anything and everything that is sent to you, or
- click on pop-ups that say you have a virus (scam Alert), or
- believe that nice person from "Microsoft" with the heavy accent, then you need heavy-duty protection such as McAfee or Norton.

You can remove unwanted programs from your new PC by using PCDecrapifier, which

is free. You will see your new, fast system stay that way.

### Two important points:

1. Do not load programs onto the desktop, only shortcuts to programs. The more non-shortcuts on the desktop, the longer the PC will take to boot.
2. Not every program needs to be part of the start-up. The more programs in your start-up, the longer and slower the computer will take before you can log on.

So, what to keep? Ask your friendly Computer Club tech which programs to remove from the start-up. Doing this without deleting other important programs requires some technical knowledge.

### All set up

You now have your new PC all set up and ready for use. What to do with the old one? You can have the hard drive wiped, and then either donate it or recycle it.

Do not just put it in the trash. A computer is considered hazardous waste and needs to be broken down. Call Monroe Township Public Works and Recycling at 732-656-4575 for information about disposal of your old PC.

## Low bridge, everybody down!

By Jean Houvener

On November 4, 1825, DeWitt Clinton arrived in New York City with a bucket of water from Lake Erie, which he dumped in New York Harbor, having ridden the length of the Erie Canal from Buffalo to New York City, officially opening the canal he championed. Called "Clinton's Folly" or "Clinton's Big Ditch" by critics, it was a huge feat of American ingenuity and engineering.

As early as the 1780s, proposals had been made to build a canal to the western territories of the new United States. There was a huge barrier between the coastal colonies and the western lands — the Appalachian Mountain range. However, there was an opening just north of Albany where the Mohawk flowed into the Hudson River, passing between the Catskills and the Adirondacks.

An early proponent of the canal was a merchant, Jesse Hawley, who wanted to ship grain from the Ohio River valley to the populous northeast. The grueling trip proved unprofitable and he was bankrupted, but while lingering in a Canandaigua debtors' prison, he wrote many letters to Clinton and others, advocating the value of a canal, which would open the west to settlement and prove highly profitable to New York.

Clinton was eventually elected governor of New York, and from this position pushed for the creation of the canal. Clinton approached then President Thomas Jefferson with the proposal and requested federal funding. Jefferson suggested he return in 100 years when the possibilities were more plausible.

Undaunted, Clinton convinced the New York legislature to underwrite the construction, estimated to cost around \$7 million. The planned length of the canal was 363 miles with a rise of

600 feet from the Hudson to Lake Erie. Nothing on this scale had ever been attempted in the United States. In fact, there were no trained civil engineers in the country. Nevertheless, the men tasked with laying out the route, James Geddes and Benjamin Wright, were judges in land disputes and had some experience with surveying. Canvass White studied the canal systems of England and on his return patented hydraulic cement, which made the canal possible.

The work was begun on July 4, 1817, on the middle portion of the canal, through relatively flat but heavily forested land at Rome, N.Y. The work entailed felling trees, removing stumps, and digging the soil to permit a canal 40 feet wide and 4 feet deep, with the soil piled up on the downhill side for a towpath, and proved to be more difficult than anticipated. At this point, local farmers did most of the work, and some very creative solutions were used to remove the tree stumps. By 1819 the first 15 miles between Rome and Utica was completed and opened. The canal immediately showed a profit. To a large extent, the workers were learning as they went how to do the work.

The work continued in both directions from there, with the canal reaching Syracuse by 1820. The 250 miles from Brockport to Albany opened September 23, 1823. By this time, more laborers seeking work moved west to work on the canal, many from Ireland. A regular workforce, rather than local farmers who needed to raise their crops, sped up the work as they became more skilled.

Problems overcome included digging through the Montezuma swamp east of Cayuga Lake, which was only dealt with once the weather turned cold and the swamp froze, making it easier to remove large pieces. Next the Genesee River had to be crossed, requiring an aqueduct over 800 feet long, 17 feet wide, with 11 arches.

The last great obstacle was the Niagara Escarpment, an 80-foot limestone wall, which required five locks at Lockport. On the Hudson end, another series of locks had to be built to begin elevating the canal. Altogether the canal required 35 locks between Albany and Buffalo.

Officially completed October 26, 1825, the opening of the canal was celebrated with a cannonade from Buffalo to New York City. With cannons spread the length of the canal, as each station heard the sound of cannon from their west, they fired their own cannon. It took 90 minutes from one end to the other. The canal reduced the price of shipping grain to the east by 95%. It was so successful that it took business that had once gone through

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## The other November celebration

By Bob Huber

Thanksgiving is certainly the most important event in November, but for teens and young adults, there is also a pseudo-holiday which deserves special billing. It's called Sadie Hawkins Day, and it's celebrated on No-

vember 19, (and sometimes on November 30).

Sadie Hawkins Day was the inspired creation of cartoonist, Al Capp, whose Hill-billy comic strip Li'l Abner was a "must read" for teens and young adults from the mid 1930s through the

1970s. Through a wonderful cast of rustic characters who inhabited the community of Dogpatch, characters like Lonesome Polecat, Hairless Joe, Evil Eye Fink, Earthquake McGoon, General Bull Moose, and a host of others, Capp weaved social commentary through hysterically funny plots, and we often discovered we were laughing at ourselves.

But no Li'l Abner plot has endured longer than the story associated with Sadie Hawkins Day, which first appeared in the strip in 1937. It seems that Sadie Hawkins was the daughter of one of Dogpatch's earliest settlers, Hezekiah Hawkins. Sadie was acknowledged to be the "the homeliest gal in all them hills." Fearing his daughter would remain a spinster, Hezekiah assembled all the eligible bachelors in Dogpatch and declared it was "Sadie Hawkins Day." There would be a footrace in which the bachelors were given a head start, followed by Sadie in hot pursuit. Whichever bachelor Sadie caught was obligated to become her husband. If the man objected, he would be introduced to the business end of Hezekiah's double-barreled shotgun. All the other unattached ladies in Dogpatch thought this was an excellent idea, so Sadie Hawkins Day quickly became a community event.

Sadie Hawkins Day also took on a life of its own with

the reading public, and by 1939, 201 colleges and numerous high schools were holding Sadie Hawkins Day events. Long before women's lib, girls would aggressively pursue the boys of their choice and invite them to a Sadie Hawkins Day Dance. The boys were bound to accept. Those were the rules.

Capp created Sadie Haw-

kins Day as a one-time plot device, but due to its overwhelming popularity, he obligingly made it a tradition in the strip every November, lasting four decades.

Al Capp died in 1979, but Sadie Hawkins Day remains alive and well, and it is still celebrated annually at many high schools and colleges; a fitting tribute to one of America's most gifted cartoonists.

## Low bridge

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New Orleans to New York City, making it the biggest port city in the U.S. and making New York State the Empire State.

The Erie Canal had major impacts on the history of the United States. As it was built and especially once it was complete, it allowed for the migration of thousands of people from the northeast to the Ohio River valley, with the result that many abolitionist New Englanders moved there and opposed the spread of slavery into this territory.

The successful trade between the mid-west and the northeast coastal areas resulted in an explosion of prosperity in both areas. The development of industry as well as the expansion of agriculture made the northern states much better able to support a war effort during the Civil War, with the result that they were better able to win the war.

James Geddes and Benja-

min Wright went on to active roles in the creation of other canal systems in the United States and also took an active role in New York government. Wright was declared the "Father of American Civil Engineering" in 1969. Canvass White went on to be the chief engineer of the Delaware and Raritan Canal, and consulted on other canals as well. He is buried in Princeton Cemetery.

The canal was enlarged twice, first in pieces after 1834 and again between 1903 and 1919. Parts of the old Erie Canal still exist and can still be visited, while other parts were reengineered into the updated canal. The new version is still in use for recreation and also for transporting large items that can be transported only by water.

In the Erie Canal song, the words "low bridge, everybody down" referred to the necessity that those sitting on top of the cabin needed to duck as the packet boats approached a town with many low bridges across the canal.

## Bob's Almanac

By Bob Huber

There's a lot going on in November. The snowbirds are heading south, and the rest of us are hunkering down for what we hope will be a mild winter.

Eastern Standard Time begins on Sunday, November 5, so remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night, and enjoy the extra hour of sleep.

Many important events have taken place in November. On November 1, 1848, the first medical school for women opened in Boston.

Two very influential Americans were born in November: humorist Will Rogers in 1879, (who often had a few choice things to say about America's political process), and Walter Cronkite, considered America's most trusted newscaster, in 1916.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected to an unprece-

dented fourth term on November 7, 1944. Alas, it was to be a very short term. Suffering from years of poor health and shouldering the crushing burden of conducting wars in two separate hemispheres, President Roosevelt died on April 12, 1945.

On November 8, 1900, Margaret Mitchell was born. Her novel, "Gone with the Wind," sold 10 million copies, and was printed in 30 languages. It won the Pulitzer Prize for literature in 1937. Surprisingly, it was the only book Margaret Mitchell ever wrote.

Back to things presidential: Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg address on November 19, 1863, and almost exactly 100 years later, (November 22, 1963), who can forget that President John F. Kennedy was assassinated?

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**Q:** Does Rossmoor receive any reimbursements from Monroe Township for municipal services?

**A:** There is a Monroe Township ordinance that spells out the reimbursement to qualified Homeowners' Associations for street lighting, snow removal, recycling, road maintenance, and storm water wet basin maintenance. Rossmoor is a qualified association within Monroe Township.

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The Township provides for annual snow removal reimbursement based on actual miles of roads as calculated by the Township Engineer. The Township will not provide snow removal services in lieu of reimbursement.

The Township reimburses the Mutuals for recycling in accordance with the per-unit cost of Township recycling

programs.

The Township provides for an annual road maintenance reimbursement also based on the actual miles of roads as determined by the Township Engineer. RCAI must submit the repaving invoices in order to receive the reimbursement.

In 2009, an additional Township reimbursement was added to the ordinance that provides for an annual storm water wet basin maintenance reimbursement based on the square yards of basin area. RCAI must submit proof that maintenance work was performed and the cost of the work to the Township Engineer for certification.

*The entire RCAI staff extends its best wishes for a healthy, happy Thanksgiving to you and your family*



## New Neighbors

*By Christina Smith, Resident Services Manager*

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Laura Blumenfeld, 6N Sussex Way, formerly of Staten Island, N.Y.

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Frank Bravo, 106A Old Nassau Road, formerly of Keyport, N.J.

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Renee Bojko, 334N Nantucket Lane, formerly of Monroe Twp., N.J.

Nancy Guthrie, 129A Providence Way, formerly of Philadelphia, Pa.

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Joyce Endres, 346B Norwich Lane, formerly of Estero, Fla.

## Almanac

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On November 24, 1859, Charles Darwin published his book, "The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection." Darwin theorized that all living creatures descended from a common ancestor. It opened the door to a whole new perspective on creation and sparked a debate whose embers smolder even to this day.

And on November 26, 1787, our first president, George Washington, proclaimed the first American holiday, a day to be set aside annually to give thanks for America's bounty.

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### Seven Smart Money Moves You Should Make in 2017

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Do you remember those New Year's resolutions you made to save more money and spend less? For many of us, those good intentions got shifted to the back burner when reality set in and bills starting piling up. But it's not too late to reexamine your financial affairs and turn things around for the rest of the year. Here are seven smart money moves that could help you in 2017:

**1. Build a better budget.** One fundamental of money management is to create a monthly budget that makes sense for you, and then stick to it. You may have gone through the process before, but if it's not working you have to go back to the drawing board.

Start with the essentials—mortgage or rent, utilities, your car or other commuting expenses, and anything else that you can't do without—and take it from there. Think about cutting back or eliminating expensive dinners, exotic get-aways, and other luxuries you can live without. In particular, zero in on small, routine expenses—that daily cappuccino, for example—that may add up to a substantial cost.

**2. Pay down your debts.** If there's one thing that can wreck a budget, it's the payments you make on what you owe. Maybe you're saddled with credit card charges subject to high interest rates. Even the minimum monthly payment can be painful, and interest charges just keep mounting.

Try to make debt reduction a top priority. Start by resolving not to borrow any more until you pay down what you owe. If it makes sense and you can obtain a favorable interest rate, consider consolidating your debts into a single account.

**3. Increase retirement savings.** Now is a good time to boost your retirement savings as well. If you participate in a 401(k) plan at work, you might increase the amount that's subtracted from your paycheck. The maximum deferral for 2017 is \$18,000 (\$24,000 if you're age 50 or over). Plus, your employer may provide "matching" contributions of part of your savings.

In addition, you could supplement a 401(k) or other work plan with contributions to a traditional or Roth IRA (or a combination of the two). For 2017, the maximum total IRA contribution is \$5,500 (\$6,500 if you're age 50 or over).

**4. Reinvest investment**

**earnings.** It may be easier to manage your finances if you have investment earnings from securities such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. However, when possible, instead of spending your profits, funnel those amounts back into other investments.

If you own investments that pay out regular dividends, you could use an automatic dividend plan to reinvest the money without having to lift a finger.

**5. Diversify your investments.** Spreading your portfolio over several different kinds of investments could help reduce some of the inherent risks of investing and relieve some of the pressure associated with volatility in the markets. (Of course, diversification doesn't ensure a profit or guarantee protection against a loss, especially in a declining market.)

The idea behind this strategy is relatively simple. If you put all your eggs in one investment basket, or into just a couple of baskets, a severe loss could have devastating effects. But if, for example, you added international stocks to an investment mix tilted heavily toward domestic stocks and bonds, you might be less likely to be hurt by a drop in one type of holding. Just keep in mind that foreign investments involve special risks relating to political, economic, currency fluctuations and other events.

**6. Improve your credit score.** Even if you need to cut down on spending, you're likely to borrow at least occasionally—for a home mortgage, say, or for a car that you use for your daily commute.

But you still may be able to reduce the interest you pay on loans by improving your credit score. Paying off existing debt on time is a crucial first step, and there are other moves that also could help. Check your current score online and consider tips for pushing it higher.

**7. Keep an eye on taxes.** Being aware of the tax implications of your money moves could help reduce another big expense. Deferring more of your salary for your 401(k) could reduce your tax liability, and there also are ways to minimize taxes on your investment earnings. For instance, long-term capital gains are taxed at a maximum rate of only 15% (20% if you're in the top tax bracket)—much better than the top rate of 39.6% on regular income.

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## Putting Apple Cake in the oven

By Sidna B. Mitchell

Ever since I moved to Rossmoor, I have been involved in the Women's Guild's annual bazaar the first Saturday in November, sometimes as a baker, as chair of Grandma's Attic, as head of the lunchroom, as the Gourmet Shoppe chair and as the overall bazaar chair. Only once since 2000 have I missed one of the bazaars. That year Ken and I were away attending a family reunion in Mississippi.

Before we left, I made a bazaar favorite — Granny's (my mother's) fresh apple cake in four small loaf pans. I froze the loaves and gave them to my friend Gail to take for the Gourmet Shoppe. I also made a \$20 donation, knowing I would have spent at least that much on items that I really didn't need had I been in town.

That year was the time Hurricane Sandy hit and life changed for everyone. Rossmoor was without power for a week or more so all activities were canceled, including the bazaar. My cakes, however, didn't go to waste. Gail took them to the Clubhouse for the shivering folks to eat with hot beverages.

We've all seen enough disastrous hurricanes this year in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Puerto Rico and throughout the Caribbean. I hope and pray no more

## CULINARY CORNER

By Sidna Mitchell

storms cause destruction any time soon as I get ready to make my mother's apple cake recipe.

Since this is apple sea-

son, other folks might consider making this delicious cake. It freezes well and can be served for dessert or eaten at breakfast.

### Granny's Apple Cake

2 cups sugar  
3 cups flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1½ teaspoons baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon each:  
cinnamon, nutmeg,  
allspice

1½ cups vegetable oil  
2 eggs  
3 cups peeled, diced apples  
1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 300 degrees.

Sift the dry ingredients together in a large bowl; stir in other ingredients.

Put mixture in a tube (angel food) pan or small loaf pans. Do not grease pan.

Place a tube pan or small loaf pans on top rack in the oven with a drip pan underneath the tube pan on the second rack to catch any oil that might seep out.

Bake at 300 degrees for 1 1/2 hours or until an inserted toothpick comes out clean.

I can be reached via e-mail at sbmcooks@aol.com.

Culinary corner

## Clubs and Organizations

### Emerald Society's fall and winter activities

By Joan Avery

President Dan Jolly announced that he arranged for the Annual Emerald Society Christmas trip to the American Music Theater in Lancaster, Pa., on December 8. This will be followed by a family style dinner at the Good and Plenty Restaurant. There will also be a stop at the Kitchen Kettle Village for a snack or shopping for Amish crafts and foods.

The Emerald Society Christmas Party will be a brunch at the Cranbury Inn to be held on December 17, from noon to 2 p.m. There

will be a cheese table, the brunch, mimosas, juice, coffee, tea, soda, and dessert

Elections for officers of the Emerald Society were held with the following results: Dan Jolly, president; Marge Princiotta, treasurer; Carol O'Brien, vice president; and Joan Avery, secretary.

Jack and Julie entertained members in September and the Doo Wops were the entertainers for October.

The Emerald Society donated \$350 for the victims of Hurricane Maria, \$125 for the Smile Train, and \$125 for the Alzheimer's Fund -- all very worthwhile causes.

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### Kick off your holiday season with the Women's Guild luncheon

By Diane England

As I mentioned last month, the Women's Guild will again be having a lovely buffet luncheon catered by Twin Oaks on Monday, December 4 at noon in the Ballroom to kick-off the holiday season. For the price of \$15, you can savor

- Chicken Tenders Marsala
- Eggplant Rollatini
- Penne Pasta with Broccoli and Sundried Tomatoes
- Rice Pilaf
- Potato Salad
- Tossed Salad with Assorted Dressings
- Semolina Bread and Butter
- Cake
- Coffee and Tea

Since everyone seemed to really enjoy singing Christmas carols last year, we intend to do the same this year. Thus, we hope everyone is in good voice that day.

Our members had an opportunity to buy tickets at our October meeting. Remaining tickets will be sold on a first-

come, first-served basis on two Thursdays, November 9 and 16, in the Red Room between 1 and 2:30 p.m. at the desk. You may purchase two tickets. Furthermore, we ask that you pay by check.

If you're unable to make it to the Red Room on either of these dates, you may purchase your ticket in person at the Church office (upstairs in the Meeting House) during their Monday through Friday office hours from November 10 through 17. Those hours are 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Linda Klink, who is the Church secretary as well as our vice-president and program director, will be happy to help you.

We look forward to seeing everyone at this event. This luncheon will be in lieu of our regular December meeting, just as the Bazaar will be in lieu of our regular November meeting. Meanwhile, we wish you a happy Thanksgiving!





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The cast of "Over Easy," which played on October 5-7

## Players pastimes

By Sue Archambault

Our original play "Over Easy" was a smash success! Written by our talented team of Bob Huber and Bill Strecker, the play was per-

formed by The Rossmoor Players on October 5, 6, and 7 in the Meeting House. We had capacity crowds for the two evening performances on Thursday and Friday, and



Halloween Party. Players members dressed in costumes and enjoyed the food and games, including our popular scary story that everyone helped to tell by adding to the story as it went around the room. The highlight was our costume contest with prizes.

The next general meeting for The Players will take place on Monday, November 27 at 7 p.m. in the Gallery. The evening's entertainment will be a Best of Johnny Carson video, which will be presented by Joe Conti. As you remember, Johnny Carson had unbelievable guests and comedic acts spanning his 30 years as The Tonight Show host. These included unforgettable memories and unexpected surprises such as Ed Ames' famous tomahawk toss, Tiny Tim's wedding, party crashing with Dean Martin and Bob Hope, a surprise swim for Don Rickles, the tasty impressions of Albert Brooks, the poetry of Jimmy Stewart, wildlife with Jim Fowler and Joan Embry, the extraordinary talents of ordinary people, visits from Carnac and Art Fern, Bette Midler's Emmy award-winning farewell performance, and much more. Joe will show some excerpts from these incredible shows.



Officer Grady (Bill Strecker) receives a misaimed pie from Marie (Laurie Moyer)

were almost full for the matinee performance on Saturday. If the audience response was any indication, the musical comedy was terrific! This was due to the combined effort of our cast, executive producer, Beverly Masters, our director, Joe Conti, and all the volunteers that added artistic, sound, stage, lights, and musical talents to our production. A tremendous thank you to our volunteers who sold tickets, manned our door, and set up our refreshments.

The October meeting, held in the Gallery on Monday, October 30 was our yearly

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## Rental Library holiday bazaar

By Helene Gray

The Rental Library's annual holiday bazaar will be held on Wednesday, November 29, Thursday, November 30, and Friday, December 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse Craft Room. Come check out our selection of merchandise and books in time for the holidays. Proceeds help sup-

port the Rental Library.

The Rental Library will be accepting your donations of new items during regular library hours, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Now is a good time to donate never used items, give yourself more room, and help support the Rental Library.

## The New Jersey Club

By Eileen Parker

The New Jersey Club will meet on Friday, November 17, at 1:30 p.m. in the Ballroom.

Al Parker will present a talk on "The forgotten small towns of southern New Jersey."

Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome.





## The Music Association presents the Daurov/Myer Duo, world-class virtuosi

By Gene Horan

In 2012 cellist Adrian Daurov and pianist Spencer Myer established the Daurov/Myer Duo to explore and perform three centuries of masterworks from the beloved repertoire for their respective instruments, both solo and in combination.

This will be the artists' first appearance at Rossmoor and will be the third concert in the Music Association 2017-18 concert series. Those who attended the Three Tenors concert in September and the All-Seasons Chamber Players concert in October will attest to the first-class quality of Rossmoor's musical offerings.

The Daurov/Myer Duo performance will take place in the Meeting House on Friday, Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Admission for non-subscribers is \$15, a fraction of what is charged in other venues for similar or lesser offerings.

The program will open with Ludwig van Beethoven's "Variations in G" on the very popular theme "See the Conquering Hero Comes" from Handel's "Judas Macabaeus."

Next on the program will be "Capriccio for Cello and Piano" by the American composer Lucas Foss.

After the intermission, the Duo will play the "Sonata No. 2 in D Major for Cello and Piano, Opus 58," by Felix Mendelssohn.

The Daurov/Myer Duo's recent performances have included important debuts at Washington, DC's the Embassy Series, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Nantucket Musical Arts Society, The Artist Series of

Tallahassee, Chamber Music Corvallis and Brooklyn's distinguished Bargemusic, a program highlighted by the world premieres of scores by Ricky Ian Gordon and Christopher Gunning.

**Adrian Daurov**, a child prodigy, made his debut at age 15 in his native city in Russia as soloist with the St. Petersburg State Symphony Orchestra.

Subsequently, he earned top honors at three international competitions - Bulgaria's First International Music Competition "Coast of Hope" (First Prize, 1996); The Netherlands' Peter De Grote International Music Competition (Grand Prix, 2002); New York City's L.I.S.M.A. International Music Competition (First Prize, 2004).

In 2004, he toured as soloist with the St. Petersburg Chamber Orchestra, performing in St. Petersburg, Moscow, Warsaw, and throughout Germany, and was appointed to the dual position of principal cellist and soloist with the Bayreuth Youth Festival Orchestra.

In 2008 he was featured participant in a gala Carnegie Hall concert celebrating Russia's Independence Day, a program that included the distinguished Russian singers Yelena Obratzsova and Vladimir Galouzine.

**Spencer Myer**, Gold Medalist of the 2008 New Orleans International Piano Competition, has been so-



Spencer Myer, pianist and Adrian Daurov, cellist

loist with, among many others, The Cleveland Orchestra; Boise, Dayton, Evansville and Louisiana philharmonic orchestras; Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra of Boston; Phoenix, Ridgefield, San Juan, South Africa's Cape Town and Johannesburg philharmonic orchestras; and Beijing's China National Symphony Orchestra.

His recital appearances have been presented in New York City's Weill Recital Hall, 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y, and Steinway Hall; Philadelphia's Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts; and London's Wigmore Hall; as well as in Chicago, Cincinnati, Fort Worth, Knoxville, Logan, Salt Lake City and China, while many of his performances have been broadcast on WQXR (New York City), WHYY (Philadelphia), WCLV (Cleveland) and WFMT (Chicago).

Myer has performed at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music Series, Canada's Concerts aux Iles du Bic, Spain's Gijon International Piano Festival and the Valencia International Piano Academy, and Indonesia's Yogyakarta International Music Festival.

## Computer Club holiday gadget ideas

By Alec Aylat

Back at the Computer Club with his annual round-up of fun tech products for the holidays is Doug Dixon on Monday, November 20, in the Gallery at 10 a.m. All residents are welcome, and we start with refreshments a half-hour earlier.

This year Doug says we'll focus especially on tech for the home — including using wireless speakers to jingle bells around the house, digital assistants to remotely deck the hall lights, and wireless cameras to record video of any late-night visitors that come down the chimney (or what looks like a chimney).

So, come running out from your Rossmoor home to check out this year's winter wonderland of tech gadgets in action, all presented by fun-loving Doug

who has been providing annual holiday gadget coverage in the Princeton area since 2002.

An independent technology consultant, specializing in Web development, database analysis, digital media, and portable devices, Douglas Dixon previously was a product manager and software developer at Intel and at Sarnoff in Princeton. He has authored four books on digital media, published hundreds of feature articles, and presented over a hundred seminars and talks. He makes his articles and technical references freely available on his Manifest Technology website and blog at Manifest-Tech.com.

Up-to-the-minute news you may or may not find on the Club's website at Rossmoor.org. But, hey, it's holiday time.

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## The Italian American Club

By Tony Cardello

We thank Joan Russo for helping Lucille Conti in arranging the Columbus Day party on Saturday, October 14. Although the attendance was down from a year ago, those who attended had a great evening of good food and lively entertainment by DJ Mike Malone.

There was no membership meeting in October due to the Columbus Day party.

The next membership meeting will take place on November 15 in the Ballroom. This will be our karaoke night with DJ Gary Morton. So, tune up your voices and let them be heard.

Joe Conti thanks everyone who attended the Catholic Mass on Oct. 12. It's one of our most important days of the year, when we recognize those who passed in 2017.

The volunteer dinner will be held on November 7 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Gallery.

Our final event of the year will be our Christmas party/brunch at the Cranbury Inn on December 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost will be \$35 and sign up will be at the November membership meeting.

The executive board agreed to make a \$200 donation to the Monroe Fire Department Company #3.

Bingo will be played on November 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom. Coffee will be served.



Niecia Monaco and DJ Sal Locasio

On behalf of the officers of the Club, we wish all our members and their families a very happy Thanksgiving.

## Rossmoor Rental Library



By Penny North

Here are the new books that will arrive in November:

**The Midnight Line: A Jack Reacher Novel** by Lee Child

Jack Reacher searches for a woman whose West Point ring he finds in a pawnshop. He is soon involved with biker gangs, cops, crooks, missing persons and eventually a vast criminal enterprise.

**Every Breath You Take** by Mary Higgins Clark

During the annual gala at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a wealthy woman is pushed from the museum's rooftop. TV producer Laurie Moran investigates the murder.

**Hardcore 24: A Stephanie Plum Novel**

by Janet Evanovich  
 New Jersey's favorite bounty hunter, Stephanie Plum, investigates a sudden epidemic of headless

corpses across the state, while babysitting for a grave robber's pet boa constrictor. At the same time Stephanie's Grandma Mazur has a new online boyfriend and Stephanie's enigmatic friend Diesel is back in town.

**Death at Nuremberg** by W.E.B. Griffin

In the latest novel in Griffin's series "Clandestine Operations" about the birth of the CIA, special agent James Cronley is sent to the Nuremberg trials to protect the U.S. chief prosecutor. He also seeks to destroy "Odessa," an organization that helps Nazi war criminals escape to South America.

**The People vs. Alex Cross** by James Patterson

Hero cop Alex Cross is on trial for supposedly gunning down followers of his nemesis Gary Soneji in cold blood. Cross says it was self-defense. Then his former

partner John Sampson asks his help in solving a gruesome series of murders. Despite being suspended from duty, Cross delves into the case as his own trial continues.

**A Christmas Return: A Novel** by Anne Perry

The latest Perry Victorian Christmas novel features Charlotte Pitt's grandmother Mariah Ellison, who receives a Christmas present that sends her to Surrey to solve a 20-year-old murder. She teams up with the victim's grandson, who has new evidence and finds dark doings beneath the Yuletide festivities.

**Year One** by Nora Roberts

Roberts creates a future world where the government and the electric grid have failed and half the population is destroyed by a virus. A group of survivors begins a hopeful journey to a new beginning.

**Past Perfect: A Novel** by Danielle Steel

Sybil and Blake Gregory and their three children leave their stressful Manhattan life and move to San Francisco. They buy a Pacific Heights mansion and move in as an earthquake shocks the area. Somehow the family who lived in the house a century ago emerges — alive in spirit — and forms friendships with the Gregorys, the only people who can see them.

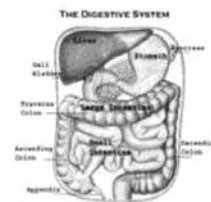
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# This month in pictures

Photos by Joe Conti and Walter Gryskiewicz



In Manhattan, runners emerged to see 343 firefighters carrying banners in memory of their 343 members who died on 9/11.



The U.S. Military Academy West Point Honor Guard leads the procession carrying Stephen Siller's FDNY helmet.



Retracing Siller's footsteps, runners in the Brooklyn-Battery tunnel approach the Manhattan side.

## Rossmoor Community Church



Rev. Dr. Popham, Rev. Robin Bacon-Hoffman, Rev. Dr. Dierdre Thompson, Rev. Kahlil Carmichael at the church's 50th anniversary celebration  
The beautifully decorated cake



## In the footsteps of a hero



By Dan McOlvin  
On September 24, 30,000 people followed the final footsteps of Firefighter Stephen Siller, whose life ended in 2001 with the collapse of the twin towers of the World Trade Center. Race participants ran the 5K course through the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel into lower Manhattan, as Siller had done on that fateful September 11. (See full article on page 5.)

## Rossmoor Community Players



Walter (Jim Wilson) and Liz (Becky Reddinton) get a moment alone.



Irma (Sue Archambault) belts one out.



Mabel (AnneMarie Martucci) greets her customers.



People had fun at Frank and Gale Russo's wedding in the Ballroom.



Happy times at the last Italian American Club membership meeting



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## Hear ye, hear ye, it's time for the bazaar

*By Diane England*

The Women's Guild Annual Bazaar will take place throughout the first floor of the Clubhouse on Saturday, November 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the same hours we had last year. So, stuff your wallet with cash (we only accept checks for the silent auction items) and get out your comfy shoes so that you can shop 'til you drop (plus perhaps donate goods and volunteer on Thursday and Friday). Below is what you need to know about this annual fundraiser which allows us to provide scholarships to some college-bound seniors at Monroe Township High School. (We gave seven scholarships in May of \$1000 each.)

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  - Cedar Room: Gourmet Shop with baked goods and more
  - Maple Room: Grandfather's Attic with men's clothing, sporting goods, and other items likely to appeal to our men
  - Hawthorn Room: Granny's Attic with household items both practical and decorative
  - Ballroom: Food court serving breakfast and lunch food items
- We encourage you to invite younger family members and friends to this event who may truly have need of some of the items being sold and will undoubtedly love the prices. Remember to go through normal procedures and notify the Front Gate of your potential guests.
- Plan to donate goods**
- Bring items suitable to be sold in one or more of the rooms listed above to the Clubhouse Hawthorn Room on either the Thursday or Friday

day (November 2 or 3) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. only.

If you're incapable of delivering these items to the Clubhouse, please see if a friend or neighbor can do this. We will not be collecting items with golf carts this year.

**Plan to volunteer**

We held a meeting for Bazaar volunteers in September. As discussed then, please show up on the day(s) you're planning to work by 8:30 a.m. if possible in the Hawthorn Room on Thursday as well as on Friday, and then go to your assigned room on Saturday by 8:30 a.m. unless other arrangements were made. You'll be told the room on Thursday.

- Receive merchandise on Thursday and/or Friday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Hawthorn Room (November 2 and 3).
- Help set-up the bazaar Friday (November 3) until complete (likely late afternoon).
- Sell merchandise in an assigned specialty room throughout the duration of the bazaar on Saturday (November 4). While actual sales hours are from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., you should plan to stay and help pick-up for about an hour.

Thank you for your support of this event.

## Democratic Club sponsors holiday shopping spree

*By Susan Kostbar*

For the year end, the Democratic Club will again conduct its holiday fundraiser, the holiday shopping spree silent auction. This event was very popular last year with many beautiful themed baskets to appeal to the most discriminating shoppers. We had themed baskets for cooks, for pets, for those interested in entertainment and restaurants, handicrafts, for children, wine baskets, and many more.

What are the details to participate in the holiday shopping spree?

The cost to attend will be \$8. Your ticket price of \$8 will include appetizers, music, entry for door prizes, light refreshments, desserts, and the opportunity to enjoy the company of fellow residents and friends.

All silent auction baskets will begin bidding at \$5. Themed

## Dance Club holds its Chinese buffet, last dance of the year

*By Judy Perkus*

It's time for the Dance Club to hold its Last Dance of the Year. Join us in the Ballroom on Saturday, November 25, at 6:30 p.m. and dine on a Chinese buffet dinner. In addition to the buffet, we will have dessert (sugar-free available), coffee, tea, and soda.

Come alone or bring your friends and dance to the music of DJ Peter Lieberman. All Rossmoorites, couples and singles, are welcome.

Join in on the fun. Send your \$15 per member/ \$17 per non-member check made out to the Rossmoor Dance Club to Armen DeVivo at 449B Roxbury Lane. The reservation

deadline is November 17.

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Mary Ann Sharkey and Benny Vetrano enjoying the Dance Club

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## SPORTS



Carolyn Meyer and Marie Bills were presented with Tournament Trophies by Ken Northrop and Sidna Mitchell.

### Croquet Club announces officers and events

By M. Vail

Croquet members turned out to participate in the Golf Croquet Tournament the last weekend in September. Sharon Gaines tallied scores for all players this year. With those scores as a guide, Ken Northrop set up the high-low two-person teams for the final tournament of the season. After two days of play, Marie Bills and Carolyn Meyer were victorious. A close second were Charlie Christensen and Merv Shivers, who lost one game to the team of Betty Anne Clayton and Susette Salsona. These ladies also provided photos of the event. The members celebrated with a pizza party on the final day of play, followed by the presentation of trophies to Carolyn and Marie.

Nominating Chairperson Loretta Widdows presented members attending the fall annual meeting and luncheon on Oct. 7 with the slate of officers and directors for a vote.

Officers for one year are Sidna Mitchell, president; Carl Kruse, vice-president; Merv Shivers, treasurer; and Joan Bowman, secretary.

New directors for three years are Ruth Klein, co-chair with Grace Gambino of the social committee; and Barbara Boyer, publicity chairperson.

Other directors

and committee chairpersons include Betty Anne Clayton, membership; Carl Kruse, education and training; Ken Northrop, greensward; and Ellen Frankel, The Wicket News newsletter.

Members are looking forward to the final membership events of the season, Halloween play in costume and the holiday party on Dec. 13 at Carlucci's Grill.

Golf Croquet continues at 4 p.m. on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Six wicket is scheduled on Tuesdays and both forms of croquet are played at members' leisure throughout the week.

All residents are invited to join us on Fridays at 4 p.m. for play and refreshments. Contact Betty Anne Clayton at 609-662-4659 during the season from April through Oct. 31 for more information. Whites are not required for tryouts. Please wear soft-soled flat footwear to protect the court's grassy surface.



Merv Shivers and Charlie Christensen placed second in Golf Croquet Tournament.

### Democratic Club

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baskets will be prepared with a minimum value of \$25. All shoppers have the opportunity to take home some very nice treasures at very reasonable cost. And, remember, this is a fundraiser for Rossmoor's Democratic Club.

Now for the best part: because it is a fundraiser, we ask you to consider donating a themed basket. This has been the most fun part where everyone can use their imagination and creativity to prepare a

themed basket. The variety makes for a very fun evening and helps offset the annual costs of running the Democratic Club.

The holiday shopping spree silent auction will be held on Wednesday, November 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Gallery.

Please call for tickets. At \$8 per ticket and a maximum attendance of 50 people for the Gallery, we anticipate a sell-out. To purchase tickets or to generously offer a themed basket or both, please call Susan Kostbar at 609-658-6902.



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## Ladies' 18-hole League tournaments

By Arlene McBride

On Sept. 12, Odd/Even Holes tournament was held. For even holes, first place was Arlene McBride; second place, Sandy Pellicane. For odd holes, first place was Nancy Nita; second place, Janet Decker.

On Sept. 19, Par 4's only count tournament was held. First place was Joan Messick, second place, Arlene McBride.

On Sept. 26, Closing Day Scramble tournament was held. First place team was Janet Decker, Sue Petersen, and Carol Faraci. Second place team was Maria Hogan, Lanie Kartagener,

and Joan Semen.

A year-end luncheon/meeting was held after the scramble tournament. The year-end awards were given out to all those who played in the major tournaments as well as the award to the most improved player, Maria Hogan. Congratulations to all the winners.

The new slate of officers for 2018 was voted in unanimously. President Lanie Kartagener; Vice President Joan Messick; Treasurer Sandy Pellicane; Secretary Joan Semen; and Tournament Chairwoman Maria Hogan. It was a very

productive meeting and a competitive golf season for all.

On Oct. 3, Fewest Putts tournament was held. First place with 35 putts was Arlene McBride; second place with 37 putts, Joan Messick. Although it was a very cool, wet morning, we were able to "putt" it in the hole in the least number of strokes.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

## New fire-house construction put on hold

By Fire Commissioner Joe Haff

The Commissioners of Monroe Township Fire District #3, at their last meeting, decided to delay construction of the recently announced new firehouse on Schoolhouse Road for one year. There were several reasons for this.

First, the current bond issue will have expired by then.

Second, it takes time to formulate a bond issue. A new bond issue would have to be authorized prior to the end of 2017, to be placed on the 2018 budget. This would normally be put to the voters with the fire election of February, 2018.

However, the commissioners felt that they did not want to rush into construction without the proper information. For example, the commissioners believed it would be necessary to get more bore samples on the property to see if additional work would be needed to have a solid foundation. Without knowing how much might be needed to proceed, it would be impossible to get a correct figure of the construction cost. Without this knowledge, we cannot get the right figures for the bond issue.

The fire commissioners are making every effort to do this correctly, efficiently, and for your benefit.



## ROSSMOOR Women's 9-Hole GOLF ASSOCIATION

By Terre Martin

The 9-Holers have a new club champion, Joan Lundy. Congratulations to an excellent player who demonstrates that you can still hit a long drive even with aches and pains. Marjorie Heyman was the runner up, a spot that she has earned several times. She was a trooper in spite of two surgeries on her toes. We wish her well in Florida this winter.

We certainly lucked out with good weather this season. With only one rainout, we got to enjoy a full season of 9-Hole golf. Our September winners are: 9/19- Step Away Scramble: Soonja Nam, Doris Herron, Alyce Owens, Marie Bills; 9/26- Even Holes: Mary Shine; 10/3- Low Gross: A Flight-Paula Richardson, B Flight-Barbara Agnese tied with Mary Shine.

At our final luncheon we gave out prizes and recognition for all the big and little victories during the season. It was also a time to thank everyone who helped make the

experience a good one. Our grounds keepers, our pro Ted Servis, and the "guys" who work the desk were helpful and encouraging all season.

We also got to say hello to former members who joined us for lunch, and good-bye to Lucy Poulin, a longtime member who is moving away. Lucy had the difficult task of doing the "pairings" each week. It was a thankless job, but she always did her best. We are grateful for her many years of service to the league and wish her well in her new home.

Even though the official golf season is over, look for us out on the course during nice fall weather. We hope to get lots of new members next season, so if you would like to learn more about the 9-Holers, contact our membership chair, Mary Shine, (609-655-4518) or President Joyce Cassidy (609-619-3618).

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Thanks to my Rossmoor Friends for your many prayers and kindnesses during my recent illness. You are the greatest!  
Gene Horan

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Religious Organizations



Rossmoor Chorus sings at the RCC 50<sup>th</sup> celebration

Community Church music program features Delaware River Consort in November

By Mary Jane Brubaker

“We are pleased to host a performance by the Delaware River Consort at the church service on Nov. 12,” says Music Director and Organist Cecile Wang. “This wonderful group is a perennial favorite of our congregation.” She adds, “We will also have performances by the Chorus on Nov. 19, and by vocalist Jason Allen and musician Kevin Gunia, who will lead the music program on Nov. 25.”

The Delaware River Consort, a vocal quartet founded

in 1983, has performed throughout New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. The group’s repertoire consists primarily of a cappella sacred and secular music of the 15th through 20th centuries with an emphasis on the European Renaissance and early American periods.

The Delaware River Consort has performed with several early instrument ensembles and for many of our church services in addition to singing in our Music Association concert series. The

group performs programs with various cultural, historical and seasonal themes, and in period costume when appropriate. The Delaware River Consort is composed of Maureen Kyle, soprano; Lisa Carmalt, alto; Larry Parker, tenor; and Jacques Lebel, bass.

At the Nov. 12 service, the Delaware River Consort will perform “O Lord, the maker of all things” by William Mundy, “O sing joyfully” by Adrian Batten, and “Teach me thy way, O Lord” by Edmund Hooper.

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The Delaware River Consort

The First Jewish Naval Commander

By Hadassah Aylat

The wonderful story of Naval Commander Uriah P. Levy, USN, the first Jew commissioned an officer in the U.S. Navy, will be the subject of the program at the Sisterhood meeting on Monday, Nov. 20, at 1:30 p.m. in the Gallery.

Ira Hirschbein, a gifted historian and resident of the Ponds, will relate the saga of Uriah Levy, who overcame blatant anti-Semitism to attain his position. Born in the early 1800’s in Philadelphia, he left a lasting record: that members of minority religions would be accorded the rights of every other American. Later, after leaving the navy, he attained great wealth in real estate and was the leading figure to save Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, from destruc-



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## Community Church music program

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Selections to be performed by the Rossmoor Chorus on Nov. 19 are "Sing unto the Lord" by Charles Yannerella and "How Firm a Foundation" arranged by Hal H. Hopson.

The Community Church is an ecumenical congregation and welcomes people of all faiths to worship every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. at the Meeting House. For those already belonging to another church, the Community Church offers a dual membership. For more information, please contact Pastor Dierdre Thomson at 732-757-5190 or Membership Chair Alyce Owens at 609-860-0866.

## Catholic Society marks Golden Jubilee with Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving

By Fred Mytnick and Gene Horan

The Solemn Celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Catholic Society will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 21, with a Mass of Thanksgiving to be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Meeting House.

The celebrant of the Mass will be Msgr. Joseph M. Curry, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Spotswood. Deacon John Zebrowski, a Rossmoor resident who is presently assigned to St. Thomas More Parish in Englishtown, will assist him.

The Catholic Society invites those who participate in the Mass to a reception immediately after in the Meeting House parlor.

Fifty years ago on a lovely June day, the late Msgr. Morgan Kelly celebrated Mass for the first 10 members of the newly formed Rossmoor Catholic Society. James Mitchel was elected president. Incidentally, Msgr. Kelly had very close ties to Rossmoor: his parents were among the original residents and he himself would live here in retirement.

Msgr. Curry's parents, it should be noted, are presently residents here.

Since that first Mass, the Catholic Society has been a vibrant, faith-filled, and Christ-centered organization that has added immeasurably to the spiritual well-being of participating Catholic residents.

The monthly Mass has continued to be the central activity of the Society. Twice a year the sacrament of reconciliation precedes the liturgy. From time to time Healing Masses, where the sacrament of the anointing of the sick is administered, are held.

The Catholic Society has offered spiritual nourishment and fellowship in many ways. Friendships form and, in good times and bad, members support one another with encouragement and prayer.

Retreats, days of recollection, bible-study, excursions to religious sites, lectures, films, and support for mis-

sionaries and charitable organizations have all been part of our 50-year history.

Also, from early on the Society has been part of the Interfaith Council, participating in interfaith services and such activities as providing Thanksgiving dinners to the homebound.

Catholic Society president Lucille Conti says, "The Catholic Society has completed 50 great years but we pray that the best is yet to come: *Ad Multos Annos*."

### Other November events

Other events during the month include the following:

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet at 1:30 p.m. in

the Craft Room of the Clubhouse on Thursday, Nov. 2, and Thursday, Nov. 16.

The **Catholic Society Council** will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14, in the Meeting House Parlor.

The film **"How Green Was My Valley"** will be shown in the Gallery at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17, as part of the Catholic Society's Films that Lift the Spirit series. See separate article in this issue for more information.

The **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** will be prayed at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14, in the Maple Room of the Clubhouse.

## "How Green Was My Valley," winner of five Academy Awards, will be aired here

By Gene Horan

"How Green Was My Valley" is the fourth film in the series Classic Films that Lift the Spirit presented by the Catholic Society on the third Friday of each month.

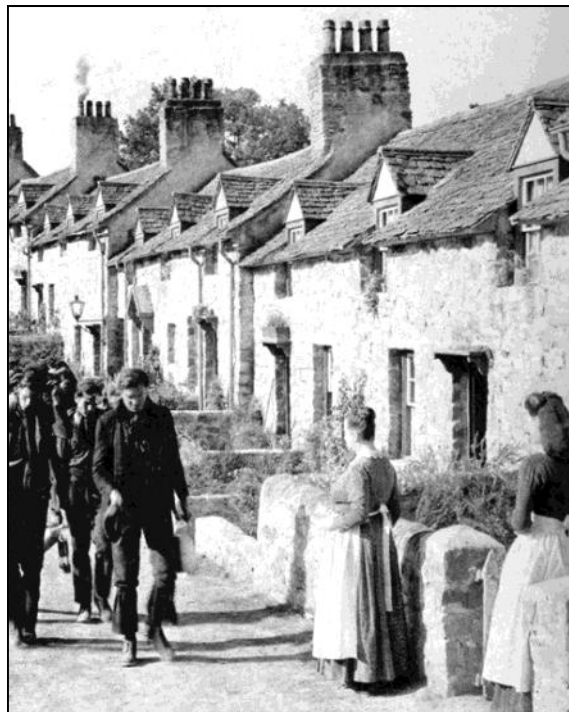
The film, based on Richard Llewellyn's best-selling novel of the same name, was directed by John Ford and features Walter Pidgeon, Maureen O'Hara, Donald Crisp, and Roddy McDowell. The entire cast played their parts with great sincerity and conviction. The

film won the Oscar in 1942 for best picture, edging out "Citizen Kane." It also won awards for best director (Ford), best supporting actor (Donald Crisp), best black and white cinematography and best black and white art direction.

The story of the Morgans, a large and

loving mining family in the coal country of South Wales, is, in the words of film critic Tony Stoman, "precisely the kind of movie that gave Hollywood filmmaking dignity and supremacy in its heyday." How times have changed.

The free showing will be held in the Gallery at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be available and all residents are most welcome.



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## Church asks for donations of warm clothing for the needy

By Alyce Owens

Starting November 12 through December 13 the Community Church's Benevolence Committee will collect gently used warm coats, jackets, boots and winter clothing for the needy throughout New Jersey.

For the ninth year in a row, residents are asked to look through their closets and open their hearts to donate to this worthy cause. Many, many hundreds of less fortunate folks have benefited from this winter clothing drive.

Please bring you donations of coats, jackets, boots and

other warm clothing in men's, women's and children's sizes to the big box marked "Warm Clothing for the Needy" in the vestibule of the Meeting House.

All clothing will be given directly to those in serious need through Your Grandmother's Cupboard, a caring, non-profit organization that collects and distributes clothing and other necessities at no charge to 20 distribution sites which serve the working poor, unemployed and/or homeless throughout New Jersey.

All contributions will be delivered in time to make

Christmas and the holidays happier and warmer for those in need. Imagine how good you'll feel knowing that your favorite old coat will truly help a person who otherwise might shiver through the winter. You might call it just an old jacket, but the person who receives it will call it LOVE.

The Community Church appreciates your generosity, and extends sincere warm wishes for a very happy Thanksgiving, and a healthy and Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all residents and their families.

## Save the date: Special Christmas program Dec. 17

By Mary Jane Brubaker

"Mark your calendars now for Sunday, Dec. 17," says Cecile Wang, Community Church Music Director/Organist and Director of the Rossmoor Chorus. "We are planning a very special Christmas music program, 'Shout the Good News' by Lloyd Larson, that will feature 40 singers and musicians celebrating the Christmas story in glorious song."

Pastor Dierdre Thomson adds, "You certainly don't have to be a member of the Community Church to come and join us for this musical presentation. We consider this joyful cantata to be our gift to our friends and neighbors, and I certainly hope we have a full house on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 11 a.m. at the Meeting House."

The Community Church is an ecumenical congregation and welcomes people of all faiths to worship every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. at the Meeting House. For more information, please contact Pastor Dierdre Thomson at 732-757-5190 or Membership Chair Alyce Owens at 609-860-0866.

## Community Church change in date

Please note that the Physical/Spiritual Exercise Class has moved to Thursday mornings, 11 a.m. in the Maple Room. Bring a friend. Looking forward to seeing you.

## Jewish Congregation: Fall and winter social events

By Ben Wistreich

The activity level at the Jewish Congregation is going into high gear as the leaves fall and the snow threatens some calendar events. As we enter November, we are reminded that our Congregation's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is fast approaching – in April 2018. Thus far, we have chosen and are reviewing two caterers, each of which has impressed our committee. We've also made the selection of a remembrance gift for every attendee at the anniversary luncheon.

Next on our list is finalizing the invitations and guest list. Every paid-up member of the Congregation can attend without further cost, though their guests (except for personal aides) will be charged for attending the gala luncheon. The Anniversary Committee has now expanded to

include six Board Members.

Though November approaches, can December be far behind? That's our cue that Hanukkah is also being planned in this active holiday season. The first of eight candles will be Dec. 12, but our Hanukkah party celebration is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 10, in the Ballroom at 1 p.m. Our "chef" Jeff Albom promises that his special potato pancakes (latkes) will be available again this year as a great accompaniment to deli sandwiches. This fun event usually brings out many of the Congregation's members. All other treats and the response form will be in the Nov-Dec. Bulletin.

The Men's and Friends Club has the final social event of 2017. For the fifth year in a row, we will end our season and celebrate New Year's by going to Capu-

ano's Restaurant on Old Trenton Road. The date is Wednesday, Dec. 27, and the deadline for registering is Dec. 20. Our members and their friends will have their choice of anything on the lunch menu (even daily specials) with everything included – red or white wine, complete meal, dessert and beverage, tax, and tip. This is the best-attended event every year with more than 25 reservations expected. Again, all information and the response form will be in the Nov.-Dec. Bulletin.

The Nov. 3 Sabbath Service will have Bob Kolker as Torah Reader and Jeff Albom as Lay Reader. The Nov. 17 Service will have Jeff Albom as Torah Reader and Janet Goodstein as the Lay Reader. The Congregation will sponsor the Oneg Shabbat at both Services. Those wishing to sponsor a Sabbath Service should contact co-Gabbai Judy Perkus. Cantor Mary Feinsinger leads our Services, which begin at 7:45 p.m. in the Meeting House.

The Congregation's monthly Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Dogwood Room. The changed day is because of Election Day on Nov. 7.

## Book of Kells

By Dierdre Thomson

As most of you know, I am a voracious reader. There are books in every room of my house: text books, history, historical novels, mysteries, biographies, Christian humor, and light reading. One needs only to see my living room to know I am serious about reading. Stacks of books are everywhere, including propped up against the table legs next to my chair. Those are the books I have had for a long time, but never get around to read. I put them there so I will see them every time I sit down. Sometimes it works.

The other day I noticed a book I have had at least five years, "Exploring the Book of Kells." Suddenly it clicked – I had seen parts of the actual Book of Kells this past August when we went to the Old Library at Trinity College in Dublin. What an awesome sight! We entered the Long Room, "the longest room in any library in Ireland ... (maybe in the whole of Europe)." The ceiling is three

to five stories high with shelves packed with books of different sizes and some with familiar brown covers of several centuries-old books. We could also see the nooks and crannies with the old sloping desks where people studied.

We then came to the special area where the rare books are kept, some of which are from 1,300 years ago. There we saw two of the gospels from the Book of Kells, one of the largest and most colorful books, written and illustrated by hand from the 8<sup>th</sup> century. Can you imagine how long it must have taken to write just one book, let alone write and illustrate one? We can now go on our smart phones in a matter of seconds and see what took years to complete. Think about it – books were not printed by machine until around 560 years ago. How fortunate we are that we can pick up our books of faith anytime we wish and read them. When was the last time you read your book of faith?

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# Rossmoor Community Church

## November 2017 Calendar

- Nov. 1

Chime Choir Rehearsal
- Nov. 2

Collections for Women's Guild Bazaar
- Nov. 3

Collections and Setup for Women's Guild Bazaar
- Nov. 4

Women's Guild Bazaar
- Nov. 5

Communion Reformation Sunday Service  
Sermon: Transformation
- Nov. 8

Chime Choir Rehearsal
- Nov. 9

Physical and Spiritual Exercise Class
- Nov. 12

Church Service  
Sermon: Let Zion Rejoice  
Collection of Men's Socks for TASK  
Music Presentation: Delaware River Concert
- Nov. 13

Deacons' Meeting
- Nov. 15

Chime Choir Rehearsal  
Worship/Music Committee Meeting
- Nov. 16

Physical and Spiritual Exercise Class  
Thanksgiving Interfaith Service
- Nov. 19

Church Service with music by Rossmoor Chorus  
Sermon: Worship Christ's Majesty  
Fellowship Hour
- Nov. 20

Council Meeting
- Nov. 26

Church Service  
Guest Pastor, Rev. Kahlil Carmichael  
Soloist, Jason Allen; Accompanist, Kevin Gunia
- Nov. 28

Library Committee Meeting
- Nov. 30

Physical and Spiritual Exercise Class

# HEALTH CARE CENTER NEWS

## Living Wills

By Kaytie Olshefski  
BSN, RN-BC

There are a few different forms available to make one's wishes known. There is an advance directive, Five Wishes, and POLST. An advance directive is also referred to as a living will. This is a formal document that allows a person to express his or her future health care decisions. It will only go into effect when the person has a terminal illness and is unable to make decisions or choices on his or her own.

An advance directive allows the person to describe what type of medical treatment he or she wants or does not want in certain situations such as tube feedings, life support, and dialysis.

This form can be revoked at any time, but it is extremely important to inform your doctor, family, and all the people who have a copy that changes have been made to the document. Have them destroy the previous living will and give them the new revised document.

Five Wishes is another document that may be used to express one's wishes. All 50 states and countries around the world have this form. In New Jersey, it meets the legal requirement as an advance directive. This document is easy to read and understand. People decide what care they want in the event of serious illness, when they might not be able to speak for themselves.

Five Wishes outlines five wishes for the person to complete. It allows people to express what matters and what is important. Someone is designated to represent the person in healthcare decisions. It covers personal, spiritual, medical, and legal areas. The person decides on the type of medical care and comfort care the person wants if terminally ill. The form also includes the person's end-of-life wishes for family and friends.

Five Wishes, like the advance directive, becomes effective when the person becomes seriously ill or is unable to speak for him or herself. The person who was designated as representative will work with the doctor in carrying out the wishes. A Five Wishes document can be changed, but the prior document must be destroyed, and all the people involved need to be made aware there has been a change.

If there is already an advance directive and you would prefer to have Five Wishes document, all that is needed is to fill out it out and sign it. As noted, inform all the people involved and destroy the advance directive document.

There is another form called POLST, which stands for Practitioner Orders for

Life-Sustaining Treatments. POSLT is not an advance directive, but gives specific medical orders for a seriously ill patient in order to fulfill the person's wishes and goals. It gives a person who is seriously ill more control over the end of life care. It is a one-page form and is completed by the person's doctor or nurse practitioner with input from the patient. In using this form, the patient must openly and honestly speak with their physician about the diagnosis, prognosis, the patient's goals and treatments, and how these goals can be achieved. It includes talking to the doctor about and making the patient's wishes known on medical interventions, CPR attempts, intubation, mechanical ventilation, and tube feedings.

This form is completed when the patient's medical condition deteriorates and he or she has limited life expectancy. The medical team, the patient, and the patient's family make the decision as to what type of care the patient is willing to accept. It differs from an advance directive and Five Wishes in that these two are usually completed before a serious illness. The POLST form does not replace an advance

directive or Five Wishes document, but complements it. There is a section on the POSLT form for EMTs to follow to honor the orders and instructions of the patient's wishes. It is recommended the POLST document replace the Out of Hospital "Do Not Resuscitate" document. As with an "Out of Hospital DNR" form, the POLST form has to be visibly displayed in the home. The POLST form will be honored by the emergency medical services team and the health care nurse who responds to the person's home.

If you have a living will, review it to make sure it is what you still want. If you do not have one, fill one out. It not only makes your wishes known, but also helps your family know what you want and how to carry out your wishes.

In our lecture series from Saint Peter's University Hospital, Tana Menafro, RN-BC, CNML, Coordinator for Bloodless Surgery and Medicine, will be speaking on "Anemia Management: The Hidden Diagnosis" on Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. in the Maple Room. If you would like to attend the lecture please call 655-2220, or stop by the Health Care Center.

# MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

By Dave Salter

## Heating units serviced in Mutuals 1, 2, 3 and 4

Furnace servicing is again being offered to homeowners of Mutuals 1, 2, 3 and 4. The charge for this service is \$35 plus tax. Servicing includes inspection of system, checking elements and wiring, oiling the blower motor, and replacing the filters. Please call as early as possible for an appointment.

## Winterizing manors

The Maintenance Department is again offering a winterizing service for homeowners who leave during the winter months. The fee is \$125 plus tax (unless you have two hot water heaters, in which case there is an additional \$25 charge). We offer a weekly inspection that is \$30 per month. RCAI strongly recommends that you have this done. Contact our office as soon as you know your dates and to pick up the forms.

## Attic insulation

With winter around the corner, call Maintenance for

your free estimate.

## Thermostats

With fall coming upon us you should turn on your heat thermostats to make sure they are working properly before the cold weather sets in. If they are not working, we can replace your thermostats for you. If you have PSG thermostats Rossmoor strongly recommends you have these replaced because they can overheat. Please give us a call for pricing.

## Weather-stripping

Do your doors have the proper weather stripping? In the winter do you feel cold air around your door? Putting on new weather stripping can help with your heating bills. Please give us a call.

## Channel 26

It is very important that you keep an eye on Channel 26. It is the Rossmoor information highway. There is information regarding road closures, the landscaping daily schedule, important meetings, RCAI information, as well as Mutual information and much more.

# High Tech Landscapes, Inc.

By Jeff Voss

Please call the East Gate phone and leave a message with any questions or concerns: 609 655-5134.

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Fall cleanups will continue through December.

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## From the Mayor

By *Gerald W. Tamburro*,  
Mayor of Monroe Township

### In times of emergency, Monroe Township is prepared for the worst

By Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro

If watching the national news has convinced me of anything lately, it's that I should count myself fortunate to live in Monroe.

Even though we're in the midst of hurricane season, I'm still left speechless seeing the sheer number of storms sweeping through our country and into our neighboring nations, and the horrific trail of destruction left in their path.

With every passing hurricane, each presenting its own challenges, we are reminded that you can never be too prepared.

As many of you are aware, not too long ago, we here in Monroe lived through two major storms: Hurricane Irene in 2011, which flooded well over 100 homes, followed by Superstorm Sandy in 2012, which left the Township without power and impacted communications for nearly 10 days.

In the months and years since Irene and Sandy barreled through our community, we've been diligently working to strengthen our community disaster readiness and response.

Our Police Chief Michael Lloyd has led the Office of Emergency Management in those efforts, which have included expanding our emergency shelters, increasing our communication platforms and keeping our emergency responders well trained and equipped. Monroe has also worked to identify and register vulnerable residents who, due to age or physical challenges, may require additional and specialized assistance in times of emergency.

Just this summer, we completed construction on our second full-service back-up generator, creating an auxiliary sheltering area at the Community Center, in addition to our primary emer-

gency shelter, located at the Monroe Township Senior Center. The generator projects were funded in part by a \$284,000 Energy Allocation Initiative and through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program under FEMA.

These facilities function as temporary shelters for those who find themselves displaced, will provide residents with charging stations for electronic devices, and act as a point-of-contact for distribution of other resources should the need arise. Emergency provisions, including cots, personal care kits and blankets are at the ready and a full-service shelter can be functional in less than two hours.

Following Irene, where the town was divided by flood waters and Sandy, where Township residents experienced power outages of seven to 10 days, it was determined that Monroe should establish large scale, emergency shelters in different geographical locations to accommodate residents during emergencies or evacuations. The senior center and community center offered the right locations but needed the backup emergency generators to function fully during an emergency. These shelters combined can house over 1,000 residents during an evacuation and 500 as a post-impact shelter.

The Township has also expanded its emergency communication platforms to include Nixle text and email notifications, along with a reverse dial phone service, which enables the OEM to connect with nearly 20,000 households within seconds. Additional outlets include our local television access station, Channel 28, the Monroe Township website and Facebook pages for the "Monroe Township Office of Emergency Management" and "The Township of Monroe." I

encourage you to register for Nixle alerts by texting 08831 to 888777 and to like our pages on Facebook to stay up-to-date from wherever you are in the event of an emergency.

As for our emergency personnel, let me reassure you that the Township has gone to extensive measures to make sure that you are all in safe and capable hands. Aside from their own internal protocols, training and requirements, three fourths of Monroe's EMS and fire department employees belong to the New Jersey Task Force for Disaster Preparedness. That membership makes training in areas like search and recovery, hazmat chemical exposure, tactical safety and other mock disaster scenarios easily accessible to our staff.

Our police and Office of Emergency Management remain our eyes and ears. These hardworking men and women are constantly coordinating with state and county emergency officials, monitoring the forecast and preparing for all impending or potential threats to the safety of our residents.

You can help us help you by preparing yourself for an emergency. Officials recommend that every home have a disaster supply kit in a waterproof container. Each kit should contain enough food and water for three days, plus medicines, batteries, a flashlight, a can opener, a first-aid kit, electronic chargers for cell phones and computers and emergency contact numbers for your loved ones.

On a final note, if you are living with any physical challenges, I strongly recommend you consider submitting a "special needs registration form" to the Township. A copy can be found on our website at [www.monroetwp.com](http://www.monroetwp.com) under the "Alerts" section of our homepage or by calling a police department representative at 732-521-0222. Print it out and return it to our Police Department at 3 Municipal Plaza Monroe, NJ 08831. This will better enable our crews to respond to your specific needs, should an emergency situation present itself.

### Monroe leaders urge Christie to reverse cuts to senior property tax relief programs

Monroe's Township Council, joined by Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro, is urging Gov. Chris Christie to reverse his policies, which have led to reduced enrollment and benefits in the Homestead Rebate and the Senior Freeze Programs.

These critical property tax relief programs become even more important as President Donald Trump and Congress look to eliminate federal tax deductions that will negatively impact New Jersey residents.

At an Oct. 2 meeting, the Monroe Township Council approved a resolution asking

the Governor to reinstate the cuts made to the Homestead Rebate Program and to deliver on cost-of-living increases that have long been promised as a remedy to a currently flawed Senior Freeze Program.

"Monroe is considered one of the State's most prominent senior communities because of our quality of life, safety and careful spending," Tamburro said. "Many of our senior residents have watched the Homestead Rebate dwindle and the Senior Freeze become unobtainable over the past 10 years."

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## LWV segues from registering voters to holiday fare

By Ruth Banks

With the end of the current election activity, the League of women Voters of Monroe Twp. has turned its attention to its annual Holiday Happening luncheon which is being held on Monday, November 13 at the Cranbury Inn. Guest speaker Ingrid Reed returns to dissect the election results and its potential impacts on the future of the state.

The League's Voters Service Committee spent the last two months registering voters and dispensing information at numerous locations including at the Back to School nights, where Leaguers were joined by student volunteers to register new residents, handing out vote-by-mail applications, and other information relevant to getting voters to the polls on Election Day, November 3. In addition to a focus on new residents, Leaguers conducted registration at Rossmoor, the Senior Center, Monroe Village, Oktoberfest and the Green Fair.

In cooperation with the Leagues in Princeton and Lawrenceville, a Candidate's Forum was held on October 18 at the Senior Center. Candidates for state Senate and Assembly for Legislative District 14 responded to questions regarding the future of New Jersey posed by the moderator, Dawn Clarke, the New Jersey League's Voters Service Director. Plans for the coming months

include continuing a study of resources available to residents regarding civic information, follow-up on the state League's study of campus sexual assault, further discussion on climate change and its impacts on New Jersey vis-a-vis open space and clean water, continuing study of the impact of money and power on politics, and possible new studies on women's issues and juvenile justice.

Information on the Holiday Luncheon at the Cranbury Inn may be obtained from Adrienne Fein, at 609-860-5984.

The League is a nonpartisan political organization which neither supports nor opposes candidates for political office. It is a national organization with Leagues in every state. It is open to men and women who support the League's principles. It meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Municipal Building, except in May, when it meets on the third Monday; and in November, when it holds its annual holiday lunch. It doesn't meet in December. For more information on the League and its programs, please feel free to contact any of the following members: Andrea Pellezzi, president, 609-664-2146; Judy Perkus, treasurer, 609-395-1552; Marsha Rosenbaum, Voters Service, 609-409-0930; Adrienne Fein, membership, 609-860-5984, or Ruth Banks, 609-655-4791.

## Cultural Arts Commission Presents: Opera Lecture Series with Live Arias

"The Music of Kurt Weill" will be presented on Wednesday, November 8 at 1 p.m. This lecture performance will present the music and songs of Kurt Weill. This German and American composer lived only to age 50, yet his influence is everywhere. The scope of his writing would rival that of George Gershwin and be approached later by Leonard Bernstein. Weill composed not only operas, but also musical stage shows and both film and radio scores.

This performance will feature the Three Penny Opera (from which the song Mack the Knife originated) as well as Lady in the Dark, Lost in the Stars and Knickerbocker Holiday (September Song) and others.

It will be presented by Boheme Opera NJ with Jerry Kalstein as lecturer at the Monroe Township Library, 4 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Twp.

Each lecture performance starts at 1 p.m. and lasts approximately one hour.

Registration is not required. Admission is free.

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## Monroe Announces Second Emergency Shelter with Generator

Monroe now offers a second emergency shelter, expanding on the Township's disaster readiness plan.

Over the summer, the Township completed the installation of a second full-service backup generator at its Monmouth Road Community Center, adding an auxiliary shelter to its primary shelter, located at the Monroe Township Senior Center on Halsey Reed Road.

The Township funded the generator project, in part, with \$284,000 from the Energy Allocation Initiative through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

"These facilities will be able to fully function as temporary shelters for those residents who might find themselves displaced during times of emergency," said Monroe Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro. "Furthermore, they will provide residents with charging stations for their electronic devices and act as a point-of-contact for distribution of other resources. Emergency provisions, including cots, emergency meals, personal care kits and blankets are at the ready and a full-service shelter can be functional at either location in less than two hours."

In the past decade, Monroe has endured two devastating storms. In 2011, flood waters from Hurricane Irene divided the Township and left over 100 homes damaged. More than a year later, Hurricane Sandy stripped the entire municipality of power, in

some case for up to 10 days.

"Since then, we've been ramping up our disaster readiness and response by expanding our emergency shelters and our communication platforms and by keeping our emergency responders well trained and equipped," said Monroe Councilman Michael Leibowitz. "After Irene, we decided we needed two large-scale emergency shelters in different geographical locations. With this latest project complete, we can house over 1,000 residents during an evacuation and more than 500 post impact."

Beyond the additional shelter, Monroe has broadened its communication outlets to include Nixle text and email notifications, along with reverse dial phone service, which enables the Office of Emergency Management to connect with nearly 20,000 households within seconds.

"Monroe has invested in technology to provide a more efficient dissemination of information, which improves public readiness and our emergency response," said OEM Coordinator Chief Michael Lloyd.

Information is also continuously streaming through the local Comcast cable station, Channel 28, the Monroe Township website, as well as its affiliated Facebook pages "The Township of Monroe" and "Monroe Township Office of Emergency Management."

As for emergency personnel, three-fourths of Mon-

roe's EMS and firefighters belong to the New Jersey Task Force for Disaster Preparedness. That classification allows these staff members to complete advanced training in search and recovery, hazmat chemical exposure, tactical safety and other mock disaster scenarios.

Meanwhile, police officers and members of OEM remain the Township's eyes and ears, constantly monitoring threats and forecasts, preparing for all emergency scenarios.

"While we're prepared for emergencies, we also want our residents to be prepared," said Monroe Councilwoman Miriam Cohen. "We're recommending each household keep a disaster supply kit in a waterproof container, complete with food and water for three days, plus medicines, batteries, a flashlight, a can opener, a first-aid kit, electronic chargers and emergency contact numbers. We're also asking our residents who might be physically challenged to sign up for our special needs registration through the Police Department. That way emergency personnel can respond to their specific needs, should a situation arise."

Residents interested in signing up for Monroe's Nixle alerts can text 08831 to 888777. Pertinent information on emergency preparedness can also be found on the Township's website at [www.monroetwp.com](http://www.monroetwp.com).

## Calendar for Monroe Township Public Library

Registration not required (unless otherwise noted)

### Sit-N-Stitch

Fridays, November 3 and 17 at 10:3 a.m. Stitch a project, assist others, share tips, projects and patterns. Bring your own supplies.

### Annual Jewels of New Jersey Show and Sale

Sunday, November 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Holiday shopping simplified at this annual sale of distinctive handcrafted jewelry and wearable art from New Jersey artisans. Proceeds benefit the Monroe Township Library Foundation.

### Coupon Club

Monday, November 6 at 1:30 p.m. Clip, swap and trade coupons. Discuss deals, share frugal tips and shopping experiences. Bring a pair of scissors and your stash of non-expired coupons.

### Seminar

What's Keeping You From a Good Night's Sleep? Wednesday, November 8 at 10:3 a.m. Offered in collaboration with Princeton Health-Care System Community Education & Outreach. Register at the Welcome Desk.

### Short Story Discussion Group

Wednesday, November 8

at 11 a.m. Leah Wagner moderates a discussion about 100 Years of the Best American Short Stories. This month we will be discussing "Sonny's Blues" by James Baldwin and "Conversion of the Jews" by Philip Roth. Register and reserve your copy at the Welcome Desk.

### Boheme Opera NJ Series

Wednesday, November 8 at 1 p.m. In its 29th season, Boheme continues to bring its opera magic to the Monroe Township Library with a performance of the music of Kurt Weill. This German and American composer lived only to age 50, yet his influence is everywhere. This performance will feature the Threepenny Opera (from which the song "Mack the Knife" originated) as well as Lady in the Dark, Lost in the Stars, and Knickerbocker Holiday (September Song) and others. This program offered in collaboration with the Monroe Township Cultural Arts Commission.

### Genealogy Club Guest Lecture

Getting to Know Your Family's History -- Wednesday, November 8 at 1:30 p.m. Learn the top 3 ways to share your family legacy with other family members though "The Holiday Talk: Getting to

Know Your Family's History" guest lecture presented by Michelle Chubenko, professional genealogist. Each year families gather for holiday dinners and the opportunity for discovering our own roots presents itself. Discover methods to learn about your family's ancestral connections and traditions. Genealogists of all expertise levels welcome.

### Redhawk Live Performance

Thursday, November 9 at 2:30 p.m. Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with a free live performance from members of the Redhawk Native American Arts Council.

### "The Other Side of War" Lecture

Monday, November 13 at 2 p.m. New Jersey native Billy Terrell will discuss his personal journey through the Vietnam War and back. Mr. Terrell, whose budding music career was cut short when he was drafted in 1965, will highlight positive contributions made by U.S. soldiers during the conflict including the establishment of the Mang Lang orphanage. This songwriter, producer, standup comic and veteran has a great story to tell. Join us.

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Public Library

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**Adult Chess Club**

Tuesdays, November 14, 21 and 28 at 6:30 p.m. This club meets every Tuesday. Open to teens and adults of all skill levels. Come learn how to play or meet a new chess partner.

**Pelvic Health Seminar**

Wednesday, November 15 at 1 p.m. Men and women experience urinary incontinence, frequency and pelvic organ prolapse as part of normal aging. In many cases, physical therapy improves quality of life. Join Iram Fatima Shah, PT, DPT, specializing in pelvic health rehabilitation for this informative discussion on causes, symptoms and treatment options of pelvic floor issues in men and women. Offered in collaboration with Princeton HealthCare System Community Education & Outreach. Register at the Welcome Desk.

**Friday Afternoon Movie**

Friday, November 17 at 2 p.m. Comedy/Crime Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Alan Arkin team up as life-long buddies Willie, Joe and Al who decide to buck retirement and step off the straight-and-narrow for the first time in their lives when their pension fund becomes a corporate casualty. Desperate to pay the bills and come through for their loved ones, the three risk it all by embarking on a daring bid to knock off the very bank that absconded with their money. PG-13, 1h, 36m. Movie is free.

**Ocean Frontiers Film & Discussion**

Sunday, November 19 at 2 p.m. This is the second in an inspiring 4-part film series of citizens coming together to create a new era in ocean stewardship. Enjoy a discus-

sion after the film. Offered in partnership with the Monroe Township Environmental Commission.

**International Book Club**

Tuesday, November 21 at 10:30 am. The International Book Club, moderated by Monica Teixeira, will discuss *A House for Happy Mothers* by Amulya Malladi (India). In Silicon Valley, Priya has everything she needs except what she wants most—a child. In India, Asha has a family with many needs and few resources, except perhaps for Asha’s greatest asset—her ability to have children.

Register and reserve your copy at the Welcome Desk.

**Friends of the Library Meeting**

Tuesday, November 28 at 7 p.m.

**Non Fiction Book Discussion**

Wednesday, November 29 at 10:3 a.m. Discuss *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann, moderated by Irene Goldberg.

Register and reserve your copy at the Welcome Desk.

**Fall Prevention Awareness Presentation**

Wednesday, November 29 at 1 p.m. Clinical nurses from Saint Peter’s University Hospital will discuss tips and techniques to prevent injuries from slips and falls.

Co-sponsored by Saint Peter’s University Hospital.

Register at the Welcome Desk.

**George Ivers Display Case**  
Monroe Township Historical Commission

**The Library Foundation Library Closings**

The Library will be closed on November 7, 10, 11, 23 and 24. It will close at 5 p.m. on November 22.

**All events are open to the public.**  
[www.monroetwplibrary.org](http://www.monroetwplibrary.org)

Tax relief

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**Homestead Rebate Tax Relief Program**

In 1976, New Jersey enacted the Homestead Rebate Program to provide property tax relief to residents. The Governor eliminated the 2009 rebate by instituting a tax credit that has since been reduced and delayed.

Before Christie took office, over 8,000 senior households in Monroe received up to \$1,200 annually as part of the Homestead Rebate Program.

Had the program continued intact, Township seniors would have received \$9,600 over the course of the past eight years, Township officials assert.

“Unfortunately, those seniors have only seen, on average, \$2,021 over that period – a \$7,579 reduction in tax relief,” Tamburro said. “The Township Council and I recognize that many of our seniors are on a fixed income and we hope the Governor will reverse course.”

**Senior Freeze Program**

The Senior Freeze Pro-

gram utilized state funds to freeze property bills for seniors and disabled residents with incomes less than \$70,000.

“Our Governor has vetoed bills that would have increased the program’s income threshold to \$87,000,” said Monroe Councilman Leonard Baskin. “This increase would have kept pace with inflation and allowed more seniors to participate in the program.”

Monroe’s hope is to encourage other municipalities to come forward, forcing the Christie administration to respond to the shortfalls in tax relief funding targeting seniors and the disabled.

“In just a few years’ time, the impacts of the Governor’s decisions have become increasingly apparent given our demographics,” said Monroe Councilwoman Miriam Cohen. “But this truly is a statewide problem. I hope the Governor will act in the best interest of New Jersey residents, especially given the federal government’s plans to reduce state and local deductions.”

Senior Center Highlights

Monroe Office of Senior Services & Senior Center  
12 Halsey Reed Road, Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
609-448-7140

**Monroe Township Office of Membership Has Its Benefits**

Registering with the Office / Senior Center is free and available to Monroe Township residents, 55 years of age and older. Around the 15th of the previous month members can sign-up for the special, monthly activities either via phone in-person for all programs with a fee. Visit the Senior Center (or the Township Library or Community Center) to pick up the newsletter. From your home, visit [www.monroetwp.com](http://www.monroetwp.com), and look for the “Office of Senior Services” link under “Departments” to access the calendar/newsletter as well as the Friendly Tidbits online.

Advance registration is recommended to ensure easy admission into a program; and, if needed, transportation to and from the Senior Center. Registration is also available on the same day of an event from 9 to 11:30 a.m. For members unable to attend a registered program, a cancellation phone call is appreciated. For more information, please call the Office/Senior Center at: 609-448-7140.

**HERE’S TO YOUR HEALTH**

**Please Register**

**Bagels Plus: On Friday, November 3, at 10 a.m.,** join Linda (The Gardens at Monroe) and Sheli (Always Best Care) as they take you on a “Virtual Dementia Tour” to help you appreciate the sensory, cognitive and physical challenges of dementia. Journey through this interactive “dementia dimension” in honor of National Alzheimer’s Awareness Month. If you can, please wear purple for Alzheimer’s awareness.

**Hearing Screenings: On Thursday, November 9, by appointment, between 1:30 and 4 p.m.,** Regina Criscione, Doctor of Audiology, JFK Outpatient Center, will provide free hearing screenings to help determine if your hearing is in the normal range. Limited time slots available; so, the “early bird” gets the screening.

**Knee Pain Brunch: On Monday, November 13, at 10 a.m.,** Dr. Alvin F. Micalbalo, member of the American Osteopathic Association and certified in EMG/NCV studies, discusses osteoarthritis of the knee and provides alternatives to help relieve pain during this PowerPoint presentation. Bagels and smear provided by Orthovisc ~ DePuy Synthes.

**AARP Drivers Safety:**

**On Tuesday, November 21, at 8:45 a.m.,** enhance your driving skills by taking this AARP-sponsored class. Course Fee: \$15 (AARP member); \$20 (Non-Member). For space availability, contact Rosanna.

**LivWell Series: On Monday, November 27, at 10:30 a.m.,** the LivWell Mind, Body & Spirit Series continues, in conjunction with Saswati Chakraborty, Case Mgr., from Monroe Village at Village Point. In honor of National Diabetes Awareness month, this month’s presentation will focus on diabetes management, prevention, and the possible reversal of Type II diabetes via healthier life choices.

**Stress Management: On Monday, November 27, at 1:30 p.m.,** learn how to identify the stressors in your life and what you can do to reduce them with some helpful techniques. Provided by The Oscar and Ella Wilf Campus for Senior Living.

**Guided Imagery: On Wednesday, November 29, at 1:30 p.m.,** discover how to achieve harmony and balance in your life during this interactive guided imagery session. With creative visualization and other techniques, you can create a tranquil existence and reduce stressors. Presented by Nadine Roberts, RWJUH, Integrative Mind/Body Stress Management Practitioner.

**Heads Up! On Thursday, November 30, at 1:30 p.m.,** enjoy this “Jeopardy-like” interactive session that will empower you with tips and tricks about fall prevention.complete with prizes too!

**LAUGHS, LYRICS, & LECTURES**

**Register In Advance**

**Josh Groban: On Wednesday, November 1, at 1 p.m.,** enjoy this DVD presentation, hosted by Mike Ferreira, featuring Groban performing a variety of Broadway melodies.

**The Syncopations: On Friday, November 3, at 2 p.m.,** straight from their appearance on “American’s Got Talent,” the Syncopations Dance Troupe returns to the “center” stage to perform fun and engaging routines.

**Impulse Quartet: On Monday, November 6, at 1:30 p.m.,** enjoy the sweet harmony of the Impulse Quartet, as these talented ladies sing a mix of ballads, show tunes, and patriotic songs.

**Music of The Gershwins: On Tuesday, November 14, at 1:30 p.m.,** join Marvin Fischer as he shares, through story and song, the music of the Gershwin brothers: “Embraceable You”, “The Man I Love” and more.

**Ted’s Classics: On Wednesday, November 15, at 1 p.m.,** Ted brings us the classic film, **STARS & STRIPES** (previously scheduled in September) featuring Fred Astaire and Eleanor Powell. Please register (again) in advance.

**Michael & Ted Present: On November 16, at 2 p.m.,** Michael and Ted, from WWFM’s “The Classical Network” examine 1941 Broadway. This lecture focuses on what was playing just prior to America’s sudden inclusion in WWII and how the climate of Broad-

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## Rossmoor Holiday Gift Fund

128 Sussex Way  
Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831

Dear Fellow Rossmoorites:

It's that time of the year again when Rossmoorites like to acknowledge our employees with a special "Thank You" during the holiday season.

Each year the RCAI President appoints residents to serve on the Holiday Gift Fund Committee to receive gifts and disburse them, equally, to our loyal employees in mid-December.

We encourage you to be a part of this wonderful tribute to our employees by donating any amount that you are comfortable giving.

Please use any envelope for your gift, in the form of a check payable to the "Rossmoor Holiday Gift Fund." Envelopes may be mailed to the above address or dropped off in the E&R office in the Clubhouse, Administration in the Village Center, or one of the payments boxes by December 1, 2017.

We thank you in advance for your generous contribution and for sharing the spirit of the Holiday Season with the men and women who serve us every day and continue to help make Rossmoor a great community.

**HOLIDAY GIFT FUND COMMITTEE**  
**Judy Vacca, Chairperson**  
**Mary Kansog**  
**Joan Avery**



ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.  
SNOW POLICY AND PROCEDURES



POLICY

When a snow or ice event occurs, it will be the objective of RCAI to make reasonable efforts to ensure that the 17 miles of roadways and 43 miles of sidewalks within Rossmoor are passable for motorists and pedestrians as soon as possible, in a safe and efficient manner. The safety of **Rossmoor residents** is the goal of this policy.

PROCEDURE

When a storm is predicted, all equipment and supplies will be checked and staff as well as the snow removal contractor will be informed of the response plan.

Snowfall accumulations of **up to two inches** are handled by pre-salting the streets and carport lanes prior to the storm to try and prevent snow/ice from bonding to the surface. Salting of the streets and carport lanes will continue as needed. Depending on weather conditions and the forecast, typically, no further action will take place.

Snowfall accumulations of **more than two inches**, typically, require the initiation of the full snow removal operations as follows:

1. Pre-salting streets and carport lanes to prevent snow from bonding to the surface.
2. Plowing all main and secondary streets (see list of streets under "Priorities") continuously after an accumulation of 2" or more or as required by RCAI management.
3. **Once the storm ends**, separate crews and separate equipment will begin plowing lanes and carports; plowing perimeter and main sidewalks; plowing driveways and finally shoveling of the main, front entrance walks and stoops leading to the main entrance doors of the manors. Secondary walks and/or stoops on the sides or backs of manors will not be shoveled or treated with ice melt.

In a typical snow storm (2 to 6 inches of accumulation), it takes approximately **12 hours once the storm ends** to complete the full snow removal operation. In the event of a major snow event (6 inches or more) and/or icing conditions, it may require more time to complete the full snow removal operation.

4. **Once the full snow removal operation is complete**, ice melt may be applied to perimeter and main sidewalks and the front entrances walks and stoops leading to the main entrance doors of the manors depending on accumulations, ice conditions, ground and air temperatures and the forecast for the next 24 hours. Reasonable efforts will be made to maintain the perimeter and main sidewalks and the front entrances walks and stoops leading to the main entrance doors of the manors and driveways after each storm and for the days to follow until the conditions clear, but it is impossible to be everywhere all the time. A full ice melt application takes approximately six hours and is not effective in lower temperatures and without sunlight. Secondary walks and/or on the sides or backs of manors will not be shoveled or treated with ice melt.

5. Reasonable efforts will be made to rotate the snow plowing schedule of driveways and carport lanes each storm.

**Extreme caution should be used if residents must use the**

**walkways during a storm and during the thaw/freeze cycle that typically follows each storm until all the snow/ice has melted. Each resident should consider having a supply of ice melt or grit for their personal use.**

COMMUNICATION  
Fire/Police/First Aid

**Emergencies .....911**  
*Upon notification of a pending fire, police or first aid emergency requiring emergency personnel, the snow removal staff/contractor on site will make reasonable efforts to clear the road, walkway and/or driveway in the area where emergency personnel require access prior to or simultaneous with emergency personnel arrival.*

*In those instances where there is no notification in advance, upon learning of the emergency and/or arrival of emergency personnel, the snow removal staff/contractor on site will make reasonable efforts to clear the road, walkway and/or driveway in the area where emergency personnel require access.*

Snow Removal Operations  
Concerns

Maintenance Office 655-2121  
Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
North Gate 655-1868  
After hours/evenings/weekends

*North Gate personnel may take messages for supervisory staff on site during a winter storm and snow/ice removal operations.*

*Residents are responsible to leave accurate and pertinent information.*

Snow Removal Operations Updates/  
Cancellations/Bus Service

Channel 26  
*Reasonable efforts will be made to keep residents informed during a snow emergency, but it may not always be possible.*

RESIDENTS' RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of all residents to know and participate in the procedure by moving vehicles to ensure proper and complete snow removal from our streets and carport lanes. Vehicles should be parked in residents' assigned carport spaces or garages. Second vehicles or guests' vehicles may be parked in the lower level of the Clubhouse parking lot.

It is incumbent upon each resident to be attentive to the surround-

ings and exercise extra care for their safety when walking on exterior surfaces during periods of inclement weather. If it is absolutely necessary to drive during a snow storm, please drive slowly and give snow removal vehicles the right of way.

If residents, their guests or employees use an entrance other than the front entrance walk and/or stoop leading to the main entrance door to their manor, it is the resident's responsibility to remove the snow and treat the secondary walk and/or stoop for ice.

Snow removal is an arduous and time consuming task. Please be patient. It is best for residents to stay in the safety of their manors. Typically, bus service and most activities are cancelled during a snow/ice storm. For your safety, residents should not approach active snow removal equipment.

PRIORITIES

The safety of Rossmoor residents is our priority. Supervisory RCAI personnel are on site during snow removal operations to lead staff and the outside snow removal contractor to oversee procedures and respond to emergencies. All main and secondary streets and entrance gates will be plowed continuously to provide emergency access. Sidewalks to the Club House and Meeting House are continuously cleared and the buildings remain open during snow/ice storms for residents use in case of power outages and/or loss of heat.

Residents with medical conditions that require outside treatments such as, but not limited to, dialysis or chemotherapy, must register with the Healthcare Center prior to a winter storm emergency to guarantee access for these appointments.

Regular medical/dental appointments, going to work, grocery shopping, filling prescriptions, leaving for vacation etc. are not considered priorities and staff will not respond to such requests.

Residents that return to the Community during a winter storm or during storm removal efforts is not considered a priority. Safe access to a resident's manor may not be possible. It is advisable to check with the North Gate prior to returning to be sure snow removal efforts have been completed.

The following 26 main and secondary streets are cleared continuously after an accumulation of two or more inches or as required by RCAI management:

Stonaker Road (South Gate to Prospect Plains Road)		
Gloucester Way	Sharon Way	Troy Way
Mayflower Way	Sheldon Way	Victoria Court
Mt. Vernon Road	Spencer Way	Waverly Way
New Haven Way	Springfield Way	Windsor Way
Newport Way	Sussex Way	Yale Way
Old Nassau Road	Sutton Way	Yarborough Way
Providence Way	Terry Lane	Yardley Way
Revere Way	Thurman Lane	
Rossmoor Drive	Tilton Way	

The following 51 carport lanes are cleared when the snowfall ceases:

Amherst Lane	Mystic Lane	Roxbury Lane
Bradford Lane	Nantucket Lane	Salem Lane
Concord Lane	Narragansett Lane	Sanford Lane
Dorset Lane	Nautilus Court	Somerset Lane
Emerson Lane	New Bedford Lane	Stockton Lane
Fairfield Lane	Northfield Lane	Stowe Lane
Glenwood Lane	Norwich Lane	Stratford Lane
Greenfield Lane	Onset Lane	Sturbridge Lane
Hanover Lane	Orrington Lane	Sudbury Lane
Lowell Lane	Oxford Lane	Sunset Circle
Madison Lane	Pelham Lane	Thorton Lane
Malden Lane	Plymouth Lane	Westfield Lane
Manchester Lane	Portland Lane	Westport Lane
Marblehead Lane	Prescott Lane	Winchester Lane
Meeting House Lane	Putney Lane	Wingate Court
Middlebury Lane	Redding Lane	Yorkshire Lane

Resident Emergency/Disaster  
Information (R.E.D.I.)  
Knowing what to do is the best preparation  
IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Why Prepare?

The outlook for recovery from a disaster often depends on your planning and preparation. While we all hope that such events never happen, it has been shown from time to time that those who have prepared are best able to recover. Emergency services and government agencies may not be able to respond to our needs immediately. **You need to be ready to care for yourself here in Rossmoor.**

Know What to Do

In the event of a disaster/emergency it is important to know what to do. Learn and understand the different types of disasters/emergencies you are most likely to encounter and what you will need. While each person is unique, you can take steps to prepare by evaluating personal needs and making a plan that fits those needs.

Make a Plan

The first step is to consider how a disaster/emergency might affect your individual needs. It may be necessary to plan to make it on your own for many days. It is possible that you will not have access to a medical facility, drugstore, gas station, or bank. Bus service may be limited or cancelled. It is crucial that you think about what kinds of resources you use on a daily basis and what you might do if those resources are limited or not available.

Leaving vs Staying Home

**Prior to a snow storm, hurricane, rain storm or other extreme weather advisories, you should consider staying with family, friends or in a hotel out of the area especially if you feel you are not capable to safely shelter-in-place.** If you leave Rossmoor prior to a storm, it is a good idea to check with the North Gate prior to returning to check on the conditions at Rossmoor and whether or not it is safe for you to return.

If you plan to stay home, it may be best in most situations to remain home during and after an extreme weather event as there may be the uncertainty of where you might go and the risk of impassable roads. Should you elect to stay home, you must plan ahead and be prepared to be at home for some period of time possibly without services.

Evacuation

The Monroe Township Office of Emergency Management, in coordination with fire, first aid and police departments, will be in charge and provide instruction should it be necessary to evacuate. If residents are evacuated, every effort will be made to open the Clubhouse as a comfort station until evacuees are able to make other living arrangements, or a Township or County shelter is opened. The Clubhouse is equipped with a stand-by generator that will restore power in the entire building within seconds of a power outage

Share Information

It's a good idea to check with Administration that you have a current *Emergency Contact Information* form on file. This information will be available to Administration and will also be available at the North Gate for emergency responders should the need arise.

If someone has *Power of Attorney* for you, please consider filing a copy with the Administration Office. It would be helpful in an emergency to contact the person you have designated as the one to handle your affairs if you are unable to do so.

If you have a medical condition or special needs, you should complete the *Monroe Township Special Needs Registry* form available in Administration. Completed forms should be returned to the Monroe Township Police Department, 3 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831.

You should also register with the Healthcare Center with your contact information and medical history.

Should you have a medical condition that requires outside treatments such as, but not limited to, dialysis or chemotherapy, you must register with the Healthcare Center prior to an ice or snow emergency to guarantee access for these appointments.

Additional Resources

For additional information resources, it is suggested you visit these websites:

- <http://www.ready.gov/>
- <http://www.redcross.org/prepare>
- <http://72hours.org/>

Basic Disaster  
Supplies Kit

According to the [www.ready.gov/](http://www.ready.gov/) website a basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water – one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking water and sanitation
- Food – at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to "shelter-in-place"
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger
- Prescription medications and glasses
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container
- First aid book

It may also be important to make sure your car is serviced and has a full tank of gas.

ARE YOU R.E.D.I.?

**Be sure to review and renew your plan annually or as your needs may change**



# Classified Advertising

## Transportation

**EXPERIENCED LIMO DRIVER** – NYC, airports, anywhere. Former Clearbrook resident. Call John (732) 610-0703.

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**AAA TRANSPORTATION** – Monroe area (Encore resident). Transportation to airports, trains, piers, NYC and reasonable rates. Call Howard (732) 979-3085.

## Home Improvement & Services

**MIKE THE HANDYMAN** – See my display ad in this edition. (732) 780-0468.

**RELIABLE HANDYMAN SERVICES** – Local resident. No job too small. All labor guaranteed. Call me to discuss – no obligation. Reasonable rates. Call (609) 409-7096 or (908) 385-5869.

## Miscellaneous/ Services

**ALTERATIONS/SEWING NEEDS** – I can come to you. Joan (609) 655-4363.

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**COMPUTER REPAIR** - RJF Sales Company LLC. Is your computer running slow? It may need a tune-up. Desktop and laptop repair in your home. Custom built computers. Virus removal and protection. Monroe resident with over 20 years of computer experience. Free cordless mouse with service. [www.monroe-computer.com](http://www.monroe-computer.com) (732) 723-9537 or (732) 967-3400. Please leave message, all calls returned same day.

**TECH BUDDY** – Simple step-by-step help with smart-phones, computers, tablets and more. Large print solutions for low tech problems. ? Real Beginner to Advanced. Patience and enthusiasm included. Wireless printers, Netflix, Roku – setup and training. Free quote. (732) 589-4974. [techbuddybarb@aol.com](mailto:techbuddybarb@aol.com)

## Tax Preparation/ Services

**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT** – Don't let your tax questions linger. Call a CPA today. Rebecca (732) 718-4359.

## Real Estate for Rent

**FLORIDA VACATION GET-AWAY** – Florida home, The Villages. Available December, January, February, March, April. Interested call Yvonne (609) 409-0043.

## Wanted to Buy

**BUYING & SELLING GUNS** – Call for pricing. (609) 558-9509. Ask for David. Licensed Firearms Dealer.

## Help Wanted

**COMPANION FOR ELDERLY ROSSMOOR RESIDENT** in excellent health needs companion able to work two week-ends per month. Hours flexible. Prefer local resident. No certifications required. Compensation to be discussed. Please, no agency inquiries. Contact Richard Southern (908) 601-2849.

## Help & Health Services

**CAREGIVER/COMPANION** – Husband and wife, Rossmoor residents, providing assistance with personal and household needs, transportation and other tasks. 24-hour availability. (609) 395-4057.

**ANNA'S HOME CARE** – Certified professional caregiver is looking for live-in/live-out job in Monroe Township. Experienced, references. Driver's license. Accepts long-term care insurance. Low prices. Private care option. Call Anna at (609) 409-1600 or (908) 337-7462.

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# Senior Center Highlights

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way changed after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

**Jerry's Travels: On Friday, November 17, at 1:30 p.m.**, join Jerry as he travels to the fabled Emerald Isle. After enjoying Dublin, you depart to inland villages of Kildare and Cashel, before you crawl along Ireland's legendary coastline.

**GOTCHA!: On Monday, November 20, at 2 p.m.**, take a look at snapshots that have made history with Jim DelGiudice, photojournalist and adjunct lecturer at Columbia University. This lecture illustrates those accidental and historical photographs that not only changed American history, but also have become icons of great events.

**This Time Together: On Tuesday, November 28 at 1 p.m.**, travel back in time to the 1970's and relive some of the best sthick from Carol Burnett, her comedic crew and featured guests from three different episodes. (Approx. Runtime: 3 hrs.)

**ARTISTICALLY SPEAKING**  
**Please Register**  
**Monet's Water lilies: On Monday, November 6, at 10:30 a.m.**, join Maurice

Mahler, Art Historian, as he examines Monet's devotion to water lilies during this lecture and film.

**Watercolor Greeting Cards: On Monday, November 13, from 10 a.m. to Noon**, join Larry Herstik for a fun, one-day project where you will paint your own set of beautiful cards (envelopes and all supplies included). Ideal for students new to watercolor! Class fee: \$8 p.p., due upon registering in-person, in advance. Space limited.

**Collage with Karen: Starting on Tuesday, November 14, at 2 p.m.**, join Karen for this 2-day workshop (11/14, 11/21). Course Fee: \$20 p.p., due upon registering in-person, in advance. Space limited.

**Art of the Masters: On Friday, November 17, at 2 p.m.**, join Cristina, as she briefly discusses the life and work of Berthe Morisot. Then, 16 participants, with a project coupon (available upon request when registering in-person) will create an individual masterpiece in the artist's style with oil pastels. Lecture only? Call to register. Space limited.

**Mixed Watercolor: Starting on Thursday, November 30, at 12:30 p.m.**, join Jeremy Taylor, watercolorist, for this 5-session (Last Class: 12/28) multi-level watercolor class which uses other mediums as well as natural and synthetic papers. Demos, one-on-one critiques, and special exercises will enhance your own personal style and technique. Course fee: \$50 p.p., due upon registering in-person, in advance. Space limited. Ask for a supply list when you register.

**LET'S GET PHYSICAL!**  
**Tai Chi Full Practice: Starting on Monday, November 20, at 11:15 a.m.**, join Siobhan for this 5-session full practice class. Course fee: \$30, due upon registering in-person, in advance. Space limited to ensure safety. (Last Class: 12/18).

**Line Dancing: Starting on Wednesday, November 29 a.m.**, join Leslie for this 5-session line dancing class. Course fee: \$30, due upon registering in-person, in advance. (Last Class: 12/27.)

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