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Charity Exchange Is a Success

By Mary Jane Brubaker

"I'm delighted to announce that this year's Charity Exchange raised a total of \$14,169 between Oct. 30 - Nov. 1," says Clubhouse Manager Melissa Barnard.

She adds, "We had a lobby full of anxious shoppers waiting to take advantage of all the steals when our 12 shops opened for business at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1, and we had our biggest turn-

out to date."

Barbara Burford was the happy winner of the 50/50 drawing, for which she received \$417.

Judy Shuck was the winner of a Crystal Head Vodka Halloween basket.

"I'd like to recognize our volunteers, who over the course of this three-day event, contributed approximately 970 hours," says Melissa. She continued, "I'd also like to thank the countless residents who donated the thousands of items that made this event possible."

This year's sponsors included Dunkin' Donuts at Renaissance Crossings Shopping Center (coffee and bagels), AJS Events, LLC

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Barbara Burford was the happy winner of the 50/50. From left are Sebrina Jinks, Barbara Burford, and Sal Gurriero.

Happy Holidays

By Barbara Herman Hoff

The month of December is full of joyous holidays. There is a debate that surfaces every year about the appropriate thing to say when wishing others happiness and joy of the season. There are 22 different religious holidays celebrated by a multitude of religions. The most common greetings are Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and Happy Kwanzaa. Which greeting should you use and still be politically correct?

In my opinion, since I may not know which religion the person I am greeting celebrates, it would be presumptuous of me to wish them anything other than Happy Holidays. When other people wish me Merry Christmas, I wonder how to respond. Do I just say thank you, do I wish them the same, or do I say Happy Chanukah in return?

Certainly, I am not trying to tell people what they need to say. Everyone has freedom of choice. The purpose of this article is to explain my opinion, as a Jew, of a very controversial topic. In closing, Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year. May 2026 bring everyone good health, happiness, and a year full of coexistence and fellowship.



A van full of warm coats and jackets headed for Your Grandmother's Cupboard at last year's warm coats drive. From left are Alan Louis, Lori Moses and Steve Serafin.

Opportunity to Donate Warm Coats for Those in Need

By Alyce E. Owens

Last year, like so many others before, the Rossmoor Community Church collected many hundreds of warm coats and jackets for distribution to those in need throughout New Jersey. This will be the 17th year the church has reached out to the entire Rossmoor community in this great humanitarian effort.

And each time, the community has responded generously in this beautiful act of love. Can we do it again?

I have faith that, with your help, we can make this happen again. If you will take just a few minutes to look into your clothes closets, there's a good chance you'll find one or more jackets that

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Many volunteers helped turn the newly refurbished Hawthorn Room into the "Home Goods, Décor, and Holiday Shop." From left are Cheryl Carney, Michelle Maldonado, and Clubhouse Manager Melissa Barnard.

Wine and Cheese Tasting Event Draws Hundreds of Residents



Laurie Moyer enjoys a Vairuni wine poured by one of the event's sponsors, Chandra Chityala, manager of Wine Locker on Applegarth Road in Monroe Township

By Mary Jane Brubaker

"I was thrilled with the response to our first-ever Wine and Cheese Tasting event," said Clubhouse Manager Melissa Barnard. Held on Thursday, Nov. 6, the event was attended by approximately 250-300 people, and the feedback was universally positive.

The event created a wonderful opportunity to learn about and enjoy fine wines and cheeses in a relaxed, congenial setting. Bar tables were set up throughout the Hawthorn Room where folks gathered in small groups to enjoy each other's company. Soft jazz music played in the

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at the
governors'
meeting

Oct. 23, 2025 Meeting

The October meeting of the RCAI Board of Governors was held at 9 a.m. in the Clubhouse Hawthorn Room.

Secretary Lori Moses called the roll. A motion was made to accept the Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025, BOG meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

President's Report

President Jolly thanked everyone for attending.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer John Craven discussed the financial reports for September, stating as of Sept. 31, the budget variance report has nothing outstanding to report. He then asked General Manager Tom Curry to present the first reading of the proposed 2026 budget.

2026 Proposed Budget (first reading)

Mr. Curry reviewed the budget summary sheet with the Board stating the current proposed increase to the RCAI 2026 budget was \$10.30 per unit per month, the new monthly RCAI carrying charge is proposed to be \$247.52. He then explained the layout of the detail sheets for each RCAI department. Mr. Curry presented a comparison table of the yearly assessment amounts as compared to inflation since 2019 and explained the carrying charge has not kept up with inflation. If it had, the current monthly charge as compared to 2019's carrying charge (\$198) would be \$8.48 more or \$256.00 per unit per month. He explained the two largest increases are liability insurance and the contribution to the association's reserve account for future repairs and maintenance to RCAI facilities. Mr.

Curry then discussed the RCAI reserve funding plan. He then explained the proposed fee schedule to be included along with the budget which codifies existing RCAI fees for services. A discussion followed regarding the possibility of a new fee for gate-opening bar code sticker replacements. The board rejected the idea. Board members asked several specific budget questions. Mr. Curry suggested Board members review the sheets and email any questions or concerns directly to him so he could research the answers and share the answers with board members. The budget will be voted on in the November meeting

Management Report

Mr. Curry stated the past month has been very busy for the administration department with multiple 2026 budget meetings for the mutual directors. Tom reported that the executive committee and management met with the maintenance department union and negotiated pay and benefits. He reported unit sales in September with nine condominiums and three cooperative closings. A total of 56 new gate opening bar code stickers were provided last month

Mr. Curry reported the Maintenance Department completed and billed 611 work orders in September and responded to 10 after-hour emergencies. They also completed three-unit waterline reroutes last month due to pipe leaks within the concrete floor slab. He mentioned that furnace services are available through the Maintenance Department.

Projects

Mr. Curry reported on several projects.

- Asphalt paving projects

have been rescheduled several times by the contractor. It is hoped that we will get the parking lots completed before the weather turns too cold.

- The concrete sidewalk/curb project in the mutuals is progressing well and should be completed in the next two weeks.
- A Board workshop has been scheduled for Nov. 6 at 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse Ballroom with FWH to explain the proposed Newport Way culvert project that will reduce the number of homes in the flood hazard area.
- Seven new trees have been planted around the Clubhouse to replace the six that had been removed.
- Comcast is installing a new fiber optic cable for the clubhouse for channel 26 which is currently not working. Residents should note that they can see the same channel 26 slides at <https://www.rcainj.com>
- The Golf course has hired a new assistant pro.
- M3 Director Danehy asked about JCPL's smart meter replacement. Mr. Curry explained that owners who receive a letter from JCPL regarding a broken meter receptacle needing replacement must call their directors or the Maintenance Department. The new meter box receptacles are part of the building and owned by the mutual association.
- M7 Director suggested the new "no pets players only" signs installed around the edge of the golf course are too small.

Committee Reports`

Community Affairs Committee Chair Casper reported on a motion from the committee recommending the Board

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Bits & Pieces

By Sue Ortiz

It all started with a drip. A slow, rhythmic tap from the bathroom tub faucet that grew louder in the quiet hours of the night. Paired with a toilet that ran like it was training for a marathon, my 1980s bathroom had officially crossed the threshold from quirky to problematic. What began as a minor annoyance soon became the catalyst for a full-blown renovation - a journey that would test my patience, my budget, and my creative resolve.

Finding someone to trust with my bathroom was no small feat. One national company quoted \$30,000 and promised to finish in three days. Tempting, but extravagant. Another contractor came in at half that price, but their vagueness raised red flags. I ultimately chose a local contractor offering a generous discount for cash. The catch? The work would take a bit longer, and I'd be responsible for sourcing most of the supplies myself. It was a compromise I could live with—more control over materials and a chance to infuse the space with my personal style.

The hunt for supplies quickly became a scavenger hunt through home improvement stores and online catalogs. Vanities were either prohibitively expensive or disappointingly flimsy. Luckily, I have a secret weapon: my vintage solid oak vanity set. With a little elbow grease and creative refinishing, it could shine again, anchoring the room with timeless charm by adding accent paint and new bird and twig drawer pulls and knobs.

Countertops presented another fork in the road. Quartz dazzled with sleek luxury, but my heart - and wallet - leaned toward practicality. My trusty Formica countertop had served me faithfully for 37 years and still looked great. Why fix what isn't broken? I chose Formica again, embracing its durability and retro appeal.

I envisioned a seafoam green palette, soft and serene, but the wallpaper hunt proved fruitless. Nothing quite captured the whimsical vintage vibe I craved. So, I pivoted: beadboard paneling on the lower half of the walls and ceiling would add texture and charm, creating a cozy, cottage-like feel, with rustic bird-themed wallpaper for the upper half. It wasn't my original plan, but it felt right.

The tub was out, and a walk

-in shower was in. I'm still on the lookout for the perfect shower pan—one with a non-slip surface that can rival the security of my beloved 570-suction-cup Rubbermaid bath mat. Excuse me for being old-fashioned, but safety and comfort are non-negotiable, especially when making such a big change.

Luxury vinyl plank flooring rounded out the vision. It's stylish, water-resistant, and forgiving underfoot—a practical choice that doesn't sacrifice aesthetics. But now I need to find scatter rugs that won't hurt the floor's finish.

With only one toilet in the house, timing and coordination will be critical. Every phase of the renovation must be carefully planned to minimize disruption. Reviewing the contract line by line, I made adjustments to keep costs manageable without compromising quality. It was a delicate dance between aspiration and affordability.

The toilet will be set back in place each night. Phew!

This renovation has been a rollercoaster - exciting, exhausting, and occasionally overwhelming. But as the pieces come together, I can see the finish line. The dripping faucet and running toilet were just the beginning. A space will emerge that reflects my taste, my resourcefulness, and my resilience.

When it's all done, I'll step into my new bathroom, take a deep breath, and a warm shower, and smile. Merry Christmas to me. May all your renovations be merry and bright!

B&P

"Bathrooms are, on a square foot basis, the most expensive room in the house to renovate. If you want to test your heart's fitness, try shopping for simple bathroom faucets. Add in the cost of the required valves, mixers and trims, and you may need reviving when you see the tally!" – Candice Olson (Canadian Designer, b. 1964)

"As a child, I saw my mother prepare for Christmas every year, and it never occurred to me that labor was involved. I thought it was my mother's joy and privilege to hang tinsel on the tree strand by strand, to make sure that every room in the house had a touch of Christmas, down to the Santa-themed rug and hand towels in the bathroom." – Elizabeth Berg (American author, b. 1948)



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Open RCAI Meetings in December

Thursday, Dec. 11
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Community Affairs Committee – 10:30 a.m.

Board of Governors Meeting
Thursday, Dec. 18 - 9 a.m.
It will be an in-person meeting and will be held via Zoom.

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Warm Coats

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you’ve outgrown, or a coat that has served you well but probably should be retired. They can start a new life keeping someone less fortunate than yourself warm and comforted during another cold New Jersey winter. Here’s how to do it:
On every day through Friday, Dec. 5, you are invited to bring your gently used warm coats and jackets to either of the two collection sites in Rossmoor. One is located in the vestibule just inside the Clubhouse front door; the other is under the sheltered patio area outside the Fitness Center. Please place all donations in plastic bags before depositing them into the boxes.
The most obvious need is for men’s and women’s winter outerwear of every size and type. But what’s really wonderful is when some Rossmoor folks reach out to their own families to participate, and

then bring children and teen-size donations which grandchildren and great-grandchildren have outgrown. Boots of all sizes are appreciated as well, but no other type of clothing, please.
As in the past, donations will be driven by our volunteers to Your Grandmother’s Cupboard, headquartered in Toms River. This is a very caring, non-profit organization which collects and distributes, at no cost, clothing and life’s other necessities to 20 sites that serve those living in poverty throughout New Jersey. Your donations of coats and jackets can help warm the very hearts of these deserving souls who are living a life we can’t even imagine.
All donations will be delivered in time to make the holidays a little happier and a lot warmer for these folks who struggle to survive day to day, all year ‘round. Imagine how good you’ll feel, knowing that you’ve helped someone else. You might call it just an old jacket, but the person

who receives it will know that someone cares about them.
This is truly God’s love at work, and, with the ongoing help of generous Rossmoor residents like you, we hope to keep making the holidays a little brighter for those less fortunate than ourselves. Some of the items we collect also will be donated to RISE in Hightstown, Habitat for Humanity in Freehold, and St. Peter’s Church in Spotswood for their mission to help local folks in need.
The Rossmoor Church Benevolence Committee sincerely appreciates your cooperation in this effort and extends warm wishes for a very Happy Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Chanukah. May the New Year bring good health and peace for all.
You are invited to join us at worship services any and every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. in the Meeting House. “No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are always welcome here.”

Paint the Town Pink Will Be Launched in January

By Melissa Barnard, Clubhouse Manager
We will be launching a Paint the Town Pink program to benefit the American Cancer Society next year. Each month we will be conducting events that will both heighten awareness of breast cancer as well as raise funds to support breast cancer research and programs.
Our year-long program starts in January with “Rossmoor Rocks.” Residents will be invited to attend a program during which an instructor will guide us in painting inspirational rocks which will then be transformed into a rock garden that will be put together on the terrace between the Ballroom and the Hawthorn Room. Once there, those passing by in need of an uplifting message will be encouraged to pick up a rock to take home with them. We’ll know our rock garden has achieved its purpose when it

is no longer there as its messages of hope will be residing with individuals most in need.
Come February, we’ll be selling tickets to a session with the Singing Florist on Feb. 24. The Singing Florist will not only entertain us with theatre songs, he will also design 10 beautiful bouquets while doing so. We will then auction off the bouquets.
Plans for March activities are in the developmental stages and will be announced soon.
April will be bow month. We will be selling large pink bows for residents to tie to mailboxes, golf carts, front doors, and more. Pink bows, of course, are synonymous with breast cancer awareness.
All funds raised from these activities will support breast cancer awareness and research. More details will be announced in future issues.

A Word from the Rossmoor News

By the Editorial Board
We’d like to extend our gratitude to the readers of this publication who have supported and encouraged us since we took over the reins from our predecessors in July. We’ve learned a lot and are grateful for the feedback received.
Now that we have five issues under our belts, we are announcing a minor change to our editorial policies. Effective with the January edition (which means material submitted as of Dec. 7), we will no longer be accepting for publication any registration forms or promotional flyers for club/group activities. These forms and flyers may be disseminated through other means, such as the E&R information carousel, bulletin board, and social media.
We wish our readers a very happy holiday season and a healthy and Happy New Year.





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Charity Exchange 2025: Those Behind the Scenes Making it Happen



A black and white photograph of seven women posing together in a costume shop. They are dressed in various costumes, including a witch, a pumpkin, and a ghost. The shop has racks of clothes and signs in the background.

Our volunteers set up each shop ensuring items were well organized and pleasingly displayed. They baked all sorts of delicious goodies. They set prices for each of thousands of items being sold. They staffed each shop on the big day, Nov. 1, and ensured funds were securely delivered to Clubhouse Manager Melissa Barnard throughout the day. They served coffee and bagels and cooked hot dogs for hungry shoppers. They dressed up as Santa and his elves.

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Wine and Cheese

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background as residents tried out the 12 different wines offered as well as varied cheeses, spreads, and crackers.

The sponsors of this event were Vairuni Wines, the Wine Locker (211 Applegarth Road, Monroe Township), and McCaffrey's Food Market (335 Princeton-Hightstown Road, West Windsor).

Vairuni's Chief Executive Officer Nishil Parikh, his wife, parents, and colleagues were on hand to introduce and pour the various wines. Nishil grew up in Monroe Township and his wine import business is based here, which is why Rossmoor extended the invitation to him to help us launch this event.

Wine Locker Manager Chandra Chityala was also onsite for this event and cheerfully interacted with attendees while assisting with the tasting. Vairuni wines are available at the Wine Locker, as well as other establishments.

McCaffrey's Food Market in West Windsor's delightful Cheese Monger Ulrich Tendra, and his wife, Kathy, prepared and served a myriad of delicacies. During the three-hour event, McCaffrey's conducted drawings for free gifts, which included an amazing fruit basket, a beautiful bouquet of flowers, and several discount coupons for McCaffrey's.

"We tied this wonderful event to Rossmoor's 60th anniversary," said Melissa. "We wanted to honor our history by inviting local businesses to be part of this first-time event. In addition to enjoying wine and cheese with friends, we shared artifacts from Rossmoor's beginnings. I want to thank Mary Jane Brubaker, who shared items from our archives, including digital photos and scrapbooks from 1965-1967, Ann Hetman, who shared an original chair from the Meeting House and a painting that was displayed in the Clubhouse, and Diana Gatto, who shared fabric from the original drapes in the Clubhouse.

This event was such a success that plans are already underway for a repeat performance in spring 2026.

Charity Exchange a Success

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(owned by residents Jim and Monica O'Keefe, who donated the Santa and Mrs. Claus Photo Booth), Maureen Danehy (wine baskets), and Diana Gatto (flower basket).

When funds raised earlier in the year by the March Madness jewelry sale are factored in, the 2025 Charity Exchange raised a total of \$14,736 for local charities, which is the fourth consecutive year this event has increased the total amount raised. Beneficiaries of the funds raised include St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Inc., American Cancer Society, and K9s for Warriors.



Nishil Parikh, Chief Executive Officer of Vairuni Wines, a wine import company located in Monroe Township, puts the final touches on his collection of wines in preparation for the Wine and Cheese Tasting.



McCaffrey's West Windsor was one of the event's sponsors. Any McCaffrey's shopper knows Cheese Monger Ulrich Tendra who, along with his wife, Kathy, staffed McCaffrey's very busy cheese table.



Getting the "North Pole Café" ready to serve the masses for breakfast and lunch from left are Sieglinde Hilpert, Shirley Zerman, Joanne Traskiewicz, Fran Gatti, Susan Carr, Marie Nielsen, and Diana Gatto.

Charity Exchange Volunteers

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Event goers had a chance to have their picture taken with Santa in the Red Room.

After the concluding event, the 50-50 drawing, our volunteers packed up unsold items in each shop so they could be efficiently

transported by the staff to the charitable organization responsible for finding them new homes. Only then could our volunteers and staff return home to enjoy a well-earned rest.

And so, a big tip of the hat to Rossmoor's mighty volunteers and staff! We trust everyone will rest up and be ready to do this again in the fall.



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BOG Meeting

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of Governors consider allowing guests at the pool in 2026. The matter is on the agenda as discussion.

New Business
Resolution 2025-32 Clubhouse Dogwood Room and Hallway Coat Closet

A motion was made to approve \$90,897 (\$82,634 + 10% Contingency of \$8,263) for the renovation of the Dogwood Room and hallway closet to be charged to reserve account 4110. The motion was seconded. After discussion and explanation of the work, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2025-33 Authorization for Insurance Plan for the RCAI Union and Non-Union Employees with AmeriHealth Effective Dec. 1, 2025

A motion was made to approve RCAI offering AmeriHealth health care coverage

for participating RCAI employees effective Dec. 1, 2025. The motion was seconded. After discussion regarding the choice of the provider, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Item: Allowing Guests to the Pool

Mr. Curry discussed the pros and cons of allowing guests to the pool. M7 Director Jensen asked about lifeguards. Mr. Curry presented a single bid from Candlewood pool as an example of the cost of full pool service, which would include lifeguards.

- M10 Director Sforza promoted the idea of allowing guests and hiring a full pool services company. M6 Director Muller raised concerns regarding future insurance costs.
- Resident suggested guards aren't needed.
- Resident reminded the board that they bought in Rossmoor with the idea that guests were allowed at

the pool.

- A resident raised concerns about what was legally required.
- A resident reminded the board that the pool is an amenity that used to allow guests.
- A resident suggested that insurance costs could go down if we had lifeguards and the Board could charge guest passes to cover their costs.
- A resident suggested that older residents have an emotional need to share the pool with their family, including children.
- M10 Director made a motion to hire lifeguards for the 2026 pool season. The motion was seconded 14-Yes, 4-No. The motion passed.
- M7 Director Jensen made a motion to allow guests with rules to be established by the BOG through committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Directors Comments

M11 Director Archambault asked for volunteers to help with the annual Thanksgiving dinner delivery.

Residents Comments

- Resident asked about number of employees in the Administration office. Then she asked about the auditor's 2024 audit comment regarding golf cart leases. She then recommended staying with current vendors rather than switching due to cost.
- A resident raised concerns about the trash company collecting both trash and recycling into the same truck.

- President of the Jewish Congregation Club asked about the ability to bring outside residents to join the congregation and be allowed into the community as members. A long discussion followed.

- M7 Director Jensen made a motion to allow nonresidents entry into the community as members for religious services. The motion was withdrawn.

President Jolly stated after discussion he will have an answer at the next meeting after they confer with the association's attorney.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Clubhouse Renovation Project Continues

By Melissa Barnard, Clubhouse Manager

We are pleased to announce that Phase I of our Clubhouse Renovation Project is complete and Phase

II, which focuses on the E&R wing, is scheduled to begin in January.

The E&R office will remain open during these renovations, although a bit of room juggling will take place to make it all work. Please watch for changing signage to point you in the right direction. This second phase is expected to be completed on or about April 15, 2026.

As with Phase I of the renovation project, space will be tight for a time and folks will need to be flexible. We appreciate your patience as these important upgrades take place.

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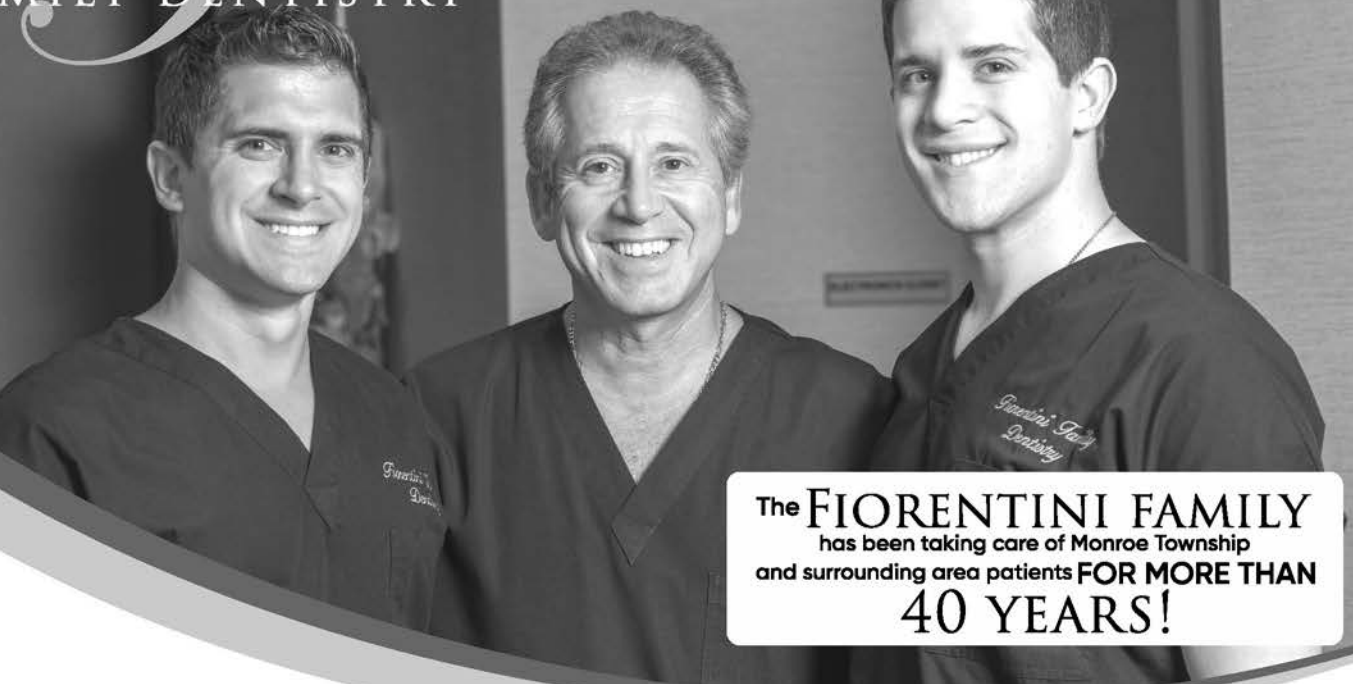
By Christina Smith, CMCA, AMS, Resident Services Manager

The next printing of the Rossmoor Resident Telephone Directory will be early 2026. Please fill out the form with your information as you would like it to appear in the Directory. If your information is correct in the 2023 edition, no changes or new forms are needed. If you have any questions, or you are not sure if your information is correct, please contact our office at 609-655-1000.

Tom Curry, Rossmoor General Manager, assembled the Directory and the photo on the current 2023 edition. He will once again take on the task of designing and contacting contractors to purchase ads to defray the printing costs of the Directory. If you know of any contractors who would like to purchase an ad, please contact the Administration Office.

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Thank You, Rossmoor Veterans Part 2: Defending Our Freedom

By Jim Wilson

Basic training was an eye-opener for the four Rossmoor veterans highlighted last month. Some went overseas. One served stateside. All played important roles in defending our freedom.

Wayne Slivenski (Airman 1st Class, U.S. Air Force) spent basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. "I became an Air Force cop," he said in a recent interview; and after his training, he was sent to a Strategic Air Command base in Massachusetts. "Some of us did regular police duties, you know, broke up fights in the barracks and stuff like that." There were B52 bombers that would be sent to Guam then to Vietnam. They would do repairs so the planes were always ready for the next mission. "I only spent eight months in the service because my father passed away and I was given a hardship discharge."

Mark Schreiber (2nd Class Petty Officer, U.S. Navy) went to boot camp in San Diego and trained with the Navy SEALs. He ended up on the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy. "Living on a carrier is a little city on its own. There were 5,000 guys on the aircraft carrier; and there were not restaurants, but galleys and little stores. Surprisingly, you wouldn't think there is beer on naval vessels. But when you are at sea for a continuous 45 days, you get two beers." Their mission took them into the Mediterranean and later Mark was sent to Iraq. This was prior to the terror attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. "9/11 was the only thing that made me want to go back to the desert. I wanted some pay-back," Mark said.

For Roy Will (Specialist 5, U.S. Army), basic training was at Fort Dix, followed by a rude awakening down south. While at Fort Rucker in Dalton, Ala., Roy and some others went to the bus terminal. Above a drinking fountain and a toilet was a sign that completely shocked him. "Colored Only." "And, I said to myself, 'This stuff is real.' And, I said, 'I better get out of this place.'" And he did. That was 1963 in Alabama.

Later, Roy graduated from air traffic control school and was assigned to the 147 Medium Helicopter Company in Fort Benning, Ga., "for further travel to a restricted area overseas." In November 1965, "We got sent to Oakland, Cal., and boarded a ship and away we go ... free cruise to Vietnam." After their ship arrived in Vietnam, "I hear BOOM! They're throwing grenades off the ship because they're afraid somebody's going to try to sink the ship." And he thought, "What did I get myself into?"

A memorable moment happened during a day off. Roy and two others went to the zoo in Saigon. "It reminded me of

the Central Park Zoo. We come up to the silverback gorilla, and he comes running and puts his back up against the cage. The gorilla wants its back scratched!" So, Roy obliged. "Somebody had to do it." Today, the veterans have a special nickname for Roy. They call him "The Zoo-keeper."

Ray O'Reilly (Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps) graduated high school at age 17 and didn't know what he wanted to do. "The Vietnam War was going on, and I said, 'Why don't I go fight for my country?'" He joined the Marines and went to Camp Lejeune for boot camp. "My drill instructor didn't like me as soon as he saw me, because I only weighed 121 pounds." Ray was told to eat two servings every time he was at the mess hall.

From there, he went to Camp Pendleton, then Okinawa, where they looked for volunteers to go to Vietnam.

Ray's hand went up. He was in logistics and would go from base to base working on inventories. In Da Nang, danger came knocking. "The Viet Cong were nice enough to lob some mortar shells into our base every once in a while. Four times we got rockets shot at us while I was in Da Nang. I'm saying, 'Did you really volunteer for this?'"

But, the air base at Chu Lai was by far the most dangerous. The attacks started slowly. Then, a sudden barrage. "Rockets came in for about two hours. They knocked out about 10 airplanes and a bunch of helicopters and it was pretty serious. I said, 'This is war.'"

After his time in the service, Ray came back to the U.S. "The worst part about going home, people didn't appreciate what we did."

Well, we do, and we're so grateful.

Next month: Lasting Life Lessons.

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Darlene "Dolly" Daly: Funny Lady

By Mary Jane Brubaker

If you saw this year's terrific production of "This 'n That" put on by the Rossmoor Players in August, then you were lucky enough to see Darlene "Dolly" Daly in her debut as a stand-up comedian. She knocked it out of the ballpark in her first time at bat.

It was a delightful surprise to all who knew her as a "behind the scenes" person responsible for making props, scenery, and posters. But it did not surprise Dolly as she caught the acting bug a few years ago when called upon at the last minute in a Players' production to step in for someone unable to perform in a skit. "That was it," she recalls. "Once I got on

the stage, I realized that's where I wanted to be."

Dolly grew up in Sayreville. Shortly after graduation from Kean College, she got married and had two children. She taught art at Sacred Heart Grammar School in South Amboy for five years but discovered she would rather make art than teach it.

She then got a position with I.F. Associates, an injection molding company in Sayreville, which she found to be very satisfying. "I got to make and assemble things like Revlon lipstick caps and Medtronic pacemaker parts," she says.

After her marriage dissolved in 1999, Dolly took a second part-time job working at K-Mart to support her young family. Her mother passed away in 2010 in the same month that she met Dan, her future husband, who was also working at K-Mart. "I tell everyone that my mother sent him to me," says Dolly.

Dolly and Dan moved to Rossmoor in 2017 and planned to get married just when Covid hit. That put a hold on things and Dolly's company went into high gear making hundreds of thousands of parts for ventilators. She and Dan eventually married in 2022.

Dolly enjoys playing bocce and is active in the Italian American Club and ceramics. She participates in the



Darlene "Dolly" Daly

Senior Olympics every year and has won medals in cornhole, bowling, and miniature golf.

She recently retired after a 33-year career with I.F. Associates and plans to spend some of her newly freed-up time babysitting for her 10-month-old granddaughter and keeping in touch with her grandson, who is a Marine.

We can thank Dolly's husband for taking her to comedy clubs and thus introducing her to stand-up. She says, "For this year's production of 'This 'n That' I tried to get someone to do a skit with me, but it just didn't work out. That's when I decided I would just go up on the stage by myself and take a shot at a stand-up routine."

If we're lucky, we'll all have a chance to see this very funny lady on the stage many more times in the future.

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Not Just Desserts, as Players Celebrate Latest Show

By Joan and Jason Salt

If you thought the Rossmoor Players were all work and no play or, more accurately, all play and nothing else. Well, anyway, they are not. The Players celebrated their production of "Just Desserts" with lots of desserts and dinner, too. The cast party table featured sausage lasagna, desserts galore, and more sliders than Game Seven of the World Series. After dinner, the video of the play was shown, giving many their first viewing of it from "out front."

Under the pressure of the deadline, last month's article about "Just Desserts" left out

some of the most important names. Sound Engineer Steve Biehl tended 20 microphones flawlessly and kept every word and note audible for three delighted audiences. He is an invaluable member of the Pitt Crew, which this time included Stage Manager Teresa Sanuto, Larry Archambault, Jeff Horner, and Laurie Moyer.

It takes the efforts of many to bring a Players production to the stage, and all are deserving of recognition. All it takes to be a Player is to stop by next year when auditions for the next play are announced.



On Oct. 12, the MidAtlantic Men gave an excellent concert in the Meeting House.

Photo from Youngae Lee

A Beautiful Autumn Afternoon



A group of friends enjoyed painting together on an autumn afternoon.

By Adrienne Brotman

One Saturday on a beautiful autumn afternoon, seven Rossmoor residents, family, and friends got together for a time of creativity. We painted an autumn scene, through step-by-step instruction. We could not believe our artistic ability. We were all pleased with our painted canvases.

An Amazing Concert Performance



Pianist Hsiao-Han (Alice) Yang and Cellist Aldo Friedman.
Photo from Helene Grey

By Allan Kaufman

On Thursday, Nov. 6, the Rossmoor community was treated to a wonderful classical concert sponsored by the Rossmoor Jewish Congregation. It featured Aldo Friedman, a cellist who happens to be the grandson of Congregation member Rhona Friedman. Aldo was accompanied on the piano by Hsiao-Han (Alice) Yang. The event was a family affair with Aldo's mother, Eve Friedman, writing the concert program, and attending the concert along with her mother and Aldo's grandmother, Rhona Friedman. As noted in the program, "Aldo is a senior at Girard Academic Music Program in Philadelphia where he is a principal cellist and frequent soloist. This past summer he played in the World Youth Symphony Orchestra, the top orchestra at Interlochen Arts Camp in Michigan. "Hsiao-Han (Alice) Yang was born in Taiwan and is currently active in the Philadelphia area as a collaborative pianist, educator, and administrator. She graduated from Temple University, Philadelphia, with a Master's Degree in Piano Performance with a focus on Collaborative Piano and Chamber Music." The three pieces Aldo and Hsiao-Han played together included works by Sainte-

Saens, William Henry Squire, and Johannes Brahms. The word perfection should be given to the way the sounds of the piano and cello worked together for those three pieces. The highlight of the night was the solo performance by Aldo as the rich tones and the high notes of the cello were blended in the playing of the Cello Suite No.3 in C Major, by Johann Sebastian Bach. His playing was masterful. This type of performance does not come along that often. Thanks go to the Rossmoor Jewish Congregation for sponsoring the event. Also, thanks go to the stars of the night, Aldo Friedman and Hsiao-Han (Alice) Yang.



This concert was a family affair with three generations on hand. From left are Eve Friedman, Aldo Friedman, and Rhona Friedman.
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At the annual Rossmoor Chorus Sing-Along in October from left to right are Sheila McCue, Annmarie Martucci, Aimee Coleman, and Paula Saucier.



The hard-working Rossmoor Chorus takes a deserved break at a pizza party last month.

Need a Little Christmas? The Chorus Delivers

By Joan and Jason Salt

Read this first! The Rossmoor Chorus' Winter Concerts at the Meeting House are coming up fast: Saturday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. The program promises a cozy fire (not literally) of warming tunes: some old favorites, some surprises,

some Broadway, some Hollywood, and some Tin Pan Alley to boot. From what this reporter hears, you are likely to leave warmer than when you arrive and with toes a-tapping. As always, admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

And memorize those faces, because you may see some of the Chorus members in your neighborhood flapping their arms, stamping their feet, and incidentally, singing Christmas carols, all in an effort to keep warm while warming the hearts of Rossmoor residents. (If you see other people singing in the streets, report them to the proper authorities.) It may still be possible to re-

quest a visit to your street by the hardy choristers, but you will need to call Laurie Moyer at 651-343-6565 by Dec. 5 to find out.

The last chance to catch the Chorus this month is the church service on Sunday, Dec. 21, 11 a.m. at the Meeting House. The Chorus will be the ones in white tops, black pants, and accents of red and green, the colors of holly. Or maybe actual holly; no one knows for sure.

And, of course, if you think the Chorus is swell, feel free to swell its numbers by joining it. Just call Chorus Director Janet Wilson at 609-655-4129, or come to a rehearsal at the Meeting House on Wednesdays 3:30 – 5 p.m.

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Harpist/singer Michele Mountain gave a quietly powerful concert on Nov. 9 at the Meeting House. The nearly 70 people in attendance gave her a standing ovation. The concert was sponsored by the Rossmoor Music Group. Seated is Michele Mountain. In the back from the left are Rossmoor Music Group members Virginia Kondakjian, Mary Jane Brubaker, and Cathy Chempanos.

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A Week on the Amalfi Coast



Sisters Peg and Mary Jane Brubaker overlooking the Bay of Sorrento in Ravello, Italy.

By Mary Jane Brubaker

My sister and I landed at the Naples Airport after a nine-hour flight from Newark on Sept. 19. Our nattily dressed driver drove us through the narrow, curving streets at high speed while skillfully dodging the Fiats, Citroens, and Vespas fighting for space enroute to the Grand Hotel Vesuvio. Our 20-minute drive showcased the extraordinary beauty and wealth along the Neapolitan Coastline as well as the poor neighborhoods in need of investment.

From our hotel balcony, we could see Mount Vesuvio in the distance and the Borgo Marinari marina directly in front of us with boats maneuvering in and out of slips on the Bay of Naples. Behind the marina was the Castel dell'Ovo, a historic fortress. We stepped out the front door of our hotel onto the pedestrian walkway known as the Neapolitan Riviera. It was a blazingly sunny day, and we took our time taking in the sights.

After dinner at an outdoor cafe, we returned to our hotel and ventured to the Sky Lounge, the rooftop bar. A stunning panoramic view of the coastline and Mediterranean Sea with Mount Vesuvio and the Isle of Capri as the backdrop greeted us. We enjoyed drinks while munching on

plump, Sicilian butter olives, and taralli (savory circular biscuits).

We met our tour guides and fellow travelers at the hotel on Sept. 21. After an introductory talk on the history of Italy, we boarded a van for Pompeii, the village destroyed in 79 A.D. by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. There, an archeologist took us on a two-hour tour. While fascinating, it was challenging to remain upright as the stone walkways were very uneven. More than a few tourists went down. I was pleased not to be among them.

That night we had dinner with our tour group at Ristorante Transatlantic, located inside the marina in front of our hotel. It was a fun evening with lots of wine. Afterwards, my sister and I returned to the Sky Lounge for a night cap.

The next day we boarded a hydrofoil (high-speed boat) to the Isle of Capri. We took convertible taxis to Piazzetta, the heart of Capri's pedestrian village, where extraordinarily high-end shops abound. We walked to Ristorante da Tonino. There, under the chef's guidance, we prepared a multi-course luncheon that we then consumed with libations from their extensive wine cellar.

Highlights of our tour included a trip to Anacapri

where a massive storm knocked out power in the area as we were touring the historic Church San Michelle and which necessitated a treacherous earlier than expected return to Capri; a hike to Mount Tiberio to visit Villa Jovis from which Emperor Tiberius ruled the Roman Empire from 26-37 A.D.; a tour of an organic farm and restaurant on the Sorrento

Peninsula where we made and consumed pizza, mozzarella, and limoncello; a stay at the spectacular Hotel Le Agavi, perched on a cliffside in Positano where a funicular takes you down to your rooms; a hike through olive, pomegranate, walnut, and fig groves along the Amalfi Coast; a visit to the bustling town of Positano; and a tour of Ravello, known for its

ceramics. Our trip ended where it began, in Naples. My sister and I spent a final night at the Grand Hotel Vesuvio, where we toasted our time on the Amalfi Coast with drinks at the Sky Lounge. As the sun set, we saw fireworks in the distance off the Mediterranean Sea. It was a magical ending to a memorable trip.



The woodworkers in the Woodshop recently made birdhouses. From left are Edna Melendez, Geoff Appleby, Elsie Valentin, Fanny Cera, Paula Russo, Ruth Williams.

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Serendipity, Synchronicity

By Susan Peters

“Not flesh of my flesh, nor bone of my bone, but still miraculously my own. Never forget for a single minute, you didn’t grow under my heart but in it.”

-Fleur Conklin Heyliger

There is a park bench on the corner of Old Nassau Road and Amherst Lane. It’s in full view of my window. I enjoy watching neighbors stop, sit, and engage in conversation. It’s also where I first met Mickey Tamberelli.

Mickey lives across the street and often will come out on a nice day to sit on the bench. I decided to join her one day and introduce myself. It was March 2024 and a week before St. Patrick’s Day.

We engaged in a lively discussion about our heritage, and I mentioned that my daughter had gotten Ancestry DNA test kits for us. “We were both disappointed by our results,” I told Mickey. “I grew up believing I was of Irish descent only to find out I was not, and my daughter Tara was adopted from Korea where ancestry results are almost nonexistent.”

Mickey spun around to face me and said “I, too, have a Korean daughter. Her name is Kate!” And that’s where the coincidence from 46 years ago ended and the synchronicity began.

Mickey and I lived on opposite ends of New Jersey at that

time and had several adoption agencies available to us; however, both daughters were born in Seoul, South Korea, came from the same orphanage, and were placed with us by the same adoption agency. Kate and Tara arrived exactly a year apart at 13 months and 11 weeks old, respectively.

Mickey’s daughter Kate is an interior decorator and accomplished photographer, married with a son and a daughter. My daughter Tara became a scientist and is married with two beautiful daughters.

So, these two proud mamas still meet on the park bench and share stories of our girls’ arrival: I, remember clutching my St. Jude’s card waiting for Tara’s plane to arrive, Mickey tearfully telling the story of Kate arriving with a rattle made from two plastic cups held together with scotch tape and swizzle sticks inside.

We talk about the trials and successes of these two precious babies who are now lovely, accomplished women.

At 25, I wrote a poem when Tara arrived, pouring my heart into the most important moment in my life.

There once was a time when I had no hope.

I thought that life must be a joke.

Why couldn’t the good Lord see.

That he had been unfair to me. Didn’t he hear the prayers I



Sue Peters and Mickey Tamberelli on the bench at the corner of Old Nassau Road and Amherst Lane.

*said.
Or the tears I cried at night in bed.
Then one day came a special call.
No, he did not forget at all!
On the other side of the world,
They had found us a baby girl.*

*All of a sudden, my heart was lighter!
The lights around me, so much brighter!
There is an answer for each of us deep within.
Ours, a new family; and a miracle named Tara Lynn.*



Daisy Cohen is awarded 2nd place at the 50th Annual New Jersey Senior Art Show on Oct. 23.



A group of Rossmoorites enjoyed a visit to Cape May on October 7. From left are Hwan Yong, Young Yong, Myong Lee, Young Ahn, Sungja Han, Youngae Lee, Debbie Criscuolo, Hyekyung Pail. Photo by Youngae Lee



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Rudolph, the Myth Exposed

By Allen Kobezak

Warning: If your young grandchildren will be visiting this holiday season, I recommend destroying this article after reading it. There is no reason to shatter their magical world of make-believe. However, if you're interested in learning the truth behind an innocent Christmas fairy tale that was in reality a department store marketing gimmick, keep reading.

Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer, was created by Robert L. May and first appeared in a 1939 coloring book given away by the Montgomery Ward department store. From that coloring book, a popular piece of Christmas folklore grew into an enormous industry, generating hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue.

As the story goes, the other reindeer laughed at Rudolph's red nose when he was just a fawn. But when they needed his shiny nose

on a foggy Christmas Eve, Santa chose him to be his lead reindeer. He then became the most famous reindeer of all.

Did you know Rudolph's name was selected by May from a list of three possible names? Rollo and Reginald were the other contenders.

Robert May's two young daughters were also involved in their father's creation. The children loved reindeer, which influenced his choice of animals to pull Santa's sleigh. Can you imagine Rudolph as part of a team of cute little kittens? Santa might still be buried up to his rosy red cheeks in a snow-drift if his kids had a different preference.

Now, let's consider Rudolph's most impressive feature, his red nose. I've always wondered what made his nose bright enough to guide Santa's sleigh. Through my extensive research, the only explanation I could find was that Rudolph

has a severe case of Rhinophyma, sometimes referred to as an Alcoholic Nose. Poor Rudy.

The success of a free sales promotion has evolved into a gold mine in the years since Robert May created his reindeer character. Countless merchandise items have been linked to Rudolph over the years, along with various forms of media. This should continue to generate revenue for the company that now owns the Rudolph name and everyone involved in products associated with it.

About the only one who didn't become wealthy after Robert May created Rudolph was May himself. He was working for Montgomery Ward at the time; therefore, the company owned the rights to Rudolph.

Although the retailer eventually transferred the copyright to May in 1947, allowing him to begin enjoying the rewards of his creation, an extremely high income tax rate at the time prevented him from benefiting as others would in future years. That, along with large medical bills associated with his wife's terminal illness, eventually drove him back to his old job at Montgomery Ward.

Now you know the full story of how Rudolph became a holiday myth. However, although Rudolph was never a real reindeer guiding Santa on Christmas Eve, consider all the joy he's brought to people of all ages over the years.

Here's to a Happy Holiday Season to all our Rossmoor residents, and bottoms up to you, Rudy!

A Peek into Personal Archives

By Terre Martin

My husband and I attended a series of excellent talks about Advanced Care Planning held here at Rossmoor. Neither of us is ill, but the topic was important, and both of us knew it needed to be addressed. We heard valuable information, but the most glaring thing for us was that we needed to put our important papers in one place and actually talk to our children about our wishes.

We decided to create a single binder containing what they need to know and where to find it. We will also remind each other to update it when health records or important documents change. Just keeping track of passwords, changing credit cards because of scams, and remembering the location of our remote storage unit is a major challenge. We could do everything on our computer, but then the kids would have to know that password and those file names. A good, old, hands-on binder seemed like the

best bet.

So, on a chilly, rainy day, when we were both housebound, we dove into the filing cabinet and were amazed by what we found. Did we really need the receipt for dental work from 2019? The shredding machine began filling up. After a few hours, we had arranged the stacks into what the kids needed to know, and what we really needed for our own information such as warranties, instruction manuals, etc.

But there was still one folder that we hadn't reviewed. For years, my filing cabinet was the repository of all sorts of stuff. When I didn't know what to do with a card, a letter, a photo, or a document, I put it in a folder labeled "savable." Over the years, the folder got fatter, and I said that someday I would organize it. Well, that was the day.

When my husband finally escaped to take a nap, I opened the savable folder, or

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Mitchell’s Laws

By Sidna B. Mitchell

Thanks to American aerospace engineer Edward A. Murphy Jr., we are familiar with Murphy’s Law: “Anything that can go wrong will go wrong.” Some folks also claim it’s Murphy’s Law when “the toast always lands butter-side down.”

Well, I have a few other laws that I will call Mitchell’s Laws. Here are some examples:

If you go to the bathroom without taking your cell phone, you will miss a call.

However, if you do take your cell phone to the bathroom, it will definitely ring when you’re all lathered up in the shower.

If you change lines in the supermarket, the line you choose will take longer than the first one.

If you’re behind a slow car on a two-lane highway in a no passing zone, once you can pass, the car in front will speed up so you can’t pass.

If you don’t take a sweater or jacket into the restaurant, the air conditioning will be so cold, you can’t enjoy your meal.

If you have a friend or relative who rarely calls, when

he/she does call, it will be during your dinner hour.

When you need to get on your computer immediately, it will be the slowest start-up ever, complete with reminders to update Microsoft and various apps before you can go on line.

If you’re eager for something, such as a security code, to come through on your e-mail or text, you will have to wait and wait until you’re about to give up.

If you are late to church or an appointment, you will hit every red light on your way; but if you’re early, every traffic light will be green.

If you’re watching your favorite football team play a lousy game and decide to go to bed, you’ll find out the next morning there was an unbelievable fourth quarter in which your team won by one point.

If you leave a cash tip on the table for your waitress, a little old lady will come along and plop her purse atop the money.

If you read Allen Kobezak’s question article, you will start your own list of questions such as “How can something white be chocolate?”

Answers to Questions You Didn’t Think to Ask

By Allen Kobezak

I thought about these questions while sitting in a friend’s backyard. I first wondered what was making the popping sound coming from the flames in their fire pit. You may have heard these sounds if you spent any time in front of a warm, romantic fire or while you were roasting marshmallows as a kid in front of a campfire. But what creates that popping sound? I don’t know, I’m just the writer of silly stories for the Rossmoor News. However, someone once told me that Google is your friend, so I asked my friend, who said it’s just the moisture in the wood expanding as it heats.

That sounded believable, so I listed all the questions I might have asked if I had thought to ask them. Believe me, I have fewer answers to more questions than most people. However, since I don’t have the time left to write a book, I’m including a few of the answers courtesy of my friend, Google, in my article.

How do squirrels find the nuts they bury? A squirrel will use a combination of skills to locate the precise spot where it buried its future food source. They create a mental map using landmarks to locate the general area of the nut, then rely on their keen sense of smell to pinpoint its precise location. Some squirrels will even sort each type of food into different areas. It’s said that even a blind squirrel will find a nut 50 percent of the time. However, a squirrel with 20/20 vision and a good sniffer has a success rate of over 90 percent.

Why is Friday the 13th considered unlucky? Author T.W. Lawson popularized the unlucky date in his 1907 novel, “Friday the Thirteenth,” about a Wall Street stock market panic. However, both Friday and the number 13 have

been considered unlucky for centuries, with ties to historical and religious events. For example, Jesus was crucified on a Friday, and at the Last Supper, the 13th guest was his betrayer.

What do the colors of the United States flag symbolize? It’s not known who chose the colors for our country’s flag. However, we do know what the colors represent. Red stands for hardiness and valor, white for purity and innocence, and blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

Why do golfers say “fore” to warn others of a ball that may be a danger to them? Fore is likely short for forecaddie, a person who stands down the fairway to locate where the balls land for a group of golfers.

I hope my article this month has provided you with answers to a few questions you didn’t think to ask. Remember, you’re never too old to learn something new, and if you have a memory like mine, you usually have to learn the same things over and over again.

The Perks and Perils of an Age-Restricted Community

By Allen Kobezak

Our welcome sign at Rossmoor’s North Gate states that we are a community for active adults. We are also an age-restricted community, requiring at least one resident in each occupied home to be 55 years of age or older. (However, a second person must be at least 48.)

Recently, more gated communities have been built without the same age restrictions of Rossmoor. Young adults are beginning to see the benefits of gated communities. They want all the advantages of living in a place like Rossmoor, but they aren’t willing to wait until their golden years to enjoy them.

We, too, understand the benefits that come with living in our community, even if we don’t always take advantage of them. But that’s your choice. You can enjoy the relaxed lifestyle you’ve always wanted, or stay busy with all the amenities Rossmoor offers, all just a short distance from your door.

But why did you decide to buy a home in Rossmoor? Was that age restriction one of the reasons you chose to live here?

I’ve noticed over the years that young adults often produce even younger people called children. And those little angels, as cute as they seem, can sometimes be holy terrors.

It’s not that we don’t love children. Most of us just don’t want kids playing on our streets, trampling our flower beds, or beating us at the Rossmoor sport at which we thought we were so good.

And what about that pleas-

ant trip to Lancaster or a play in New York that our E&R group planned for us? Imagine that bus ride with half a dozen little kids running up and down the aisle while you try to take a nap.

Now, let’s think about our beautiful golf course for a moment. It’s difficult enough to keep non-golfers and geese off the fairways. Can you imagine what it would be like if children lived in our community? How could you keep them from fishing in the lake or building a tree house in one of the shade trees? I suppose we could retrain Rusty, Rossmoor’s Border Collie, not only to chase the geese but also little kids. But it’s more likely Rusty would soon discover that chasing those little white balls and playing fetch with the kids is more fun.

Now, let’s be fair to those little people. There are some things I miss about not having young neighbors.

You may not agree, but I miss those cute little trick-or-treaters on Halloween. They give me an excuse to buy more candy than I need to prevent the tricks. That way, I can hide the leftover stash of treats for myself.

I also wouldn’t mind a Girl Scout ringing my doorbell occasionally to replenish my supply of those Peanut Butter Patties I love so much.

And before you turn the page, I have one last reason why I might like to live in a community with more young people. Every conversation with my neighbor wouldn’t have to include the details of his most recent medical procedure.

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Archives

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should I say archive? I sat there for hours laughing, crying, remembering, and realizing why these items were worth saving. Now some of them will become shareables. I knew I had to send my children and grandchildren things from their past. Did Nadia remember her scrawled note about losing her first tooth? Did Alison remember her wonderful poem that was printed in the high school yearbook? I found heartfelt thank you notes, anniversary cards, and even instructions on how to write a job resume.

This exercise in Advanced Care Planning taught me two things. One: organize your important papers in one location for your caregivers to find them easily. Two: even the smallest collection of memories becomes important archives when seen in the future.

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Still Have Windows 10?

By Steven Gray

By now almost everyone should have heard that Windows 10 will no longer receive security updates. That, in basic terms, means that the longer you have Windows 10, the more susceptible you are to malware (malicious software). That could not only affect you but it could make your system a vector for spreading malware. You do have a few choices, some not as easy as others.

You can do nothing. Scammers will thank you. Normal users will not. Your computer could be a viral spreader, plus any email you send

could be infected. I doubt your family or friends will be happy to get infected by what they think is an innocuous email.

Go to settings and Windows update. If your computer meets Microsoft specifications it will tell you to update. If it does not, it should give you the option of paying \$30 for one year of updates.

If your computer is less than five years old, you can do an end run around Microsoft's policies using special software to load Windows 11. The two most used are Rufus and Flyoobe. Please search for how to update using these as I cannot tell

you to update an unsupported computer nor do I have the space to do so. One other method is to edit the registry. Do not even attempt to do that as you could end up with a non-functioning computer. Do keep in mind that an unsupported computer means just that. If you have a problem, you are on your own.

You can try a different operating system. There are many versions of Linux. One called Winux is supposed to look like Windows but Linux Mint is the most popular. Should you desire, you can download ChromeOS flex and convert your computer to

a Chromebook. There are issues with these, as Linux needs manual updating and ChromeOS flex does not allow downloads from the app store. Linux will, however, let you use some Microsoft apps using a special program called wine. Do note that all of these can be downloaded to a flash drive and run from that drive to see if you like them.

Totally confused? Afraid to try any of the above solutions? That brings us to probably the best option. Buy a new computer that has Windows 11 already loaded.

Do not buy a refurbished one. Problem almost solved. Now you have to follow a fairly easy setup procedure that the computer will walk you through. When you come to the part where it asks for your Microsoft account, be sure to use the exact same account that you had on the old computer. One drive will synchronize and all of your documents and pictures will magically appear. Too pricey? The holidays are coming, now you know what to request.

Happy Holidays from the Rossmoor Computer Club.

Praying to the Saints

By Sidna B. Mitchell

When we start a car trip or my daughter is flying to Mumbai or Dubai, I always pray to God for a safe trip; it's just a simple prayer for that safe trip. However, if I'm traveling by plane, my prayers get longer and more complicated. For example, I'll ask that the driver to the airport not switch lanes so often; I'll pray for the flight crew and that I won't have a talkative drunk sitting next to me or a screaming baby in front of me. I'll wish – I guess that's also a prayer – that the plane won't be delayed and the layover will be short.

Before starting my last trip, I got to thinking I was taking up a lot of God's time with my requests. Perhaps there was a saint that could help. Right away, I figured St. Peter was too busy guarding the pearly gates, so I'd have to look elsewhere.

What about St. Michael? Wait! He protects us from the devil and I'm just asking for safe and pleasant plane travel. Oh, dear, maybe there's "the devil in the details" of that trip. Of course, there's St. Denis, but he is more concerned about headaches – maybe that'll work – than I thought he would be for toothaches.

Finally, I discovered St. Anthony. He might be the

perfect saint for my trip prayers since he looks over travelers and helps us find things. Perhaps he could also discover where I left my cell phone.

Well, if it's okay with you, God, on my next trip, I won't bother you with all my wishes and complaints. I'll just talk to St. Anthony and pray that he'll also help me remember to close the garage door. Or is that another saint?

No Place to Rest Your Weary Head

By Allen Kobezak

Let's return to a time when traveling across our country by automobile wasn't as easy as it is today.

At the beginning of the 20th century, if you wanted to travel more than a day's drive from home, you had a problem. There were no motels back then. If you didn't have a friend or relative with an extra bed living along your route, you had a decision to make.

Even if you could find a hotel outside of the more populated cities, it would come with nonessential amenities that you would have to pay for, when all you needed was a place to rest your weary head.

The only other options were to sleep in your car or pitch a tent in a field along the road — but how much sleep would you get? You may not be in the best condition to get back behind the wheel in the morning.

However, with the American people's desire to hit the road and explore our country, accommodations for traveling families would eventually need to be developed.

blend of "motor hotel."

Although their spelling was slightly different, the first motel in the world opened 100 years ago this month, on Dec. 12, 1925. It was The Milestone Mo-Tel in San Luis Obispo, Cal., where you could get a good night's sleep for the reasonable rate of \$1.25.

Today, although we still have budget-friendly chain motels with no-frills accommodations, many others offer amenities and prices that approach those of hotels.

You can still find the small, one-story, privately owned motels reminiscent of the 1950s. Their amenities might be sparse, offering little more than a clean bed, toilet, and shower. Just be cautious if you're considering staying at one of these places. If it's off the main highway, isolated, and run by a quiet young man named Norman with an overbearing, invalid mother, I would think twice. If you must stay overnight, you should avoid using the shower, as it might turn out to be the most eventful shower of your lifetime.

St. Andrew came to mind, but he's probably worried about the golfers' weather, drives, and score. Then I thought of that young techie that was just made a saint, but all the Gen Zs, if they're praying, have surely tuned into him. St. Joseph is a very popular saint but he protects fathers, which I'm not, so I moved on down my list of saints.

First came public auto camps, which were little more than clearings where you could pitch your tent. More modern campgrounds would soon spring up in the 1920s, offering picnic areas with running water and restrooms. These campsites started to decline in the 1930s and were eventually replaced by motels in the mid-1940s. Before then, you couldn't even find the word motel in the dictionary. It is a



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THE HUMAN ELEMENT: AN EXTRAORDINARY ORDINARY LIFE

By Susan Peters

Joan Tamburello Clayton

"We relish news of our heroes, forgetting that we are extraordinary to somebody too."

-Helen Hayes

The beautiful 90-year-old woman sitting quietly on the couch held a concerned expression. I had been requested by several Rossmoorites to interview her. "I'm not sure there is anything special about me to tell you," she said. "I don't have a title or a college degree." Then she offered, "I believe, however, I have lived the blueprint of the original American Dream."

Joan Tamburello Clayton is the only child of Sicilian immigrants who settled in the Tennent, NJ., area during the Great Depression. She spoke of her father with great admiration. She told me he had a limited education, but possessed an excellent work ethic and worked hard to provide for his family.

"He was a saver," she said, "I still remember the glass jar where we saved coins to buy our first refrigerator." She recalled how proud he was to be an American. Only English was spoken in their home.

Joan graduated from Jamesburg High School where she met her childhood sweetheart and married Bill Clayton at age 18. She believed their meeting was a fateful one, since they both were part of the overflow of

students sent to Jamesburg from their respective towns of Tennent and Monroe.

She worked for a time as a secretary for the A&M Karughesian Rug Company (known for the famous Gulistan Persian rug), as Bill pursued a degree at Rutgers University. They started their family, raising their daughter and two sons.

Originally built as a lumber company in 1890, the Jamesburg Hardware and Appliance Store had been owned by Bill Clayton's uncle since 1923. Bill assumed ownership and operation of the company in the 1960s. "We juggled home and career responsibilities throughout that time in our lives," Joan said.

The store also became the oldest General Electric (GE) dealer in New Jersey, and still is. For a time, GE offered generous perks to their more competitive dealers; as a result, Bill and Joan won awards that allowed them to travel all over the world, she fondly recalled. Upon Bill's retirement, their two sons, Jeff and Gary, assumed ownership of the store.

In later life, "the golf bug hit," she admitted. "It became the center of our social life and we played Rossmoor, Peddie, and Forsgate." Although quite humble about her win, "it was a small group of golfers." Joan won the Rossmoor Women's Golf Championship in 2004. The Claytons eventually purchased a condo in St. Petersburg, Fla., traveling to and from New Jersey.



Joan Clayton
Photo from Sue Peters

Joan was married 67 years when she lost her beloved Bill four years ago. They raised three beautiful children, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. "I've had my bumps along the way," she said, making light of several health scares.

At 90, she enjoys line dancing and art classes once a week at Rossmoor. She also continues to work on Wednesdays at the hardware store, doing some computer work and enjoying her sons and the customers.

"Life's been good to me so far," Joan acknowledged.

CULINARY CORNER

By Sidna Mitchell

Don't Ignore Those Fruitcakes

If you didn't get to see Jim Wilson's play "Just Desserts," you missed a real treat and lots of laughs. Even the Players had fun; and when there was a mishap, the actors recovered so well that the audience was sure that was part of their lines. Congrats to Jim and the Players!

Aside from the play's good time and the refreshments, I was reminded of how much Ken and I really like fruitcake. In fact, my Southern family loved fruitcakes, and even after I became a Yankee, I cherished those Christmas cakes that other folks ridiculed.

Years ago, when I headed up the Women's Guild's annual bazaar, I made sure there were plenty of Claxton fruitcakes and South Carolina pecans to sell for the Christmas season. I probably bought more of the fruitcakes

than anyone else. However, today even finding a fruitcake in the local stores is difficult.

Often for the holiday season, one of my late husband George's Texas customers would send little fruitcakes, about the size of cupcakes, noting that the dark ones were soaked in Bourbon. We warned my mother, a tee-totaling Southern Baptist, as she selected all the dark ones, but she insisted that the whiskey cooked out. We tried not to chuckle.

Mother usually baked fruitcake cookies for Christmas, but she unfortunately never wrote down her recipe. I've often wondered if that's because she used whiskey in her cookies. Luckily, I was able to find a Paula Deen recipe but, of course, made a few changes. Here is my version.

Fruitcake Cookies

3/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
2 eggs, whisked
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice

Preheat oven to 300 degrees.

Cream together butter and sugar with an electric mixer. Add eggs, salt, vanilla, lemon juice and cinnamon and mix well.

Slowly add flour and mix well.

Fold in fruit and pecans and again mix well.

Drop by rounded teaspoons onto greased cookie sheets.

Bake for about 25 minutes.

Remove from oven and loosen from cookie sheets.

Store in an airtight tin.

Makes about four dozen small cookies

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1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
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Clubs and Organizations



The Korean Ladies enjoyed a tea party and look forward to starting knitting classes in the new year.

Rossmoor Korean Ladies Tea Party

By Youngae Lee

On Oct. 21, the Korean Ladies Group had a Tea Party at the Clubhouse. About 10 ladies were in attendance and had a joyful time.

Next year, this group will

transition from tea parties to knitting classes as many members expressed an interest in either learning or refreshing this skill. Our goal is keep our hands and minds engaged as we enhance our friendships with

each other. More detailed information about the knitting class will be announced later.

If you have any questions about this group, please contact Youngae Lee at 201-230-0805.



Our dancers graced the dance floor with a festive Halloween parade.

Rossmoor Dance Club News

By Debbie Sills

The Dance Club is entering its 42nd year. We need you to help us keep this a vibrant and fun club for the future. Despite rising costs, we have managed to keep the 2026 membership dues at the 2025 cost of \$10 per person, and now being a member will save you even more money than it did in the past.

Get your 2026 membership now. As has always been the case, living in Rossmoor does not make you a member automatically. If you are not a member, you are considered a guest and will pay more to attend our dances. You can only become a member if you live in Rossmoor. You will find the membership form in the carousel near E&R.

There is a change to our

entry charge for 2026 non-catered dances. Dance Club members only will continue to pay \$10 per person. However, guests will now pay \$15 to attend, starting January; thus, being a member will save you \$5 for every uncatered dance. How is that for a bargain?

Please use a separate check for your membership payment and on the 'for' line at the bottom of the check, write membership. If you pay by cash, you must attach a note and the completed membership form to clarify what amount of the cash is for membership.

We have 11 dances each year, usually the last Saturday of every month except for February 2026, which is on the third Saturday, and in December, when we take a break due to the holidays.

We have at least two catered events each year and 2026 members are charged less than guests; the entry fee for catered events is yet to be determined. The Dance Club's music is provided by DJs and also by entertainers who play live keyboard music.

We welcome both those who love to dance and those who would rather watch, chat, and eat the great snacks included in the cost of entry. The Dance Club offers a wide range of dance music from today's hits to those of yesteryear for all styles of dance, including free style, line dancing, and ballroom dancing. Come alone and make friends, or bring your friends with you.

See you at our next dance on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m. The reservation form for this dance is in the Rossmoor News and the forms will also be in the carousel near E&R in December.

Italian American Club

By Tony Cardello

The officers of the Italian American Club extend their wishes to all the members and their families for a very Merry and Blessed Christmas. We hope Santa is good to all of you.

There will not be a membership meeting or Bingo in the month of December. The current slate of officers will continue for 2026. A \$200 donation was given to the American Cancer Society of New Jersey.



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2026 Dance Club Schedule (More dances TBA)

NO DECEMBER DANCE

DATE	TIME	THEME	MUSIC BY
1/31/26	7-10 p.m.	'Baby It's Cold Outside'	TBA

Rossmoor Dance Club

"Baby It's Cold Outside" Dance

Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026. 7-10 p.m.

Reservation Deadline – Wednesday, Jan. 28

Please Print Clearly

Name (s):

Address:

Phone #:

Email:

2026 PAID Member(s) @ \$10 per person

Non-Member(s) @ \$15 per person

ONLY PAID UP 2026 CLUB MEMBERS ARE \$10!

Please leave an envelope with this form and exact cash or your check payable to Rossmoor Dance Club in the Dance Club folder at E&R or mail to: Armen DeVivo, 449-B Roxbury Lane, 609-655-2175. The 2026 membership forms are the carousel by E&R.

Rossmoor Dance Club Membership Form 2026 For Rossmoor Residents Only

Annual Membership due by Jan. 1, 2026

\$10 a year, per person—\$20 a year, per couple

Name:

Phone #:

Address:

Phone:

Please use a separate envelope for your membership payment. Do not combine with your payment for a dance. Please give exact cash or make a check out to Rossmoor Dance Club. Send to: Armen DeVivo, 449B Roxbury Lane (609-655-2175) or place completed form and exact cash or check in an envelope and deliver to E&R in the Clubhouse.



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BEFORE



AFTER



The Rossmoor Computer Club recently hosted Claribel Cortes, a Surrogate from the Middlesex County Surrogate's Office to talk on the importance of wills. From left are Barbara Boyer, Paul Pittari, Ray O'Reilly, Claribel Cortes, Steven Gray and Cathleen Norback.
Photo from Helene Grey



At the Spaghetti Dinner, many happy winners took home great prizes.

Thanks for supporting the Spaghetti Dinner — a “Favorite Event”

By Alyce Owens

On Thursday, Oct. 23, a “sold out” crowd of 150 hungry people filled the Clubhouse Ballroom in anticipation of another delightful evening featuring a delicious spaghetti dinner. Everyone enjoyed the company of good friends with a chance to perhaps make some new ones. All this was sponsored by the Rossmoor Community Church. To put it mildly, a good time was had by all, and the church extends its warm thanks to those who

attended and supported this popular annual fundraising event. At the end of the evening, everyone left with happy faces, full tummies, and several even took home some very nice prizes. I was eager to get a review of the evening by someone who has been attending this spaghetti dinner, run for many years by The Kiwanis Club of Rossmoor, for almost as long as yours truly. The one person who came to mind was Sidna Mitchell, author of the

Rossmoor News’ Culinary Corner. Here’s what Sidna had to say:
“The Spaghetti Dinner has been at the top of my favorite events since my Kiwanis days. I love the opportunity to have delicious spaghetti and meatballs with a salad and dessert – and perhaps a glass of wine or two – with friends when I don’t have to cook. Besides the good food, the wonderful fellowship, and lots of laughs, we are contributing to a good fundraising cause. I wouldn’t miss it.
Sidna

Religious News

Catholic Society News

By Sheila McCue

It’s December and holiday plans are bustling. Part of the joy of growing up Catholic was sharing in the varied celebrations of our neighboring communities as they expressed their Catholic faith with devotions and practices they brought with them from all over the world. From parades in honor of St Patrick, Mardi Gras celebrations to kick off Lent, May crowning processions to honor Our Lady, and Christmas Eve celebrations that included feasting on seven varieties of fish, we have many happy experiences that we shared with our neighbors. Such events provided us with opportunities to deepen our faith and our sense of unity with our fellow Christians.

This year, the Catholic Society will incorporate a Rossmoor version of Las Posadas to our Thursday, Dec. 11, Mass at 1:30 p.m. inside the Meeting House. We are ex-

cited to celebrate one of these happy Advent/Christmas traditions brought to us by our Hispanic community. Las Posadas is a custom of holding a procession for nine consecutive evenings leading up to Christmas Eve. The procession customarily winds its way through the neighborhood with a couple dressed as Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem. Peregrinos/pilgrims accompany the couple. As the crowd goes from house to house, the holy couple petition for shelter but find themselves turned away until finally someone welcomes them inside.
The Rossmoor Posada will be adapted for our space and we will process from station-to-station inside the Meeting House before we share refreshments in anticipation of Christmas and the birth of Our Savior. Everyone is welcome to join us for this celebration.

Jewish Congregations Happenings

2 Rossmoor Drive, Monroe Township, N.J.



By Adrienne Brotman

Sabbath Services
• **Friday, Dec. 5**
7:15 p.m. Meeting House
Refreshments sponsored by Scott Hoff in memory of son Christopher Robert Hoff.
• **Friday, Dec. 19**
7:15 p.m. Meeting House
Refreshments sponsored by Morty and Lyn Wall in

honor of their 66th Wedding Anniversary.
Chanukah Party
• **Sunday, Dec. 21**
4:30 p.m. Ballroom
Catered by The Pickled Herring: Pastrami, Corned Beef, Turkey, and Tuna Sandwiches;
Macaroni and Health Salads, Two Small Latkes, Dessert, and Beverages.
\$28 per person – checks payable to the Rossmoor Jewish Congregation
RSVP to Morty Wall 732-299-7501 by Dec. 14.
Flyers are in the carousel by E and R office.

All are welcome to all events! If you would like more information about the congregation, please contact Barbara Herman Hoff at 973-476-5702. If you need a ride, contact Morty at 732-299-



The 4 B-eautiful Ladies gathered at Sal’s for their monthly celebration of birthdays, holidays, and friendship. Dolly Diel pulled out all the stops and provided the scary, wacky, and crazy games for Halloween. Gift bags and lucky winners were given to everyone. Birthday cakes, cook-

ies, brownies, and goodies rounded out the fun. The best part, of course, was the sense of community that has grown each month. For all those 4B ladies who have yet to join the group, come next month. You won’t be sorry.

HEALTH CARE CENTER NEWS

Fighting the Holiday Blues: Keeping Mind, Body, and Soul in Balance

By Lisa DiGiovanni, EdD, MSN, RN, MEDSURG-BC, CHSE, and Elizabeth Caruso, MSN, RN, COHN-S, Saint Peter's University Hospital

The holidays are meant to bring warmth, connection, and joy, but, for many seniors, this time of year can also bring sadness, stress, and loneliness. If you find yourself feeling more blue than bright during the winter season, you are not alone.

The good news is that there are simple, effective ways to lift your spirits and care for your whole self.

Mind: Stay Engaged and Connected

One of the best defenses against holiday sadness is mental stimulation and social connection. When routines slow down and family is far away, it's easy for the mind to turn inward. Challenge yourself instead!

Try a new hobby like painting, writing, or learning a language online. Join a book club, attend a community class, or volunteer for a few hours a week. Giving your time and sharing your experience not only helps others but also builds purpose and belonging.

If you can't meet in person, technology is your friend. Schedule video calls with

family, reconnect with old friends, or join an online discussion group. Keeping your mind active and engaged builds resilience and reduces isolation.

Body: Move, Nourish and Rest

Shorter days and colder weather often mean you are getting out and about less often. However, staying active is key to keeping your mood up. Gentle exercise, such as walking, yoga or tai chi, boosts endorphins, improves sleep and sharpens focus. If your community doesn't offer any of these programs, you needn't look further than YouTube for countless videos that will show you step by step how to do these activities.

Nutrition matters, too. Comfort food can be tempting— and holiday gatherings mean there will be plenty of cookies and other goodies to choose from! Make a concerted effort to balance the treats with fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, and plenty of water.

Also, be cautious with alcohol. You may be tempted to indulge, but it's important

to know that if you are feeling the holiday blues, alcohol can worsen fatigue and sadness.

You should also aim for seven to eight hours of sleep each night. A consistent sleep schedule helps regulate both mood and energy.

Find Meaning and Gratitude

Caring for your emotional health means that you might want to think about what gives your own life meaning. What makes you happy? The holidays can stir memories of people and the times we miss. Instead of avoiding those feelings, honor them. Light a candle for loved ones, share stories about them, or start a gratitude journal to reflect on what still brings you joy.

It's Important to Know You Are Not Alone

If sadness feels heavy or lasts for more than a few weeks, reach out for help. Talk to your doctor, counselor, or trusted friend.

This season, as you are giving gifts, take some time to give yourself the gift of balance. Engage your mind, move your body, and nurture your soul. Happy holidays!

In Memoriam

Michael J. Cuddy: 1938-2025

Final farewells were made on Oct. 11 at Nativity of Our Lord RC Church for beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Michael J. Cuddy, who was 87 years old.

Born on April 23, 1938, in Dublin, Ireland, he was the second eldest among a family of four brothers and one sister. In 1965, Mike immigrated to the United States with his wife, Josephine, and their eldest son, Martin. They were later joined by their two daughters, Patricia and Catherine. It was in the U.S. that Mike honed his skills as a tool and die craftsman, a profession he continued to enjoy until his retirement at the age of 80.

Mike took great pleasure in spending quality time

with his family, actively engaging in the lives of his children and grandchildren and supporting them at various events. Together, Mike and Josie embraced their retirement through travel and cherished moments with their family and friends.

Mike's dedication to the church through volunteer work, ushering at Sunday Mass, and his active participation as a Fourth Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus, garnered him recognition within the community. Those who had the privilege of knowing Mike will recall his delightful humor, quick wit, deep family connections, and kind-hearted nature.

His wife, Josephine, would like to extend her heartfelt gratitude to friends, family, and neighbors for their compassion during this time of mourning.

As a reminder!!!

Pedestrians – Please wear light or reflective clothing when walking in the dark. Also, always walk against the traffic (on the left however you are facing)



Bikers – Always ride with the traffic (on the right).



Medicare Open Enrollment is Now Through Dec. 7



available 24/7 to help you review your options and answer any questions about your Medicare coverage. To get started, go to Medicare.gov and click on "Find Plans Now." For the best shopping experience, log in or start a Medicare account. You can easily compare plan costs, side-by-side, all based on the drugs you take. This is important: Make sure the plan you choose covers your prescription drugs and your doctors.

Time is Limited So Start Early
Medicare Open Enrollment ends Dec. 7. After this deadline, you'll typically need to wait until the next Open Enrollment period to make changes to your coverage. The deadline approaches quickly, so start early to make sure you have time to compare your options – including costs, benefits, covered drugs and provider and pharmacy networks. Then you can feel confident in selecting the plan that delivers the right care at the right price for your needs.

Help is Available 24/7
If you have any questions about your coverage options, visit Medicare.gov. If you prefer to talk it over with someone, call the experts at 1-800-MEDICARE – they're available 24/7 to review your options and answer your questions.

One final note: Stay vigilant against Medicare fraud, especially during Open Enrollment. Remember that Medicare will never contact you unsolicited. If someone you don't know calls, texts or emails you about Medicare, simply hang up or delete the message. By staying alert, you can help stop fraud before it starts.

Information provided by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

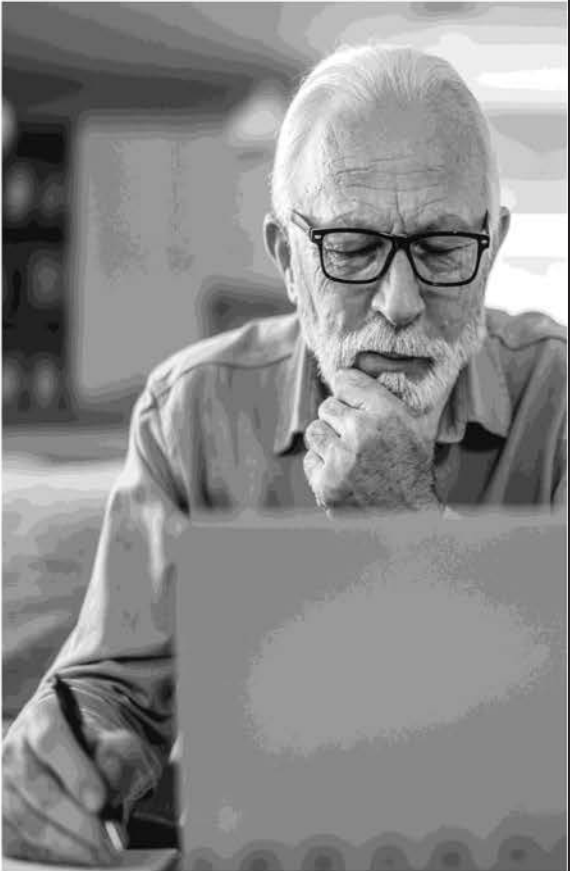


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Find the Right Care at the Best Price

As the new head of the Medicare program, I encourage everyone with Medicare to take full advantage of this year's Open Enrollment period. This is your once-a-year opportunity to take a fresh look at your coverage for the year ahead. As a physician, I've seen firsthand how the right health plan can improve both the quality of care you receive and your peace of mind. Now is time to take a moment, do a little homework and make sure you are getting the right care at the best price. Health plans can undergo changes every year including adjustments to benefits, costs and coverage. Even the plan you're in now could be changing. At the same time, your health

needs may have changed over the past year. When you review your coverage options and compare plans, you may find that you can save money, get better coverage or both. A simple plan comparison could save you hundreds – in some cases even thousands of dollars, depending on the prescription medications you take.

Start at the Official Source: Medicare.gov
Medicare.gov is your official source for all your Open Enrollment needs. It's the trusted resource to help you navigate Open Enrollment. Here people can explore and compare every available Medicare health and drug plan available in their area. If you prefer speaking with someone directly, call 1-800-MEDICARE to connect with our team of experts. We're

New at Medicare.gov

This year, Medicare.gov has rolled out a series of improvements designed to help people more easily compare their Medicare options and find a plan that fits their unique needs. By clicking "Find Plans Now" on the homepage, users can quickly compare plan costs side-by-side, with results personalized to the specific medications they take. For the first time, you can now search to see whether your preferred doctors are covered by different plans – all in one seamless experience. Medicare.gov is also making it easier to search

for plans that include additional benefits that can improve your daily life. Whether you're looking for wellness perks like weight management programs or other services that support a healthier lifestyle, the updated search tools can help you focus on what matters most to you. Logging into your Medicare account has also been modernized. If you choose, you can set up your fingerprint or Face ID to get into your account securely. It's faster, it's more secure and it's easier than trying to remember another password.

SPORTS

Weather Didn't Scare These Folks

By Sidna B. Mitchell

Despite gusty winds and 50-degree weather, about 16 die-hard Rossmoor Croquet Club members showed up for golf croquet on Halloween. Giving up their tradition of all white attire, players dressed in very clever and sometimes original costumes. However, a sailor did come in his white uniform and was later joined by a crusty old pirate. A wizard and a leopard showed up together. Somehow a medic managed to come out of the OR with his "bloody" scrubs on to compete against a big bee.

A spider web somehow slipped onto the sidelines, patiently watching the butterfly on the court. Perhaps the most clever costume was the "Poetree" - a man covered with branches of leaves and lines of poetry from the likes of Frost, Dickinson, Poe, Emerson, Mia Angelou, and an original poem: "Roses are red; violets are blue; we love croquet, and think you will, too."

After their games of golf croquet, the players headed

over to the Golf Course Card Room to meet with folks not as brave as they for their usual Attitude Adjustment. Many more came in costume including a Viking, Raggedy Ann, Beetlejuice, a nun, and a Cheshire cat. Since the Clubhouse was closed in preparation for the Nov. 1 Charity Exchange, the Croquet Club simply offered chips, popcorn, pretzels, dips and soda for their restorative.

At the Oct. 25 luncheon, Social Chairs Betty Hornig and Barbara Wright definitely went out with "winning wickets" for their last official 2025 function. Croquet players were greeted with an autumn-themed Gallery for that October luncheon and the annual meeting. There were cheerful fall tablescapes with colorful hand-crafted centerpieces on each round table. The B Bistro's buffet featured a variety of wraps and sandwiches along with delicious salads; desserts included fresh fruit, cookies, and Betty's own baked apple cake and her famous lemon bars.

There was possible play but no Attitude Adjustment in November; however, the wickets were kept in place until Thanksgiving for our dedicated golf croquet players. Our final 2025 activity will be the Holiday Party and Yankee Gift Exchange (\$10 or less) on Dec. 13, at noon in the Gallery. This is a catered activity so there will be a fee between \$25 and \$30. The luncheon and Yankee Gift Exchange are always fun and, of course, provide the opportunity to share food and drinks with friends.



Rossmoor's resident pirate (also known as Cathy Dobromilsky) scared a few players on the croquet court.



Above are Rossmoor's shuffleboard winners of the Mayor's Cup with Mayor Dalina at the awards ceremony. From left are Angel Espinosa, Allen Kobezak, Antonio Furnani, team captain Glenn Harmer, Debra Salazar, and Aida Torres. Team member Bob Gleason is missing from the photo.

Photo by Nenita Francisco, Team Photographer

On right are the winners of Rossmoor's Women's and Men's Singles Shuffleboard Tournament. Aida Torres and Michael Fisezi give a thumbs up after their matches.

Photo by Nenita Francisco, Team Photographer



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Genealogy Club
Wednesday, December 10 at 2 p.m. Beginner and experienced genealogists welcome to discuss research, share findings and resources. In person. Registration not required.

Find Your Zen: Quick Daily Meditation
Wednesday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. Discover a simple meditation practice you can use anytime to feel centered, calm, and refreshed throughout your day. Online.

The Music Lounge
Thursday, December 11 at 3 p.m. Each month, we pick a musician, listen to a couple of their songs, and read the lyrics. Then, we'll talk about

what makes the writer and their music so timeless. Like a book discussion, but for music! This month's topic is Ray Charles. In person. Registration required.

Ugly Sweater Ornament
Thursday, December 11 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Get into the holiday spirit by sewing some fun ornaments. Wear an ugly holiday sweater to class. Students should bring 2 Holiday Fat Quarters (plus optional small pom poms, ribbons, small colorful buttons). Students must take the Meet Your Sewing Machine class or have prior machine sewing knowledge to take this class. Ages 18 and over. In person.

Registration required.

All You Need is Love Book Club
Friday, December 12 at 11 a.m. This modern romance book group will discuss "People We Meet on Vacation" by Emily Henry. Hybrid. Registration required for online participation.

Trees: Natural Stormwater Managers
Saturday, December 13 at 11 a.m. Learn how deforestation results in erosion, water quality degradation, rising temperatures, and flooding. Presented by Gary Lovallo, arborist and member of the Monroe Township Shade Tree Commission. Sponsored by the Monroe Township Environmental Commission. Hybrid. Attend in-person or register with an email to receive the link. Walk-ins always welcome.

Design Your Own Personalized Towel
Sunday, December 14 at 12 p.m. OR Monday, December 15 at 2 p.m. Have your own art creation placed upon a 16"x24" polyester towel using sublimation technology. Towel will be provided. This session is for adults; 18 and over. Registration required. Priority to Monroe Township Library cardholders and residents. Please register for just one session.

Coffee and a Book
Tuesday, December 16 at 11 a.m. We will discuss "The Same Bright Stars" by

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The Croquet Club members in all their creative glory on Halloween.



Rossmoor Community Association, Inc.

Snow Policy and Procedure

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 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.

Utmost caution should be used if residents must use the walkways during a storm and during the thaw/freezing 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 ***imperative and*** 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, carport lanes, ***and driveways***. 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.

NOTE: Snow cannot be removed and road salt or ice melt cannot be applied in the area where a vehicle is left on a street, carport lane, parking space on a carport lane or in a driveway. Due to the nature of the size of the Community, the miles of roads and carport lanes and the number of driveways, the contractor cannot return and remove the snow or apply road salt or ice melt where a vehicle had been parked during the snow removal efforts.

IT IS THE RESIDENTS RESPONSIBILITY TO REMOVE SNOW FROM THE AREA WHERE THEIR OR THEIR GUEST'S VEHICLE WAS PARKED AND TREAT THE AREA FOR ICE.

It is incumbent upon each resident to be attentive to the surroundings 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.

Revised by the RCAI Board of Governors
September 2016

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	Thornton 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
Milford Lane	Rockport Lane	Yorktown Lane

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Ethan Joella. Jack’s personal life and career is at a crossroad as he looks back at “what might have been” and ahead to “what could be”. A tender story of a third-generation restaurateur in the beach town of Rehoboth, DE. Hybrid. Registration required.

Winter Reading Showcase

Tuesday, December 16 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. After honing their skills and using the revision tools learned in class, the Creative Writing Workshop Students at Monroe Library will read their art in an evening of stories. Facilitated by Creative Writing Workshop instructor Samantha Rasimowicz. In person. Registration not required.

Zucchini Cups with Creamy Spinach

Wednesday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. A fun, hands-on way to enjoy a healthy holiday side. Watch the recipe come to life and ask the chef your questions live! Online.

Page Turners

Thursday, December 18 at

11 a.m. Looking for something to read or add to your reading list? Library staff will present and recommend a variety of titles pertaining to a different topic. The theme for this session is Books with a Bite (Cooking/Holiday). Hybrid. Registration required for virtual participation.

Short Story Discussion

Thursday, December 18 at 2 p.m. We will discuss “Bicycles, Muscles, Cigarettes” by Raymond Carver in The Penguin Book of the Modern American Short Story and “Bridling” by Nadia Davids. In person. Registration required.

Friday Afternoon Movie

Friday, December 19 at 2:30 p.m. A small-town banker who learns what life would have been like if he’d never been born after he unwittingly becomes involved in a mistaken case of bank fraud, which threatens his spirit and tests his will to live until a wise angel compels him to see how his presence has made an incredible impact on the people of Bed-

ford Falls. PG, 130 minutes. Visit our website or call the library for more information. In person. Registration not required.

Music from “A Charlie Brown Christmas”

Saturday, December 20 at 2 p.m. The Patrick Kerssen Trio will celebrate the holiday season with a live music performance featuring Vince Guaraldi Trio songs popularized in “A Charlie Brown Christmas”. In person. Registration required.

Family Karaoke

Sunday, December 21 at 2:30 p.m. For All Ages. Do you love to sing? Grab a microphone and get ready to show off your vocals during family karaoke. Registration is not required.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, December 23 from 12 p.m. until 7 p.m. The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood! The need for blood is increasing much faster than

the number of donors. Your donation of blood can help to minimize the impact of these shortages and save the life of someone in need. Register at RedCrossBlood.org.

Holiday Hours

Thursday, Dec. 11: Library will open at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 23: Library will close early

Thursday, Dec. 24 & Friday, Dec. 26: Library closed in observance of Christmas

Wednesday, Dec. 31: Library will close at 5 p.m.

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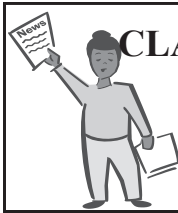
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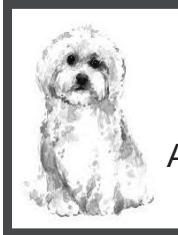
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	Mixed Paper paper, newspaper, magazines, cereal boxes, softcover books		Cans aluminum and steel (tin) cans
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DON'T Put in the Recycling Bin			
	Greasy or food-contaminated items		Shredded Paper
	Pots, pans, and small appliances		Dishware, glass, and mirrors
	Tanglers i.e. garden hoses, electric cords		Styrofoam
	Syringes, batteries, and bulbs		

Recycling and Trash

RECYCLING - collected every Friday

The following recyclable items are to be placed loose (no plastic bags of any color) in the containers marked for Recycling. (In those Mutuals not providing curb pick-up.)

TRASH - collected twice weekly on Mondays and Thursdays.

- Household bagged garbage and trash must be placed in the appropriate Dumpsters (in Mutuals not providing curb pick-up)

BULK - Call Rossmoor Maintenance 609-655-2121 by noon on Monday to schedule a Wednesday bulk collection. BULK ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: TVs, electronics, tires, and small engines.

Bundled branches removed by RESIDENTS will be picked up at the curb on Mondays by High Tech (Holidays: Tuesday pick-up). Clippings should be placed in the regular trash.

- Contractors’ and private landscapers’ refuse is the responsibility of the contractor or private landscaper to dispose of. Contractors and private landscapers may not use the dumpsters.

- Please Note: Medical Waste and Personal Electronics may NOT be placed in either the Trash or Recycling dumpsters. It needs to be disposed of properly.

- If you are not certain as to the proper disposal for Medical Waste, please consult with your physician or medical supplier.

Monroe Township Recycling Center is located at 76 Gravel Hill-Spotswood Rd, Monroe Township, NJ

TRANSPORTATION TIDBIT'S

Important phone numbers:

Rossmoor Bus609-655-4401

Call-in hours are: 9 a.m. – noon and 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Schedule is available at www.rcainj.com under “Amenities.”

Monroe Township Transportation.....609-443-0511

Middlesex County

Area Transportation (MCAT) 1-800-221-3520

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Bulk trash is collected on Wednesdays.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Pearl Harbor Day7 11 am Worship w/ Communion MH & Parlor 7 pm Table Tennis HW	8 9:45 am Forever Fitness w/ Tracy S. BR 11 am Mutual 1 Open Director Mtg. GL 1 pm Table Tennis HW 1 pm Players Board Mtg. WR 2 pm Line Dancing BR 4:30 pm Indian-American Yoga CE 7 pm Chorus Concert MH & Parlor	9 10 am Rossmoor News Board Mtg. WR 10 am Chair Yoga GL 10 am Veterans Group BR 10:30 am News of the Week Roundtable MR 11:30 am Tai Chi Class HW 1 pm All in Stitches CE 1:30 pm Catholic Society Mtg. GL 6 pm Ballroom Dancing BR 6:30 pm Church Finance Mtg.-MHP MH & Parlor 7 pm Mutual 4C Open Director Mtg. GL	10 9:30 am Yoga CE 10 am Computer Club Board Mtg. CR 10 am Needle Punch Class MR 1:30 pm "A Merry Little Ex-Mas" Movie BR 3:30 pm Chorus MH & Parlor 4:30 pm Indian-American Yoga CE 6:30 pm Scrapbooking Group GL 6:30 pm RCC Worship Comm. Mtg. MH & Parlor 7 pm "A Merry Little Ex-Mas" Movie BR	11 9:30 am Healthy Bones Class BR 9:30 am Standing Committees HW 10 am Rug Hooking GL 10:30 am Italian-American Board Mtg. WR 1 pm Table Tennis HW 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl CR 1:30 pm Catholic Society Mass MH & Parlor 1:30 pm "Winter Splendor" Paint Party* BR 6 pm Line Dancing HW 7 pm Recipe Exchange BR	12 9 am Art Class GL 10 am Catholic Society Rosary MH & Parlor 1 pm Table Tennis HW 4:30 pm Indian-American Yoga CE 5 pm Mutual 16 Party & Mtg. GL 6:30 pm Democratic Club Holiday Party BR	13 10 am Forever Fitness w/ Tracy S. BR 10:30 am Indian-American Meditation CE 12 pm Croquet Holiday Party GL 2 pm ADC Holiday Show BR 6 pm Pickleball Holiday Party BR
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