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When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

In Congress, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America

Pickleball 2025 Spring Classic at Rossmoor

By Frank Nobile

Our tenth annual Spring Classic brought 127 enthusiastic players from New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Florida for our pickleball tournament in June. Originally scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 7, it had to be postponed until 11:30 because of inclement weather, and then put off till Sunday, June 8, the original rain date.

Participants ranged from 45 to 80 years of age, all of

whom played a total of 207 games in spite of less than perfect weather. This was the largest number of games played since these tournaments began.

We'd like to send a big Thanks to Clubhouse Manager Melissa Barnard, to her wonderful custodial staff, to Tournament Director John Neglia, and to all our fellow pickleball players who gave of their time to make this tournament another great success.

Fireworks and fun in Monroe

By Terre Martin

Each year, the Fourth of July celebration in Thompson Park is a feast for the eyes, ears, and stomachs. The events begin at 5 p.m., but it's best to arrive even earlier to get a good parking spot. If you're lucky enough to land one near the lake, you'll get to see the spectacle in the air and reflected on the water.

You can pack food, but there are plenty of food trucks and activities for chil-



dren. Your grandkids and pets can play outdoors, while the adults sit around eating, drinking, and doing lots of talking. Bring your folding chairs, lots of bug spray, and plenty of patience. The hard part is waiting for the sun to go down, so the fireworks can begin. The rule is that they begin "at dusk," but dusk seems to get later every year. Last year it was close to 9 p.m. before the first blast went off.

There are picnic tables and restroom facilities if you plan to make a full day of it. You can even do some hiking on the well-maintained trails if you have the energy. The bottom line is that Monroe has fun things to do on July Fourth if you venture outside of Rossmoor.

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The elected candidates in the R.C.A.I. Board of Governors election are Dan Jolly, 15 years Board of Governors President and 26 years Mutual 5 President; Jo Schwegel, two years Vice President; Lori Moses, two years Secretary; John Craven, four years Treasurer.

The Reverend Ann Schooner becomes pastor of our Community Church

By Diane England

On Sunday, May 18, the Community Church enjoyed a joyous occasion as the congregation welcomed the Reverend Ann Schooner as its new pastor. The installation service brought together church members, friends and family of Pastor Ann, and representatives from both the

United Church of Christ (UCC) and the Presbyterian Church (USA). Since it may seem strange that two Christian denominations were represented at Pastor Ann's installation service, let's look at why this made perfect sense.

The Rossmoor Community Church was founded in 1967, affiliated with the United Church of Christ (UCC), but to operate as an autonomous church where anyone in the community would be welcome to attend. It was then, and continues to be governed by a council of its own members, to have an ordained minister as its spiritual leader, and to financially sustain itself through the tithes and financial gifts of its members, while providing a small sum per member to UCC annually. Pastor Ann, because her faith denomination is the Presbyterian

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George Washington slept here

Bv Allen Kobezak

General George Washington may have had his own home in Mount Vernon, Virginia, but during the Revolution, he stayed in some of the finest houses in New Jersey.

It wasn't that he didn't have his own large field tent, which he used as an office and for sleeping. This tent still exists, and you can find it at the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia.

But after all, he was a general, and when available, why not stay in a warm, cozy mansion with all the comforts of home? Rank does have its privileges.

There are many homes in New Jersey where George Washington slept during the American Revolution, and during the winter encampments, Martha often joined him.

One lovely home, the Ford Mansion in Morris-

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Please note: No dogs are allowed in the Clubhouse or in other Rossmoor buildings. Only service dogs will be permitted.



at the governors' meeting



Wednesday June 18, 2025 Meeting

The first night meeting of the year was held in the Clubhouse Ballroom Room with approximately 50 in attendance and 20 online viewing the meeting as a Webinar. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Dan Jolly. Secretary Lori Moses called the roll. A motion was made to accept Thursday May 22, 2025, BOG meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

President Jolly wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July. Treasurer John Craven reported the current budget variance between planned and actual budget is a positive \$579.313. This is mainly due to 2025 golf memberships. The budget amounts are currently spread by 1/12 of the total budget each month. Interest rates have risen a little bit. Maintenance summer work has just begun therefore income is lower than expected.

General Manager Tom Curry reported the new fiveyear Comcast agreement has been signed for basic cable TV service for all 2,303 homes. The new contract was negotiated through a consultant. The new contract reduces the monthly cost of basic cable TV services originally offered by Comcast. The new five-year

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contract will save \$827,483.00 as compared to the original offer.

Mr. Curry reported manor closings are up with 10 Condominium and four Cooperative unit sales last month. He went on to report on the Maintenance Department which has been busy completing 750 work orders with about 350 of them being AC service calls in May. He announced the scheduled Township bulk collection day is September 15. Concrete sidewalk replacements are to begin in the next few weeks. The annual asphalt paving project will get underway later this summer. He also mentioned that six Mutual directors with scheduled 2025 paving projects along with the RCAI Executive Committee met with the new pavement company to discuss the project. The meeting went well.

Mr. Curry reported the Flood mitigation grant and explained the new direction the engineer is proposing for the Newport Way culvert. The engineer has completed soil coring and is reviewing the results for a possible much larger three-sided concrete culvert installation.

The Clubhouse renovations phase one is near completion. There are a few minor items that will be addressed. The Hawthorne Room audio system has been installed. The committee will be meeting to discuss the final phase one costs and whether we can continue with the E&R office hallway.

A new audio system has been installed at the pool with Sirius radio, playing through an amplifier and six outdoor speakers. There are many good E&R upcoming events. Residents should check the clubhouse news.

Golf course membership is

better than anticipated with over 275 members. Recent outings were highly success-

JCPL was recently in Mutual one for two transformer fires which caused electrical outages. Reminder that if power goes out, the clubhouse has an emergency generator that keeps the building cool and the electricity on. M7 director reminded people that the Monroe Senior Center and the Monroe Library are available during power outages as well.

Committee Reports

Maintenance Committee Chair John Sarnecky reported the new officers elected at the last meeting were John Sarnecky Chair, Paulette Mascia Vice Chair, and Brenda Burrus Secretary.

Community Affairs Chair Joann Casper announced that her committee officers were elected. Joann Casper as Chair, Barbara Krysiak as Vice Chair, and Dale Ralston as Secretary. Joann reported that the Fitness Center is now open at 4:30 a.m. and closes at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday and 10 p.m. every other day. She also discussed the request for NO dogs allowed signs to be placed around the golf course. She mentioned a request to allow nonresidents to join the Rossmoor Jewish Congregation. Mr. Jolly said the Executive committee was investigating the request.

New Business

• Resolution 2025-27 Authorization for removal of six clubhouse area trees.

A motion was made to approve the removal of six diseased trees surrounding the Clubhouse by Pro-Stump tree Service at a cost of \$17,593.12 from account 300-6521 Landscape Miscellane-

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Bits & Pieces

By Sue Ortiz

Sometimes there's nothing better than sitting on one's porch and watching the world go by.

Recently, on a Saturday morning that threatened rain, I went to a local community yard sale. Wouldn't you know it, the looming rain started to drip just as I left the house. Not enough to stop me from heading out, but enough to make me check the community Facebook page to see if it was cancelled. It was not.

I walked through the small gathering of vendors selling their collections of household appliances, vintage jewelry (well, vintage to me), home décor, and assorted sundry.

After spending a whopping \$3 on some of that "vintage" jewelry, I did a bit of shopping at the local supermarket. A bit? I spent \$65 on only two bags of groceries. (Although, according to the short receipt, I saved nearly \$20 with sales and coupons.) Plus, I bought a few scratchoff lottery tickets at the vending machine.

There were other yard sales and flea markets that day, but with the rain persisting, I said, "Nah!"

As I drove home, the drizzle turned into a minor downpour but subsided by the time I stopped at the convenience store to grab some flavor-of-the-month iced coffee and lunch.

Once home, and the cold food deposited in the fridge, I left the household chores, and there were many. But who cares, right? I took my lunch and a book outside to the café table on my front porch.

A quiet shower started again. No wind, though, so I was kept dry by the roof that is held up by slightly rusted wrought iron trellises. I unwrapped my sandwich and opened my book. I took a sip of the iced coffee then started to read. Chapter 14 ...

I was soon transfixed by the unquiet silence of the neighborhood.

A mockingbird, perched, silhouetted in front of the clouds on a neighbor's chimney, sang an aria just for me. I waved "hi," and the bird fluttered its wings

as if in reply.

Myriad bird calls joined the chorus. Cardinals tweeted to each other from the trees around the block. A robin announced that it found a worm. Blue Jays begged for peanuts. I also heard a woodpecker trill for attention, a nuthatch's nasal yank, and starlings chattering in the distance. A small bird chased a crow, who squawked in annoyance.

A cabbage white fluttered over the flowerbed that once grew colorful portulacas and begonias but is now home to a variety of flowering succulents. Perhaps the butterfly was admiring itself in the small steel gazing ball nestled in the greenery.

As I returned to my book, I felt eyes on me. A catbird landed near me, asking for nuts. He's a regular visitor and wants me to crush the nutmeat into tiny pieces so he can stuff them into his beak, and after doing so, flies back to his nest, which is about half a block away. He returns again and again.

Two squirrels crept up to me, close enough to almost tap me on the ankle, also begging for nuts. A cardinal couple perched in my dogwood tree, chipping for nuts. Luckily, I remembered to bring out a supply of unsalted treats with me - just in case I had visitors.

The sun came out, sort of. It got hot. Then the sky darkened, and the rain returned along with a cool breeze. This pattern continued throughout the afternoon.

As I read, I became so involved in the story that I forgot to look up every so often to focus my eyes. A neighbor (I think) walked by and said, "Hi." I returned the "Hi" although I didn't recognize the man. He was a blur. Who was he? Did I know him, or was he a stranger just being polite?

Time to put the book down and do something. I took a moment to plant that small rose bush I bought the other day but didn't know where I was going to put it. And I finally transplanted those Mezoo Trailing Red cuttings

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George Washington

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town, was where our future president spent many nights and served as his winter headquarters for four and a half months. The Ford family made all but two rooms in their large home available to the general, Martha, his aides, and 18 servants. This house still stands and is furnished to resemble how George and the future first lady viewed it during their stay.

In Wayne, New Jersey, the general shared the Dey Mansion with Colonel Theunis Dey and his family, using it as his headquarters. He staved there during the summer and again in the fall of 1780. Among his many visitors while at the mansion was the French military officer, Marquis de Lafayette. Lafayette had volunteered to join the Continental Army and would go on to command our troops at the Battle of Yorktown in 1781. Lafayette's campaign for French support was also a major factor in winning the war.

The Wallace House in Somerville served as George Washington's headquarters from December 1778 to June 1779. However, he temporarily left for several weeks to attend the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. Before John Wallace purchased the property, it housed ministers of the Dutch Reformed Church, one of whom founded Queen's College, now Rutgers University.

George Washington had two brief stays at Lambertville's Holcombe House. The first lasted only a few days in July of 1777, followed by a short visit in June of 1778 when his army was marching from Valley Forge to confront the British army at the Battle of Fort Monmouth.

The final home where George and Martha stayed during the American Revolution was the Rockingham House in Kingston. He headquartered there when he received the news that marked the end of our long struggle to gain our independence from Great Britain. That struggle was once considered a hopeless battle against a superior mili-



tary force. The Treaty of Paris was endorsed on Sept. 3, 1783, and Washington assumed his service to our country was ending. Before leaving Rockingham House, the general wrote his Farewell Orders to the Armies of the United States. In those orders, he thanked the troops and announced his retirement.

There are other homes and inns in New Jersey that may claim, "George Washington slept here." However, what he, and the patriots who fought alongside him, did while awake during those eight long years to oppose British rule — many sacrificing their last breath — is what provided us with our independence. How many of us will take the time to consider their sacrifices this Independence Day?





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Rev. Ann Schooner

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Church (USA), comes to RCC as an ordained minister in this faith.

You've probably seen Pastor Ann's name before because she became the RCC's interim pastor in October of last year, and Mary Jane Brubaker wrote an article about her for our community newspaper at that time. So, now that Pastor Ann has been with us for a while, if you talk to church members, they'll likely tell you how they appreciate her calm presence in these challenging times. They may mention that she has the ability to make you feel truly seen and heard. And yes, they will likely say that there's a sincerity and warmth she brings to every encounter. Also, her leadership style feels grounded in humility, respect, and a true desire to serve.

Pastor Ann has an authenticity that's exhibited in the content of her sermons, too. She isn't afraid to share things from her own life experiences that make that week's scripture more relatable and meaningful. This graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, perhaps because she answered the call to ministry in mid-life, brings wisdom and sensitivity to this role that can help Rossmoor residents better cope with challenging realities of this stage of life.

Certainly, Pastor Ann's installation came at a time when many of us are dismayed by the signs of lack of loving concern and hospitality toward others visible on both national and international stages. Fortunately, this church community can be a place to find connection to like-minded others. You can also be part of activities that make a difference both within and outside Ross-

This unique church continues to strive to live up to its mission, to be a welcoming, inclusive, and a spiritually grounded presence within

this senior community. And indeed, the membership was in total agreement that Pastor Ann was well-suited to serve as our spiritual leader. But please, come and find out for yourself if this just might be what you need to feel more grounded and peaceful in today's challenging world. Our services are held every Sunday at 11 a.m. in the Meeting House. We hope to see you then!

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Bits & Pieces

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Two-plus hours out on the porch and my head was back in the book. Chapter 20. The ice in my coffee had long melted, my supply of peanuts was depleted, and the sun was bright. The rain was over. It turned out to be a lovely day. Except for those non-winning lottery tickets.

A motorcyclist revved her bike's engine as she whooshed by, nearly running the stop sign, and brought me out of my reverie.

Time for dinner.

B&P

"It turns out that our ability to connect with other people is driven by our ability to connect deeply with ourselves. And that can be just a few minutes sitting on your porch feeling the breeze against your face. That can be a few moments spent in meditation or in prayer or remembering three things you're grateful for." - Vivek Murthy (American public servant, b. 1977)

"True luxury is being able to own your time - to be able to take a walk, sit on your porch, read the paper, not take the call, not be compelled by obligation." Ashton Kutcher (American actor, b. 1978)



Neighbors at the East Gate having an evening of delicious food and friendship

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A beautiful evening

By Adrienne Brotman

On the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, several neighbors, who live by the east gate, got together for an evening of good food, good wine, and good conversation.

The food was plentiful and quite eclectic. Samosas, chicken tandoori, crispy shrimp, jabchei (sweet rice noodles), palabok (thin noodles, spices, shrimp broth, shrimp, tofu, and pork rind), kimchi, empanadas, London broil, coleslaw, potato salad, and macaroni salad. Every

dish was scrumptious. These dishes were accompanied by plum wine, Chardonnay, beer, seltzer, and delicious chai tea.

Dessert included watermelon, chocolate and white chocolate chip cookies, Linzer tort, and a fruit tart. We were planning to serve hot dogs but our bellies were full. We could not eat another bite. We all went home with doggie bags with plenty to eat for the next few days. We can't wait to get together

Intimate Classical Cabaret Series is launched

By Mary Jane Brubaker

Music lovers are in for a special treat as the Meeting House will be the stage for a series of intimate performances by accomplished musicians ranging from pianists to a cellist to a harpist/singer, courtesy of the Rossmoor Music Group. Four of the six featured musicians are candidates for the Doctor of Music Arts degree at Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University. We are pleased to provide a concert venue for these talented performers.

The fall series features Pianist Yidi Jiao (Sept. 5 at 7:30 p.m.); Harpist/Singer Michelle Mountain (Nov.9 at 3 p.m.), who performs in the Renaissance Faire tradition; and cellist Tsung-Yu Tsai who will be joined by Yidi Jiao (Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m.).

First up is Jiao, a pianist who made her debut at Carnegie Hall at the age of 17. She may be familiar to us, as she plays the piano and organ for the Community Church on Sundays, where she regularly astounds parishioners with her musical prowess, routinely receiving appreciative applause. Her program will feature composers Debussy, Beethoven, and Schubert.

Tickets for this new concert series will be sold on a

concert by concert basis through the E&R department. You can now get your tickets, at \$10 each, for Jiao's concert on Sept. 5. Tickets for the two remaining concerts in the fall series will go on sale Oct.1.

Tickets may be purchased in person via E&R or via telephone at 609 655-3232. Next month's edition of the Rossmoor News will feature the musicians performing in November. For those who plan way ahead, the Spring series will feature pianists Jorge Tabares (March 22, 2026 at 3 p.m.), Xiyue Huang (May 17, 2026 at 3 p.m.) and resident Seiran Chapman, (June 5, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.).

World-class musicians who have performed here regularly say our Meeting House ranks among the best venues in which they have ever performed. Take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy gorgeous music in our top notch venue featuring established and emerging musicians.

In the good old summertime: A concert to benefit childhood cancer research

By Mary Jane Brubaker

A host of performers, both young and young-at-heart, will gather at the Meeting House on Sunday, July 20, at 3 p.m., to share their musical talents for a good cause. One hundred percent of the proceeds from ticket sales will support the Om Foundation which, among other things, raises funds in support of childhood cancer research.

This concert is the brainchild of Monroe Township High School 11th grader Shrey Palla. Shrey, who plays the viola, lost a friend to cancer. Since then, he has dedicated himself to using his musical talents to foster awareness about pediatric cancer and raise funds for research.

The first half of this concert will feature Shrey at the viola performing a variety of music - from "Puff the Magic Dragon" to "Concerto in D

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Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill, candidate for governor, on right, visited Monroe. On left is Mayor Steve Dalina and, center, is Ward 2 Councilwoman Rupa Siegel.

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with so many like-minded

neighbors, we were happy to

meet County Commissioner

Cohen, Ward 1 Councilman

Mike Markel, and Ward 2

Councilwoman Rupa Siegel.

Markel and Siegel are also up

for re-election in November.

Council President Miriam

Charles Kenny, Monroe

Gubernatorial candidate visits us

By Carol De Haan

Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill, candidate for governor of New Jersey, came to the Democratic headquarters in the shopping mall on Forsgate Drive, next to Rossmoor, on Tuesday, June 9. Mayor Steve Dalina introduced Sherrill, who urged attendees to vote, or return their mail-in ballot before election day, June 10.

She was full of energy and high spirits, insisting that in spite of all the turmoil in America at this time, "New Jersey will set the table for the nation." Sherrill has been crisscrossing the state with her message of fiscal responsibility, integrity, and inclusiveness.

The audience was packed with members from the four Democratic Clubs in Monroe: Clearbrook, Greenbriar, Con-

Reminder: Respect for Old Glory



The box for American flag retirement.

Check the state of your flag, either before July Fourth festivities or after. If your flag looks somewhat the worse for wear, consider replacing it with a new flag and bringing the old flag to the Veterans' Alcove of Remembrance, near the E&R office. Residents can fold their flags neatly (not necessary to use the formal triangle folded by the military) and put them into the box provided. It can hold larger flags and all the way down to the little flags people put out as decoration during the year, so all sizes are treated with equal respect.

The veterans check the box periodically, as necessary, and will dispose of them by burning, as is proper, in cooperation with the fire department of Jamesburg which already has the set-up for doing this.



Bill Spadea, center, candidate for governor, answered some questions from guests.

Republican Club welcomes Bill Spadea

By Gail Staiti

On May 28, the Republican Club welcomed Bill Spadea, former radio/TV personality and candidate for the Republican nomination for New Jersey governor. Bill Spadea came to discuss his platform and plans for New Jersey, including a property tax plan that will phase the education portion of property

Taxes down to zero for people over the age of 55.

Bill Spadea answered many questions from the guests and stayed for individual photos with many of them. The rain could not keep our residents away, as the Ballroom was packed. A delightful night was shared with all Rossmoor residents.

Let us keep the red wave going!

Check Channel 26 and the Clubhouse bulletin board for further Club announcements.

The upshot:

Winners of the June 10 primary election were, for the Democrats – Mikie Sherrill, and for the Republicans -- Jack Ciattarelli.

These two candidates will vie for the New Jersey governorship on Election Day, Nov. 4.

Think about this

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Benjamin Franklin 1706-1790 U.S. Founding Father Ambassador, patriot



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Elaine Alexander: Interior designer and so much more

By Mary Jane Brubaker

From working with Cousin Brucie on ABC radio, to working with Aaron Spelling on his TV shows, to working with Larry Gordon on his movies, to designing clothing for Ralph Lauren, to serving as an interior designer for high-end homes in Arizona, Elaine Alexander has lived quite the life.

Born in Detroit, Mich., Elaine's family moved to Edison. N.J., shortly after her birth. She studied business at Ri-

der College and landed her first job at ABC in N.Y. in the 1970s. There, she worked as a secretary and from her perch in the radio studio, watched Cousin Brucie spinning records while his show was on the air.

She then moved to merchandising, where her office was stuffed with toys from the various ABC TV shows of the time. That was followed by a move to programming which led to an offer to relocate to L.A. to work on the



Elaine Alexander, interior designer

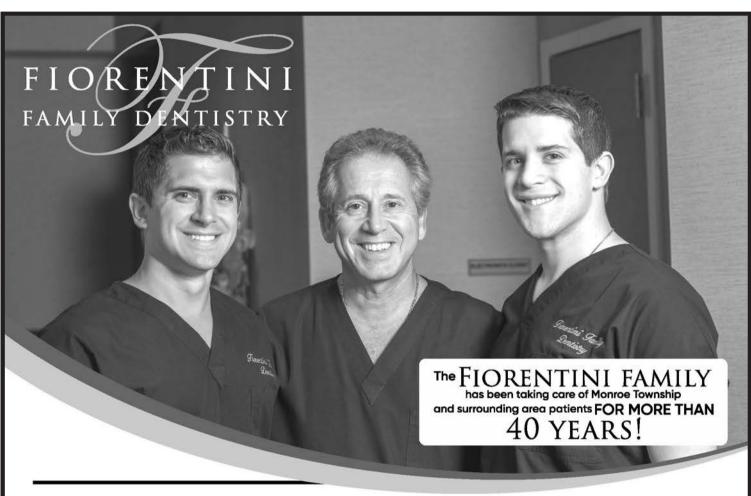
production end of the TV and movie industries. There she worked for producers Spelling and Gordon. Along the way, she got involved in costuming and took a brief hiatus to do post-graduate work at UCLA in Design. When she returned to work, she did costumes for "It's a Living," starring Louise Lasser and "Soap," starring Billy Crystal.

Elaine took a break from work to travel in Europe, settling in Zurich for a time. Her L.A. connections helped her land a position overseas which allowed her to extend her time there to six months. Upon her return to L.A., she decided to put her fashion degree to use. "I sent resumes out and got a job with Ralph Lauren women's wear," she says. "One of the movies for which I did costumes was set in the 1930s and Ralph Lauren loved suits inspired by the '30s. I spent the next year designing suits, dresses, knits and more." This new position resulted in her relocation to Princeton.

"I spent my weekends in Princeton visiting Nassau Interiors. The owner noticed I was a frequent visitor and we got to talking," she says. "He told me that he did for interiors what Ralph Lauren did for clothing and if I ever wanted a job to give him a call. A few weeks later, I called him and went to work for Nassau Interiors and that," she adds, "was the beginning of my career as an interior designer." Elaine worked there until the early 1990s, when a recession hit. She says, "I went on vacation to Arizona and I noticed building was booming. I sent out some resumes and got a call from the most formidable firm in the area."

She spent the next 30 years in Scottsdale as an interior designer for three of the well-known firms. Her work has been featured in a variety of magazines and she's won multiple design

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The Inquiring Photographer

By Rosemary Masella

Where were you on June 29, 1969, when Neil Armstrong landed on moon?



Sue Archambault

I was in upstate New York working as a camp counselor. We were watching television and everyone was going wild. I will never experience that excitement again.



Paul Pittari

I watched television for hours. Then Walter Cronkite announced that the spaceship had landed. One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind. I was very excited. I worked for Grumman for years. My name is inscribed on a plague on the moon. I am an engineer. I worked on the Luna Excursion Module and Apollo 13. (Paul is an amazing person with a wealth of information about the moon landing.)



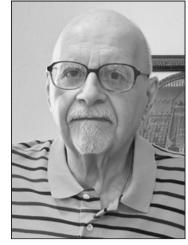
Donald Phillips

When Neil Armstrong walked on the moon I was watching television with my parents. I couldn't believe it was happening. It was so exciting.



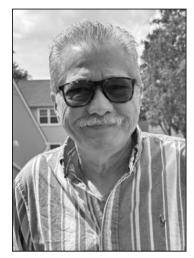
Diane Arce

When Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, I was 7 years old and was outside playing.



Dave Wasnick

was watching television with my parents. It was wild. We were so excited.



Gene Murphy

I watched it from beginning to end and we were riveted to the television.

Is Rossmoor a safe community?

By Allen Kobezak

The short answer is, of course it is. Outside our gated community, neighborhoods without our added security face a greater risk of burglary, theft of packages left at their doors, and other dangers. However, when I heard the recent rumor of a burglary in Rossmoor, I wanted to remind our residents that we shouldn't have a false sense of security.

We live in a gated community that ensures only our residents, guests, and service personnel can easily access our neighborhood. We also have a security service that patrols our roads, keeping an eye out for our safety.

We have fences and stone walls around some of our perimeters, which should deter a vehicle from entering. However, while it may be difficult for many of our residents to scale, any sevenyear-old could likely climb over them.

I have always felt safe when entering Rossmoor's gates, and I believe our community truly is a secure place to enjoy our lives. But we must remember that even in Rossmoor, we shouldn't become too complacent. We still need to follow some common sense practices to ensure Rossmoor stays a secure place to enjoy life.

A good place to start would be to make sure you don't leave your doors and windows unlocked. An added feature that comes with some windows or can be

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Elaine Alexander

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Elaine moved here in March 2025 and in that short time, she has found her niche. She joined the Forsgate Country Club where she enjoys their special events and their book club. She attends musical programs offered in Monroe Township and has joined the Croquet Club. She also plans to continue traveling. "Rossmoor has been very welcoming," she says. "I feel like I'm home."

Benefit Concert

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Following a brief intermission, Rossmoor's young-atheart take the stage and sing their hearts out for this very good cause. Featured songs will include such old-time favorites as "In the Good Old Summertime," "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," and "Shine on Harvest Moon." The singers, who will be familiar to many of us as they are frequently showcased at performances by the Rossmoor Chorus, include Deborah Baldwin, Sheila McCue, Jim O'Connell, Anne Rudolph, James Shin. Accompanying the singers on the piano will be Seiran Chapman.

Tickets are \$10 per person and must be purchased in advance through E&R. You can either purchase them in person or call E&R at 609 655-3232. Tickets will not be available at the door. This concert is sponsored by the Rossmoor Music Group.

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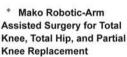
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Twenty Fingers on the keyboards: Jim and Janet Wilson of the Players

By Joan and Jason Salt

It may seem that the Wilsons were always connected with the Rossmoor Players, but in fact it all started in 2016, when Janet Wilson was asked to play piano accompaniment for the Rossmoor Players musical "It's

News To Us." Her husband Jim came to the audition in support, and to his surprise he was cast as the opportunist who turns the newsroom upside down. Janet, meanwhile, managed to translate the composer's guitar chords into piano music. Since then, they have had a hand (or four) in every Players show.

Despite his three Emmy awards for writing the Today show and news broadcasts, Jim never expected to write plays. But when Bob Huber said "Crooks And Nannies" was his last play and told Jim, "You're up next," Jim stepped up with "What's Up," a newsroom comedy loaded with actual newsroom bloopers. Next came "What's Next," "Stick With Me," and "Buy The Book." Jim's latest, coming this fall, is "Just Desserts." Without revealing too much, the play is rumored to take place in a struggling bed & breakfast in a New England state that starts with "V." It promises comedy, mystery, and romance, much like a day at Rossmoor.

Janet has been an indispensable element of the Players' productions and

"This 'n' That" shows since 2016. As Music Director she teaches songs to the casts, plays accompaniment for rehearsals and performances, and even creates a medley of each production's songs to play before curtain and between acts. Janet credits Bill Strecker with encouraging her as she made the leap into theatre.

With the loss of Bob Huber and Bill Strecker, Jim acknowledges there were "massive shoes to fill." He treasures a quote from Huber: "Bringing joy to people is what it's all about. If I bring joy to people, it's a good day." Judging by the smiles and laughter of audiences, the Players and the Wilsons are succeeding together in that endeavor. Janet adds, "We're thankful that God has brought us to a place where we can lift the spirits of others, knowing that any abilities we may have, come from Him."

You're sure to see the Wilsons at "This 'n That," Thursday, July 31, Friday, Aug. 1, and Saturday, Aug. 2, at the Meeting House, and at "Just Desserts" later this year.

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Rossmoor beginnings: The Clubhouse



The Clubhouse in the summer of 1965, just a few short months before Rossmoor celebrated its opening day.

By Mary Jane Brubaker

Designed by world-class architectural firm Royal Barry Wills Associates in 1965, our Clubhouse was built, furnished, and put to good use (as was our pool and the Meeting House parking lot) long before the first residents moved in, although that wasn't part of Developer Ross Cortese's original game plan.

Cortese's initial goal, which was accomplished, was that by opening day on Oct. 15, 1965, the Administration building (sales office), the Clubhouse and pool, the Meeting House, and the model homes lining the Village Mall were completed, furnished, and landscaped with mature trees.

On opening day, he wanted to give potential buyers the impression they were moving into a wellestablished, small New England village. In this, he was an innovator as at that time, the majority of developers provided drawings of models for new developments, but did not build them out as Cortese did.

Cortese could not begin building the co-ops in Mutual 1 until he had sold 90% of

the units. This took far longer than he anticipated. Consequently Cortese, being a good neighbor, allowed the Monroe Township community to make use of the Clubhouse and surrounding ar-

The late Caroline D. Underwood, one of Rossmoor's original residents, wrote about this time. She stated "The N.J. State Highway Patrol conducted, in the Clubhouse, several series of training sessions in the operation of portable 'Drunkometers.' There was a **Basic Police Training Course** for 14 area police departments." She added, "A General Motors Motorama was held in the Meeting House parking lot, where the new 1967 GM models were introduced to the area."

But that wasn't all. In an effort to ensure purchasers who put a down payment on a Mutual 1 home stayed interested in the 1.5 years it took from opening day until the first resident could move in, Cortese encouraged residents to use the rooms in the Clubhouse for private par-

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Something worthwhile you should consider doing

By Alyce Owens

I want to tell you about one of the most worthwhile things I have experienced in my 30 years of living here in Rossmoor. And I highly recommend that you avail yourself of this free opportunity to be similarly enlightened.

Back in May 2018, our Community Church offered a series of informal meetings called "Conversations of Your Life." I decided it wouldn't hurt to learn something about end-of-life care and how to talk with your family and doctors about it. Specifically, it promised information about "Advance Care Planning" - what it is, and why it's so important.

On the first day, I admit to being intrigued, yet apprehensive. But there I was, pad and pencil at the ready for what became an amazingly informative yet comfortable discussion about the inevitable end of life, and the role I could play in my own.

I learned that I could make many choices right now about my own end-of-life care so that when it came time – even if I wasn't able to speak — those decisions would be made "my way." I'm talking about what kind of medical treatment I would want or not want. And also,

The Clubhouse

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ties. The pool was opened to purchasers on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Additional activities, including teas, card parties, a Christmas ball, square dancing, and even a trip to Radio City Music Hall, were all arranged by Cortese's team. These activities allowed future neighbors to become acquainted and, according to Underwood, "some of the curious crossed no man's land to climb into their homes for early inspections."

According to Underwood, the cost to construct the Clubhouse was \$2.5 million in 1965. To build the same structure today would cost approximately \$21 million. Underwood stated, "We Pioneers (this is how original residents referred to themselves) feel pretty proud of ourselves for recognizing a good thing when we saw it." All these years later, much the same can be said for the rest of us.

so very important, it would save my loved ones from wondering and doing what they thought I would have wanted, or worse yet, what they wanted without any thought about what I might have wanted.

The healthcare professionals who led the sessions helped us understand the definitions and difference between options we'd all heard of before, but never fully understood: Words like hospice, palliative care, and curative care. We learned about various important documents that help facilitate these decisions, such as living will, health care proxy, POLST, and one I found particularly useful called "Five Wishes," which walks you through all the important questions you would never think to ask in this decisionmaking process.

Once you understand and become comfortable talking about end-of-life care -vours or theirs -- it becomes easier for you to initiate and engage your children, parents, or other family or friends in such a conversa-

The reason I'm telling you about this is because you now have the opportunity to learn and experience all this for yourself right here in Rossmoor in August, 2025. Our Community Church will once again sponsor a similar, free, three-session program called "A Gift for Loved Ones: Advance Care Plan-

Safe community?

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added later is the child safety lock, which prevents the window from opening more than a few inches.

Use timers on your inside lights so it looks like someone is home when you're away and keep an outside light on if the street lighting isn't sufficient.

Inexpensive, easily installed alarms for your doors and windows, or more expensive whole-home security systems, are available if you feel you need them.

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ning" on Aug. 13, 20, and 27. Knowledgeable professionals in the healthcare field will lead each session, which will run from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Meeting House, and nothing will be offered or available for sale. The very informative program is open to all residents, and you may even bring an adult family member along if you wish.

You can register for this series by sending an email with your name (and guest name) to:

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What Is socially responsible investing?

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Plan ahead: You'll be glad you did

By Mary Jane Brubaker

"Here's a worst-case scenario," says Christina Smith, resident services manager. "You've been in an accident and are in the hospital. You want a friend to stop by your house to pick up some essentials and bring them to the hospital. You call me and ask me to give your house key to your friend. I can't do it, unless you can email me from your hospital bed, as that gives me your written authorization. Better yet, if you provide RCAI with a copy of the front page of your Power of Attorney, I can deal directly with your authorized individual not only in this situation but in others. For example, if you're unable to act on your behalf, I can work with your Power of Attorney to allow them entrance to your home, to pay your bills, or to handle repairs. Without that documentation," she says, "we cannot."

On a related matter, Smith also encourages residents to provide a key to their house with the North Gate. "If EMS, volunteer firemen, or the police need to enter your home in the event of an emergency, the North Gate is authorized to provide your key, if they have it, to emergency responders. This allows emergency responders to enter your home

to provide assistance if you are unable to get to the door. If you do not provide a house key to the North Gate, then it's possible the emergency responders will need to break down your door to gain access. After they leave, they will nail your door shut to keep it secure. However," she adds, "you will be responsible for the cost of repairing any damage done to your front door."

Smith says that the North Gate codes each house key given to them by residents so should unauthorized individuals gain access to the North Gate office, they would be unable to identify which key goes to which house as their coding system does not allow for identification.

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Reunions cut both ways

By Terre Martin

Reunions are like a double -edged sword. They can elicit positive memories, or they can bring back moments better forgotten. Military reunions are especially difficult to predict. Two years ago, I wrote about a trip to South Vietnam with my husband and several men who served on Swift Boats patrolling the rivers of Mekong Delta. It was more of a reunion with the country than with their fellow navy men. None of them knew one another before the trip, nor were they stationed in the same locations. The amazing thing was that they all bonded, made peace with the past, and felt a true sense of healing from



Guys in front of the house, then



Guys in front of the house, now

the trip.

More recently, men who did serve together finally had their reunion. Fifty-five years after attending Officer Candidate School, enduring four months of Survival School, and being stationed in Cat Lo, South Vietnam, they finally reunited. It was a thrill and a privilege for me to witness amazement and joy as they recognized their young friends in those old faces. They had all gone to Vietnam as fresh-faced Ensigns, where each was in charge of a Swift Boat and a crew of experienced sailors.

Like the first trip we took, I observed and listened to stories of crazy stuff that happened on their watch, but I also neard the scary stuff. Remembering the 1960s and the unpopularity of war, some of the men felt that it was all surreal. It wasn't until their boat was actually hit or they were ambushed in a canal that they realized the reality of war. The saddest thing to hear, which is true of many Vietnam vets, is that they never really talked about their experiences when they came home. They were reluctant to tell people they served, because of the negativity and scorn they received. Those pent-up thoughts and memories left many with severe PTSD. Fortunately, there were good conversations too.

The Naval Oral History Program sent videographers to listen and film some of the men. They also got to speak about their careers after the war. One man stayed in the Navy and had the honor of escorting the first POW back to the United States. Another became a successful corporate lawyer in NYC, and another followed his dream of becoming a ship builder. I also got to meet and chat with the wives of each man. Some of us knew our husbands before and during the war. Others met and married afterward.

Like the men, we had common experiences. It was cathartic for us to share what it was like to wait for our loved one while he was at war. We talked about the letters, the expectations, watching the war on TV for the first time, hearing the derisive comments on campuses and all around us, waiting to greet them in Hawaii on their first R&R leave from the war, and praying that they would come

home whole and healthy.

From across the room, I saw my husband give a big hug to a frail guy with thinning hair. He had been waiting for 56 years to see and reconnect with his friend, roommate, groomsman, and the guy who chauffeured us to the airport for our honeymoon. As he prepared for the trip, he kept looking at the RSVP list and only saw "maybe" next to his buddy's

On the last day of the gathering, the host assured him that his friend was coming. I was told with absolute certainty that we couldn't go home until the guy showed up. And there he was! The words, memories, questions, and stories just tumbled from their mouths. We found out that an adopted son lives in Somerset, N.J., so the prospect of a real visit is now possible. We brought old photos to prove that we really did know one another all those years ago. It was a love-fest of sorts. All

Of course, like all reunions, it had to end. The good part that they exchanged phone numbers and email addresses. Now they don't have to wait another 56 years to see one another. As for all the other attendees, we promised to attend more reunions in the future. The next one is in San Antonio, Texas, in 2026. As long as we don't have to organize it,



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The Original 200

By Jesica Romer

My beloved parents, to the best of my recollection, were among the original 200 to move into Rossmoor (Sam and Ruth Romer - check my dates)

I remember when I was living in New York City and came to visit my parents, and they had fields and only had a few holes that were built on the golf course. My Dad was commuting from Seaford, Long Island, as he had gotten a job at Supermarket General - what used to be the old Pathmark Headquarters in Edison, N.J.

During that time, the age was 45 and 48 (check me out on this) as Rossmoor was the first community be-

ing built back then and they wanted to attract a younger crowd. They had model homes and I believe it was called Leisure World. What also attracted my parents to move here was that it was a pet friendly community. Many adult communities didn't allow dogs, and my parents had a beloved Shih Tzu named Homer.

There was a group of golfers who originally came t in from Queens, New York, and even though my Dad never played golf he later became an avid golfer with a group of men once he retired. He ,never missed a day. It was a very cohesive group since many of them moved in together, and they all knew

each other on first name basis at the pool, cards, etc. No bocce or pickleball back then.

Also what attracted my parents to move into Rossmoor was they were promised when they bought in, should the day and time come when they needed more care, they could move into an assisted type living which is now the Brookdale Assisted Living on Forsgate Drivee. However, that quickly fizzled out when the unions came into Rossmoor and changed ownership.

My parents were also members of the Rossmoor Jewish Congregation with cantor Mary Feinsinger which had such a large congregation at the Meeting House it was standing room only at the doors on the holidays.

Those days are long gone; a new group and crowd have moved in, which is the way of progress. I moved here to care for my beloved parents who are now gone; and now

I am what they call an old timer since I was 55 and now I am in my mid 70s. However, as they say on my Birthday, New Years Eve, In with the new and the old are still here.

Soul and Body

By Sidna B. Mitchell

Most of us think that pastors are largely concerned with our souls. While that may be true, there were at least two New Jersey preachers who were also concerned about our bodies.

Take the Rev. Sylvester Graham, a Bound Brook Presbyterian minister, an avid vegetarian. He invented a type of graham crackers as a health food in 1829. Ac-



cording to the Graham Family Papers, "...Beyond diet, he recommended hard mattresses, open bedroom windows, chastity, cold showers, loose clothing, pure water and vigorous exercise." This minister was also a founder of the American Vegetarian Society and was active in the temperance movement.

This Rev. Graham —- no relation to the Rev. Billy Graham that we know of —- was very concerned about the overprocessing and the enriching of wheat flour. Because of those processes, he believed white flour ruined people's health. As a result, the Rev. Graham developed a flour made from coarsely ground whole wheat that became known as graham flour that was used in graham bread and graham crackers.

However, his graham crackers were not the sweet, crunchy treats that we know today as used in s'mores.

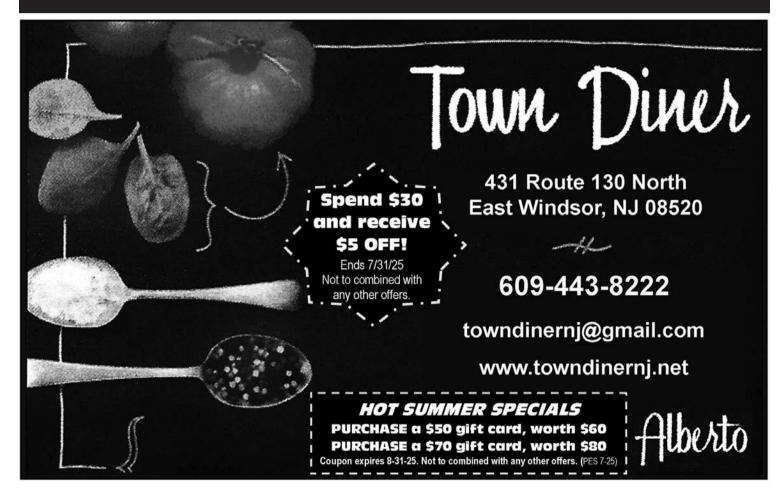
The other New Jersey preacher concerned about the health of his members and others was Thomas Bramwell Welch, a Methodist minister and dentist in Vineland. He was also involved in the temperance movement at a time when the Methodist Church was strongly opposed to the consumption of alcohol even for communion.

The Rev. Welch was allegedly outraged when one Sunday a member of the church showed up at the Welch's home after having too much of the communion wine. The reverend then decided to come up with a way to provide unfermented grape juice rather than wine for communion. In 1869 Rev. Welch bottled his first grape juice in his kitchen. By 1890 the beverage was known as Dr. Welch's Grape Juice.

His product was not an immediate success so Welch continued his dentistry even though some of the local churches did use his grape juice for their communion services. However, eventually with the help of his son, Charles, also a dentist, the Welch's grape juice became more popular after its exposure at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago.

In 1896 the Welch's company moved to Concord, Mass., where the concord grapes could be more readily grown.







A stroke is a stroke

By Terre Martin

It was the fourth of July weekend many years ago. We were sitting on the sideline of my daughter's high school soccer game. Families were gathered, the team was doing great, and the weather was perfect. Then it happened. I got the dreaded phone call. "Come quick! Mom is in the hospital. She had a mini-stroke!"

My mother had always been relatively healthy. She had never displayed the illnesses and issues that most people her age had experienced. She was in her early 80s, active, and still living in her own home. We thought she was indestructible. But that one day, she started to feel dizzy and a bit weak. She shook it off, but it worried her, so she called my brother. Fortunately, that phone call and his quick re-

Tree Report

So what else can trees do for us, in addition to making oxygen and providing shade from the sun?

Apparently, they can stop crime.

If that seems too farfetched, just consider what happened in Chicago. In 1941, the authorities built a high-rise housing complex for 1,500 families on the south side of the city. Over the years in parts of the complex, the trees, grass, and shrubs died. Other parts of the development remained green. In 2001, the University of Illinois found that the high foliage areas saw 48% fewer property crimes and 56% fewer violent crimes when compared with the nogreen areas.

Cincinnati had to remove 646 dead or dying ash trees that had been invaded by the emerald ash borer. Police records indicated an uptick in property crimes, assaults, and other violent crimes since the trees went down.

In a 2012 study, Portland, Oregon found lower crime rates on streets with trees.

With all of that in mind, recently Philadelphia conducted an experiment on 500 of its vacant lots. One third were cleaned up and planted with grass and trees. Another third were cleaned up and just sown with grass seed. The final third were left alone. Sure enough, the two newly greened areas saw a 29% drop in gun violence over a 38-month period

A social scientist at the Forest Service and author of the Philadelphia study, Michelle Kondo reported that the city spent only \$5 per square meter to green up each lot. That produced a 29% reduction in gun violence, a pretty spectacular return on investment.

Kondo says that other cities are experimenting with the "green solution" to crime: New Orleans, Louisiana, Camden, New Jersey, and Flint, Michigan.

sponse was a life saver. When I finally got to her, she was sitting up in the hospital and feeling a little embarrassed. Surely, it was no big deal, and we were making a fuss. No, it was a big deal. She had experienced a TIA or mini-stroke.

The doctor explained that the quick response was the key to her treatment. She realized that her symptoms were not normal, the dizziness, blurred vision, and headache were not part of her everyday life. Rather than assume it would all dissipate, she called my brother

to let him know she wasn't well. Even her speech patterns were labored. How many times have we tried to shake off physical problems thinking they're no big deal? What I have learned is that they are a big deal. Being aware of changes in your physical well-being is vitally important. Notifying someone quickly when we know things are not "right" is vitally important. TIAs can lead to cognitive decline, so they shouldn't be taken lightly. No matter what acronym is used for the problem, a stroke is a stroke. I may not know how to stop it, but now I'm more able to recognize it.

Rain — enough already

By Allen Kobezak

I'm writing this article in late May for the July issue of the Rossmoor News. The only inspiration I have today is the rain outside my window. The only life I see in that rain is the geese on the lake and, of course, a few diehard golfers. It's hard to remember a week in the last couple of months when we didn't have cloudy skies, rain, and cool temperatures. I keep asking myself, where does all this rain come from?

That's a good question, which I never gave much thought to before. Of course, everyone knows rain is a liquid precipitation that comes from the clouds in the sky, but where does that liquid originate?

The short answer is that it comes from the bodies of water on the Earth's surface and from the water that plants release along with oxygen during the photosynthesis process. This water vapor evaporates into the

atmosphere and forms a mass, or what we know as a cloud. When the water vapor cools and condenses, it turns back into water droplets. When these droplets join together, they eventually become too heavy and fall back to the Earth as rain.

Wow, did I say my last paragraph would contain the short answer? If you're still with me, I hope I've explained it clearly enough that you and even I can understand it. Anyway, that's my answer and I'm sticking to it!

We all need drinking water to survive, and rain helps farmers grow crops that provide the food on our tables. Even you and I rely on the rain to keep our grass and flowers alive.

A light rain on the roof is also a pleasant sound to fall asleep to after a long day.

I just wish we could persuade Mother Nature to fill our days with sunshine and limit that well-needed rain to the nighttime hours when I'm fast asleep.

What's in a nickname — The Keystone State

By Allen Kobezak

Just as New Jersey's nickname is The Garden State, Pennsylvania has a unique nickname: The Keystone State. But what is a keystone, and why would a state be proud to be described as one?

A keystone is the wedgeshaped stone at the center of an arch that locks all the other stones together. Okay, but what does that have to do with our neighboring state.

Pennsylvania played a valuable role in the birth of our nation. It is considered the middle of our original 13 colonies, and like the keystone in an arch, it helped hold the other colonies together.

Some significant developments took place in Pennsylvania that determined the fate of the country we live in.

Our founding fathers met in Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pa., where they debated and adopted the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution.

We were still a youthful nation in 1863 when Abraham Lincoln traveled to Gettysburg, Pa., to honor the men who lost their lives in a three-day battle

fought during a war that divided our citizens. His brief, 271-word address is regarded as one of the most significant speeches in America's history. His compelling words defined our country. He dedicated the ground where the fallen soldiers would forever rest. He also linked our Civil War to the principles of the Declaration of Independence and our struggle to create a nation where all its people are not only free but also equal.

We can understand why our next-door neighbor was nick-named The Keystone State, and why Pennsylvania's citizens are proud that their state has had a significant influence on our nation's beginnings and future growth.

However, New Jersey and the other original colonies also played important roles in the creation of our country. With the combined strength and determination of our 13 original colonies, united and locked together by that keystone colony, we achieved what no individual colony could have accomplished on its own.

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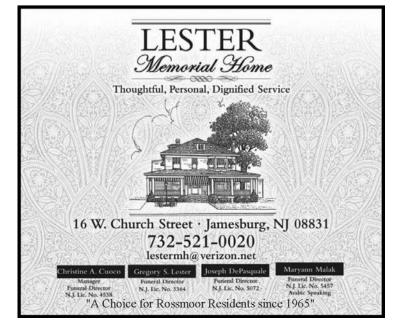


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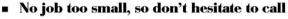


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Are there any skeletons in your backyard?

If you dig deep enough, you're liable to find almost anything in the rich soil of the Garden State. That's what William Parker Foulke did in 1858 when he unearthed the bones of the first nearly complete dinosaur found in North America.

Can you imagine 80 million years ago, dinosaurs might have roamed through what would eventually become your home in Rossmoor? These creatures could shake the ground with every step they took; and you thought your upstairs neighbor's TV was annoying?

But enough about you and your noisy neighbor. Let's get back to the subject of my article, William Foulke.

William Foulke was born in Philadelphia in 1816 and died in 1865 at age 49. In his short life, he wore many including attorney, hats, prison reformer, abolitionist, historian, philanthropist, and geologist. However, there is some evidence that he did find some time for his devoted wife, Julia. During their marriage, they raised seven chil-

In the 19th century, farmers

often dug a type of nutrientrich clay from pits to use as fertilizer in their fields. Around 1840, one of these farmers, John Hopkins of Haddonfield, New Jersey, discovered some large bones in the pit his workers were excavating.

Although Hopkins' findings stimulated some discussion and interesting tales in town, nothing more became of the discovery until William Foulke visited the town and heard about the event some 20 years later.

William Foulke met with the farmer, who agreed to let Foulke begin a more intensive search for other large bones on his farm.

More bones were found less than 15 feet farther down in the original pit. When the project was finished, a nearcomplete skeleton of a Hadrosaurus, an enormous duckbilled dinosaur, was unearthed.

Each bone was measured and sketched before it could be moved. William Parker Foulke was credited with the excavation and documentation of the find, which was named Hadrosaurus foulkii in his honor.

It was estimated that this

prehistoric reptile was more than 10 feet tall and 25 feet long and might have weighed more than seven tons. This large herbivorous dinosaur fed mostly on twigs and leaves. Considering he weighed more than four SUVs, that doesn't say much for keeping slim on a vegetarian diet.

The skeleton is now on display in Philadelphia at Drexel University's Academy of Natural Sciences. Haddonfield also has a park and sculpture as a tribute to Hadrosaurus foulkii, affectionately known as "Haddy" to its citizens.

In 1991, with the urging of the fourth-grade students and their teacher at the Strawbridge Elementary School, Hadrosaurus foulkii was named the Official State Dinosaur of New Jersey. You should remember that little bit of information for the next Trivia Night in the Clubhouse.

Just think, the next time you work in your garden, you might find some 80-million-vear-old dinosaur bones just as, William Foulke did. Just don't count on it — with your luck, all you'll discover will be someone's old boot, and it won't even be your size.

Who does the visiting?

By Terre Martin

Remember when you were a kid, and you would visit your grandparents? For my family, it was usually on a Sunday afternoon. We'd get in my dad's small car and visit both of my grandmas. Usually, we'd meet up with other cousins, aunts, and uncles who were making their weekly visits too. Nowadays it's the grandparents who do the visiting. The nuclear family isn't so nuclear anymore. Our children have taken jobs or bought homes in other cities, states, and even countries.

When those of us of a cer-

tain age think about retiring, we often think about where to live. Sometimes one of the biggest factors in that decision is if we will live near our children. In today's world, it means having split personalities. In my case, I have three daughters and nine grandchildren. Each daughter lives in a different state. One is currently in northern California, but she is going to move to Texas this summer. Another is in Pennsylvania, but her family is moving to South Carolina at the end of the school year. The third is in Connecticut. She seems to be staying put, but the drive to her home is 2.5 hours in traffic. Apparently, her family's busy schedule means they can't make the trip on weekends. You know, there are sports games, parties, business obligations, and all sorts of excuses. "Mom, can you come here?"

I'm not alone in this dilemma. I have friends who have moved multiple times trying to stay near family. One woman told me she flies to various states to attend graduations, first communions,

and the birth of babies. Another friend is considering giving up her independence to move in with her kids. How and when did this reversal of visits happen? Did we blink? Were we asleep? Weren't we paying attention?

Actually, in many ways, we are responsible. Didn't we encourage our kids to get a good education, sometimes at schools far from home? Didn't we encourage them to follow opportunities and experience more of life than we did? When they fell in love with someone from far away, didn't we bless their relationship? Ironically, we got what we wished for.

The visits to my house have become less frequent, and sometimes non-existent. I used to host all the big holidays. I pulled out the china. crystal, and silverware I bought when I got married. I planned and cooked for days beforehand. I decorated, set the table, bought little gifts for the kids, and lovingly exhausted myself. Today, I make travel arrangements and book hotel rooms. The end result is still wonderful. I spend time with my family.

There were other things to consider when deciding where to live. We have doctors and healthcare providers who know our history. We have close relatives and friends who have been part of our lives even before we had kids. There is also the familiarity of New Jersey. We grew up here and have lived in every part of the state. In some ways, Rutgers has been our home base for almost 60 years. My husband and I met there as students, and our daughters are graduates. I also worked there

for 19 years. Instead of family visits on the weekend, we go to sporting events or meet up with alumni for trips and events. It isn't lost on me that I don't revisit any of the homes where I grew up and lived with my children. I've seen recent photos of them, and they just don't look the same. I also don't go back because my heart aches just thinking of them. But Rutgers? It has been there for more than 250 years and still feels familiar.

Sometimes it's easier to do the visiting rather than be visited. When the noise and hubbub get to be too much, I can retreat to my hotel. I can watch whatever I want on the TV and hang out in my PJs. I can go to sleep by 9 p.m. and get up at 6:30 in the morning without disturbing anyone. I wonder what my mom and grandmothers were thinking all those years ago? I bet they were glad about the visit, but just as glad to see us go home.

TRIVIA FUN

By Phyllis and Peter Braff

1. Which President was a licensed bartender?

A - Abe Lincoln

B - R. Nixon

C - Bill Clinton

2. Which month of the year has the most baby deliver-

A - September

B - August

C – July

3. In 1940 how much did it cost for a house?

A - \$3,900

B - \$4,900

C - \$2,900

4. What is a Super Nova?

A - Chevy style car

B - exploding star C - a pound of smoked salmon (Lox)

Answers on page 15.

CULINARY CORNER

By Sidna Mitchell

Thank you, Rev. Graham

In another part of the Rossmoor News you will find an article about the Rev. Sylvester Graham and the Rev. Thomas Welch, two New Jersey pastors who were concerned about people's bodies as well as their souls. In that article you can read a bit of history of graham crackers and Welch's grape juice.

I happened to like both graham crackers and grape juice — even the fermented kind. In fact, when I was in the hospital having a knee revision (replacement), I was given some graham crackers after waking up in the recovery room following the surgery. However, I think I got apple juice, not grape juice.

In reading the history of Welch's grape juice, I was reminded of the first communion for my granddaughter, Maggie. Most of the kids quickly took the bread and a sip of wine. However, one young girl obviously liked the taste of the wine because she kept sipping away. The young priest looked perplexed and before he could decide what to do, the girl's mother came up, took the chalice away and handed it to the priest. There were a few chuckles among the parishioners.

Of course, I've found many recipes that include graham crackers as ingredients. For example, I've used a graham cracker crust for a lemon ice box pie, a key lime pie, a cran-

To the Editor

Although I am not a Rossmoor resident. I frequently visit there. It is a charming setting that is obviously well managed. A special feature of the enclave is The Rossmoor News, a periodical "of the people, by the people, and for the people of Ross-

I am always blown away by the quality of this publica tion, it is a better read than most of the local newspapers I encounter, covering a wide variety of events, interests, and opinions. One of its strongest points is the quality of writing and editing that go

Now I hear there is a proposal to transfer publication of the paper to an outside entity. This would be one more unfortunate step toward mediocrity for America's newspapers. A functioning democracy requires a free and locally involved press. We need publications like The Rossmoor News that belong to the people they serve.

James McCoy Professor Emeritus Wagner College Staten Island, N. Y.

Culinary Corner **Graham Cracker Brownies**

- 1 package graham crackers, crumbled
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 small (11.5-12 oz.) package chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup finely chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Put a few graham crackers in a plastic bag and crush with a rolling pin until you have fine cracker crumbs.

Repeat until all crackers are crushed.

In a large bowl, mix graham cracker crumbs, sweetened condensed milk, chocolate chips and pecans.

Pour into a well-greased square baking pan.

Bake in a 350-degree oven for about 30 minutes. Do not overcook.

When cool, cut into 16 brownie squares.

NOTE: These are chewy, dense and rich brownies. And they are so quick and easy to make.

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

berry dream pie, my cousin Jan's easy pie and a chocolate almond cream pie; however, I cheat and buy the already prepared crust in the supermarket. I've also used graham crackers in cherry brandy balls, Bourbon balls, a date nut cake, and in seven-layer

However, the recipe I offer this time is the easiest

In Memoriam _

Louise E. Londino

Louise Eleanor Londino, of Mutual 2, passed away May 16 after a brief illness.

Louise had a 40+ year banking career with People's National Bank, later Bank of America. Upon retirement, she had a wonderful second career at Malouf Auto.

She and her husband, Dave, raised their family in Old Bridge. She lost Dave in 1974 and her companion Ed Harto in 2002.

Louise enjoyed volunteering with the Friends of the Monroe Township Senior Center and loved her Trips of Distinction. She was a fierce Rossmoor bocce ball captain.

She became a proud member of the NSDAR Jersey Blue Chapter in 2020, proving patriot lineage. She was proud to say she was Danish.

She is survived by her daughter Donna Smith, stepson Chris, his wife Amanda, and their children; by her son, David Londino and his children: by her daughter Lisa (Bob) and their son Matthew. Her daughter Dawn (Rocky), and their children. She was proud to have six great-grandchildren. Burial at Old Tennent Cemetery was private.

NEW NEIGHBORS

By Christina Smith, Resident Services Manager

Kay Wallace, 193C Mayflower Way, formerly of Elizabeth, N.J.

Preeti Jain and Pawan Kumar, 568A Thornton Lane, formerly of Iselin, N.J.

Howard Bella and Paulette Christle, 293C Sharon Way, formerly of Cranbury, N.J.

Michael and Judith Jenkins, 719B Victoria Court, formerly of Stoney Point, N.Y.

Zhao Jun Hu, 261C Middlebury Lane, formerly of Elizabeth, N.J.

Marion Boonen, 608C Winchester Lane, formerly of Palm Coast, Fla.

Francine Cicchi, 162A Providence Way, formerly of South River, N.J.

Richard Cai and Shelly Wang, 659-O Yale Way, formerly of Marlboro, N.J.

Frank and Michele Ruggiero, 175C Portland Lane, formerly of Staten Island, N.Y.

Trivia Answers

(Continued from page 14)

4. B - exploding star



3. C - \$2,900

2. B - August

1. A - Abe Lincoln

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It's a virus!

By Steven Gray

I am referring to computer viruses, not the human kind, where you are told to take two aspirins and call in the morning if no improvement. It is a shame we cannot give the computer two bytes and have it all better.

Contrary to popular (or unpopular) belief, computer viruses have not always been with us. One of the computer pioneers, John von Neumann, did write about the possibility in 1966 that was based on lectures he gave at the University of Illinois in 1949 concerning "self -reproducing automata." Jumping forward to 1970, we have the first story written about a computer virus called "The Scarred Man" by Gregory Benford, published in Venture Science Fiction.

Mr. von Neumann's theory was tested in 1971 by a little known programmer, Bob Thomas, who infected computers running the TENEX operating system using ARPANET, the precursor to the Internet, with a message, "I'm the creeper, catch me if you can," thus given the name of the Creeper virus. That is all it did, with no damage resulting. The Reaper program was created to delete Creeper. Another science fiction novel, "When HARLIE was one," by David Gerrold, was one of the first writers to call a program that infects a computer with a virus (prior to that I believe there were other names none of which can be printed here).

We all are aware that Windows computers can be infected by a wide variety of malware, mostly concerned with making money either by identity theft, stealing bank information, sending phony virus alerts to have you pay for removal of what they caused, and so on. MAC computers have had the reputation of being virus-free. No, not quite. Going back to 1982, we find one called the Elk Cloner that infected Ap-

ple's DOS 3.3 system (pre-MAC). It was hidden in a game and the 50th time the game was played it would display a poem. That virus was spread by floppy discs. Jumping forward to 1987, we find a virus called nVIR that did infect MACs. Fortunately, it was not malicious. There have been many other forms of malware written since, most of which are definitely malicious which I will not go. .into, as that article would take over the entire Rossmoor News.

The most recent statistics on malware I could find is from 2022. Over 560,000 new pieces of malware are detected daily and over 1 billion malware programs exist, 58% of all computer malware are Trojans.

At present, we have malware targeting Windows, MACOS and Android. Many of those are cross-platform, meaning they can attack more than one operating system. What to do? Keep your anti-virus up to date. Do not click on any links in email that supposedly come from your bank, Microsoft, Amazon, etc.

Do not trust any pop-ups saying "You are infected and call this number." Do a complete shutdown, wait 10 seconds, and restart, which will usually clear that pop-up, and never, ever give banking information or any personal information over the phone or Internet unless you know definitely who you are talking to.

What's the best anti-virus? Sorry, I do not recommend products or brand names. Most will work well and some better than others, but none will protect you if you click on that email supposedly from your bank, Microsoft, Apple, Amazon, and so on.

You and only you are the best protection for your computer. If you do get an infection and are a Computer Club member, call me. If you are not a member then you just found your reason to become one.

Chorus pauses for the "whole rest" of the summer

By Joan and Jason Salt

The Rossmoor Chorus wound down its year with a relatively quiet month in June. The group gathered for the church service June 8, singing "Find Us Faithful," and "Here I Am, Lord." Their only other get-together, which reportedly put the fun in function, was the annual Chorus dinner, where an abundance of delicious food surrendered to an abundance of hungry singers. The highlight of the evening was the honoring of two Chorus members for their musical contributions as well as their inspiring courage in the face of adversity – Alida Granata and Walter Gryskiewicz. Chorus President Jim Wilson said, "I can think of no two people more deserving."

The Chorus will spend the summer, apart from the occasional impromptu (and totally unsanctioned) carport a cappella concert (no, that's not really a thing... yet), resting their throats and studying the latest new material. Discerning listeners will keep an ear out for them in the fall.

When you are ready to lend a voice, feel free to visit a rehearsal at the Meeting House, Wednesdays 3:30 to 5, or call Chorus Director Janet Wilson at 609-655-4129.



The Rossmoor Computer Club hosted an excellent meeting on an Introduction to Al given by AARP's Roberta Popik. From left are Barbara Boyer, Paul Pittari, Roberta Popik, Steve Gray, Ray O'Reilly and Cathleen Norback.

Korean American Group



Korean American Club members attended a presentation by Clifford Lee.

By Youngae Lee

On May 17, we had our May monthly meeting with 25 members present.

At this gathering, Clifford Lee, one of our members, explained the history of the Rossmoor Community, which is serialized in the Rossmoor News. He explained how this village was built and formed, and what purpose it served. Everyone listened with interest and were satisfied to learn something they did not know.

In addition, as previously announced, the members decided to take pictures to remember the moment. This provided a terrific opportunity to take pictures with the background of wonderful scenery and decorate the house in a beautiful frame.

Various kinds of Korean food were prepared, and eve-

Italian American Club

By Tony Cardello

We wish all the members and their families a very safe and happy Fourth of July.

There will not be a membership meeting in the month of July, but Bingo will be played on Friday, July 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom.

We gave a donation of \$200 to Monroe Twp. High School in support of their Military Appreciation Day, and another \$200 to Rose Petals for the care of terminally ill children.



The photos from the group

ryone had a wonderful time with seasonal summer fruits.

The next meeting will be July 31: the Woman's Tea Party at the Clubhouse. This is an exciting gathering where all members can taste home made desserts. There will be traditional Korean desserts, for a gathering that pleases the taste and the eyes with beautifully arranged and decorated fruits.

If you are interested in joining, please contact President Youngae Lee at 201-230-0805 or yalee1980@ gmail.com

Our next regular meeting will

All are welcome!

be in September.



Veterans Group Welcomes Members

All Veterans! Come to a meeting every second Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Ballroom.

The Players



By Sue Archambault

The Players will present their exciting "This & That" show on Thursday, July 31, on Friday, August 1, and on Saturday, August 2. The cost of the show, including refreshments, is \$10 per person, which will be collected at the door.



Dance Club dancers at the May gathering included Ella Almodavar Richard Stults and Tony Gigguzzi.

Dance Club News

By Debbie Sills

Our Independence Day Dance on Saturday, July 26, (7-10 p.m.), will be the best bang for your buck. For 2025, paid-up members pay \$10, non-members pay \$12 and will get three hours of fun listening or dancing to the music of DJ Mel.

For our regular dances (not catered), the Club provides light beverages and snacks so you can fuel up for all that fancy footwork, while

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you ballroom dance, line dance, or just do your own freestyle to a range of music.

Thank you to everyone who gets their reservations and payment in early. We often have a lot of people who want to attend, and we do have a maximum number of seats available, so make sure to get your payment in by Monday, July 21, to ensure you get a seat, particularly if you are with a group and want to be seated together.

Another thank you to those people who paid by check, or cash and attach a completed reservation form (see reservation form on this page). Please print your name in full and the full name of any guest you are a bringing – no one wants to be listed without a name as "guest."

If you haven't renewed membership, we are still happy to accept your membership dues. Members pay \$10 for a dance, but if you are not a member the charge is \$12. Annual membership is \$10, (see the membership form on this page).

See you on July 26 in the Ballroom.

Congregations

Monroe Township, N.J.

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Bob and Melissa Cron enjoyed some light refreshments at the Hawaiian-themed Dance Club event.

2025 Dance Club Schedule

Dinner Dance

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7 PM

7 PM

6 PM

7/26/25

8/30/25

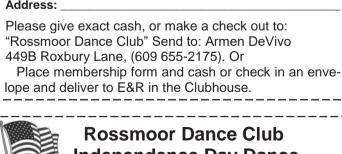
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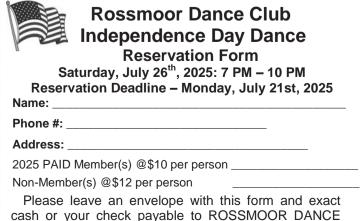
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Independence Day Dance

50's Ice Cream Sock Hop

41st Dance Club Anniversary





Or mail to: Armen DeVivo, 449B Roxbury Lane, 609

655 2175. Please note: Photographs will be taken.

CLUB in the Dance Club folder at E & R.

By Adrienne Brotman • Sabbath Services Friday, July 11

Refreshments sponsored by the Arons in honor of their anniversary and Alan's birthday.

• Friday, July 25

Refreshments sponsored by members of the congregation in celebration of the life of Cindy Sigl.

All Sabbath Services are at 7:15 p.m. in the Meeting House

All Welcome

 General Interim Meeting Wednesday, July 16
 7 p.m. Gallery

HEALTH CARE CENTER NEWS

By Elizabeth Caruso, MSN, RN, COHN-S Nurse Manager Community Health Services, Saint Peter's University Hospital

Measles and senior citizens: Don't ignore the risks

When you think about measles, memories of making sure your children were vaccinated years ago surely come to mind. Measles isn't a thing now, is it? Yes, it is.

But isn't measles a child-hood disease? And didn't the World Health Organization (WHO) announce that the disease was eliminated in the U.S., thanks to those very vaccination efforts. Again, yes, you are correct.

However, measles, a highly infectious rash with severe fever, remains a serious health concern in many countries throughout the world. This means that when someone returns from global travel, they might bring home more than memories and souvenirs.

Most of these cases have been diagnosed in younger people, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and WHO warn that seniors should be vigilant when they travel and when they associate with friends and family who have been outside the country.

The main reason to be concerned is that when an older person contracts measles, it's more than a mild illness. Measles in seniors can bring on serious complications and even can be fatal.

Why is measles spreading?

Dr. Brian Ward, associate director of the JD MacLean Tropical Disease Center at McGill University, said cases of measles are being imported by travelers. He was quoted in a recent CNN.com article where he explained why Americans shouldn't ignore the risk of contracting measles.

"Each one of those imported cases now is like a match being thrown into a bit of forest," said Dr. Ward. "The susceptible people in our communities now are like that accumulating fuel in a forest."

Another expert, Dr. Matthew Ferrari, director of the Center for Infectious Disease Dynamics at Penn State University, concurred with Dr. Ward. The disease is being spread "because a U.S. resident goes outside of the U.S. and is exposed and brings measles back," Dr. Ferrari said, noting an upward trend in measles diagnoses around the country in the past few years.

Why seniors should take note

Above, you read about making sure your children were vaccinated; the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine was first offered in the 1960s. Here's a question to ask yourself now: Were you vaccinated?

It's very possible you were not vaccinated against measles. And, even if you were, the medical community reports that you may still be vulnerable since immunity may wane over time. There are blood tests available to check your immunity.

Further, as we age, our immune systems naturally weaken, and this makes it more difficult to fight off infections like measles. Senior citizens with pre-existing conditions, including heart disease and diabetes, are at an increased risk of contracting measles.

Preventing measles in older adults

Vaccination is the primary way to prevent measles. If you are unsure about whether you have received the measles vaccine, it's not too late! Talk with your physician.

There are a few other common-sense things you can do, as well.

- Avoid contact with infected individuals.
- Practice good hygiene, such as frequent handwashing.
- Stay up-to-date on all vaccinations, including flu and pneumonia shots, to prevent additional complications should you contract measles.

Bottom line: Measles is not just a childhood illness; it is a serious health threat for senior citizens. Given the increased risk of complications, seniors and their families should take proactive steps to protect their health.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Motorists must obey the rules of the road while driving within the community including, but not limited to, observing the posted speed limits, No U-Turn, Yield, and One Way signs; stopping for pedestrians; making a full stop at all stop signs; and exercising extreme caution when entering RCAI streets from lanes or other areas without stop signs.



SPORTS

Ladies 18-Hole Golf Group

By Maria Hogan

Our season, although delayed by bad weather, finally kicked off June 4. We had many returning members and quite a few new girls. Weather was perfect and our first tournament was a success.

We meet every Tuesday for play at 9:30 a.m. Tournaments are usually scrambles and fun games such as throw out your three worst holes. We also meet on Thursday at 9:30 for just fun play.

We changed one very important tournament this year. Sadly, in 2023, we lost Patricia Mueller, a beautiful person who was a member of our group from its founding. In honor of her spirit and love of golf we are changing the name of our group champion tournament to the Patricia Mueller Ladies Invitational 18-Hole Golf Club Championship.

Club pro Ray Bridy has gra-



Patricia Mueller

ciously donated a beautiful plaque to be placed on the Pro Shop wall so names of the winners of the newly named tournament can be added every year.

Just a note, if anyone is interested in joining our 18-hole club, if you have an established handicap, please get in touch with me, Maria Hogan, president of the Rossmoor Ladies Golf Group at golfer_208@yahoo.com.

A challenging shuffleboard spring

By Allen Kobezak

After a slow spring start because Mother Nature fell asleep on her job and forgot to turn off the rain spigot, shuffleboard is back to normal.

The courts have dried out and so have our members. We are now making up for lost time. In addition to our regular games, our Singles Tournament has begun, and, as we do every year — rain or shine — we are continuing our various social events.

However, the weather was a major disappointment for our members during the early days of the season, when it threatened to put a damper on our shuffleboard tournament with the Monroe High School seniors. These games are always played on Rossmoor's courts, but the rain forced us to play at the Monroe Recreation Center. The only problem with this was that the recreation center doesn't have indoor shuffleboard courts. Some of us ended up playing trivia games, while others played bingo. Although these games couldn't compare to a

good strategic game of shuffle-

board, the purpose of this outing was to bring the two generations closer together. In that respect, it was a very successful day. Getting together with these fun, bright, and enthusiastic young people with their futures yet to be determined brightened our day, so that even the rain couldn't dampen it.

Since none of us can do anything about the weather, except complain, as I also did in another article this month, we will continue to be at the mercy of old Mother Nature. However, we can appreciate the bright, sunny days when we do have them, and remember that Mother Nature brings us those days, also.

For more information, call our Shuffleboard Rep., Jackie Cristiano, at 732-666-8323.

Or, you can stop by our courts, located next to the pool. If you see an orange ribbon on our shuffleboard sign, that's the signal that we're playing. Come right in and be introduced to our members and a game that can add many bright days to your life.

Religious News



Above: Members of the Jewish Congregation enjoying Game Day.
On left: Allan and Diane Kaufman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family at RJC services.

Croquet Club celebrates with crazy hats



Crazy Hat Day

By Betty Anne Clayton

The Rossmoor Croquet Club celebrated National Croquet Day on Sunday, June 1, with a wild display of colorful hats that were sporting the blue, red. yellow and black colors of croquet balls.

Last year, the club won a special award, from the Unites States Croquet Association, for their blackout

theme. Everyone on court was wearing black instead of the traditional white that is required on court. The club is hoping to win another award with their 2025 theme.

Women's 9-Hole Group has a great start

By Terre Martin

The need for a 9-Hole golf group became evident as more women expressed interest and have actually joined. What was once a thriving organization began losing members several years ago. COVID then hit and gave it the final blow! The only alternatives were finding others to play with on your own or tagging along with the 18-Hole group. Neither situation was ideal. It's hard to find other players if you don't know who they are, and the 18-Hole group has skilled players who are more competi-

The other issue is that many women moved to Rossmoor after the heyday of the golf groups. Some had minimal experience with the game. Others had no experience, but they wanted to learn. The problem was that they didn't know where to begin.

Enter the Women's 9-Hole group. An information meeting was advertised and held in early April. The hope was to attract and enlist the help of former players who had retired from the game. Instead, the Dogwood Room began to fill up with new and unfamiliar faces. There were recent residents who used to play but wanted to get back on the course. There were friends of residents who heard about the opportunity and were eager to join. And

there were women who wanted to learn the game from scratch.

Several women stepped up to help with the organization. Joyce Cassidy, former president of the original 9-Holers, offered to be the overall scorekeeper. Sue McElligott took on the responsibility of secretary and

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Golfers receive advice from our pros

9-Hole Group

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keeper of the email enrollment, and Barbara Agnese oversees the various weekly tournaments. Another plus is that the more experienced golfers have stepped up to help the newer players.

The tournaments are on Tuesday afternoons, after the morning rush of golfers leaves. The pairings are mixed, experienced SO players and novices play together. The objective is always to have fun while honing skills and learning the game.

Golf Pro Ray Bridy offered clinics and a tour of the front nine for inexperienced players, pointing out the rules and issues for each hole. He has made it his mission to ensure an enjoyable experience, but not at the expense of more seasoned golfers. He has emphasized the importance of P-O-P, pace of play. Everyone must play ready golf, pick up their ball after a limited number of strokes,

and help each other find lost balls for no more than three minutes.

So far, the group has proven very successful. Players who need to learn the game or improve their proficiency are taking lessons and practicing on their

Seasoned players are still able to play their game and perfect their chips and putts. After the round, there's socializing with beverages of choice and snacks. Each week names of the tournament winners are posted on the bulletin board in the golf lounge, so everyone can see their progress.

Women who want to learn to play golf should contact the Pro Shop. There is a level of proficiency necessary before they can play on the course. They should also ask about course membership.

Experienced players who would like to join the 9-Hole group should contact Terre Martin at

terre.martin3710@gmail.com.

Save the date

The MT Chorus presents their fourth annual hootenanny: "A Sing-along for Everyone," on Saturday, Aug. 16, at 2 p.m. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m., at the Senior Center, 12 Halsey Reed Road, Price \$5. at the door, children through high school age are free.

For more information call Sheila Werfel at 609 619-3229, or Donna Breitowich at 732 580-2351.

Rossmoor will send robocalls to advise in case of bad weather or emergencies

The Rossmoor administration will send automated robocalls to residents' telephones whenever it is necessary to advise about predicted snow storms, severe weather warnings, or other emergencies.

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

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Bundled branches moved 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.

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TRANSPORTATION TIDBITS

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Call-in hours are: 9:00 - noon and 2:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Schedule is available at www.rcainj.com under "Amenities".

Monroe Township Transportation609-443-0511

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Bulk Trash Collection

To schedule Bulk Trash collection please call the Rossmoor Maintenance office at 609-655-2121 before noon on Tuesdays.

Bulk trash is collected on Fridays.

Monroe remembers its heroes with monument at Veterans Park

By Mayor Stephen Dalina

It was 15 or so years ago when a local scout noticed that Monroe did not have its very own monument to honor and remember those who died in service to our coun-

So, as all good Scouts do, Sean Evans was ready to make a positive and lasting change in his hometown.

He devoted his Eagle Scout project to the creation of a monument in Veterans Park. With the support of his troop and the Township, Sean built most of the monument before he graduated high school.

It is designed with the traditional rifle, helmet and boots used to represent soldiers killed in action. You can see it proudly displayed in Veterans Park, off Avenue K.

"My troop leaders warned me that it was an ambitious project and that it wouldn't be easy, but in my mind, there was no other option," Sean said. "I knew I had to do something to honor those who gave their lives protecting our nation."

Through his hard work, Sean was able to earn his Eagle Scout designation in 2013.

But the monument was always missing a key element: a stone etched with the names of Monroe soldiers killed in action.

That recently changed. A

dozen years after Sean earned his Eagle Scout award, with his high school years deep in the rear-view window, he put the finishing touch on his project. Just in time for Memorial Day, the stone is now in place.

In fact, when the community gathered for Monroe's Memorial Day ceremony on May 26, the stone served as the proud centerpiece.

Following his graduation from Monroe High School, Sean spent five years in the U.S. Marine Corps and now serves as a public affairs officer in the Air Force Reserve. He is also a full-time student, working towards a Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling from Rutgers University.

The monument, with the newly installed stone, is a superb addition to the park.

I commend Sean for the terrific work he's done to make this monument a reality, as well as all the Eagle Scouts and others who helped make this project a reality.

It is essential that we continually honor our brave troops who made the ultimate sacrifice defending our freedoms; this moving tribute will be a great source of pride for our town for years to come. I encourage you to visit the park and see Sean's vision come to life.

Board of Governors meeting

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ous. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Directors Comments:

- Mr. Jolly discussed a request to place "no dogs allowed" signs at each entrance to RCAI buildings. Much discussion followed. Rather than signs it was decided that an article would be prominently placed in the Rossmoor News and other Rossmoor media.
- M11 Director Archambault raised concerns regarding trash collection issues with our contractor IWS. She stated that cans are not being emptied regularly. Much discussion followed.

Resident Comments:

- A resident of M11 agreed with Director Archambault regarding trash issues.
- An M1 Resident raised a concern that the no dog rules in RCAI buildings should have been further discussed at the last meet-
- M6 Resident raised a concern about trash collection on holidays.
- M11 Resident agreed with Ms. Archambault's trash concerns.

There is no further business to attend, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY **ASSOCIATION INC 2025 POOL SEASON RULES, REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES** & POOL HOURS

Friday, May 23rd through Monday, September 1st Open daily, 8:30am* - 7:30pm. (Pool hours are subject to change)

NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY - RESIDENTS ONLY - NO GUESTS ARE PERMITTED- NO SWIMMING ALONE

*Lap lanes are available to active swimmers only Monday-Friday, 8:30am-9:30am.

Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in pool privileges being revoked and/or a fine to residents.

1. Health and Safety Guidelines:

- a. As per New Jersey State Bathing Code: persons showing evidence of communicable infection, sore or inflamed eyes, cold, nasal or ear discharges, or excessive sunburn will not be permitted in the pool area. People with open sores, blisters, cuts, and/or bandages will not be permitted in the
- b. Showering is required prior to entering the pool. Soap is not permitted in the outdoor shower.
- c. People recovering from diarrhea or symptoms of gastrointestinal disease are encouraged to wait seven days before
- d. Persons suspected of being under the influence of drugs/ alcohol shall be prohibited from entering the pool area.
- e. Non-slip footwear MUST be worn in the Pool Area Bath-
- f. Management reserves the right to close the pool at any

2. Pool Passes:

- a. Upon entering the pool area, all residents must present their blue photo ID pass with 2025 sticker. These IDs are non-transferable and expire annually.
- b. A \$10.00 replacement fee will be charged for lost ID cards.

3. Food and Beverages:

- a. Food and beverages are permitted within the designated "Picnic Area" only.
- b. All beverages and food must be in non-breakable contain-
- c. Glass containers and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- d. Water in plastic bottles may be consumed on the pool deck, surrounding the pool.
- e. All food/beverage debris must be removed and disposed of in appropriate trash/recyclable collection containers.

4. Seating:

- a. Pool furniture is available on a first-come basis.
- b. Personal furniture is NOT permitted in the pool area.
- c. Beach towels should be used to cover and protect pool chairs when using suntan oil/lotions.

5. General Rules:

- a. No animals, except service animals, shall be allowed within the pool area.
- b. Radios or other music media are not permitted in the pool area, except those equipped with earphones.
- Smoking of any kind, including e-cigarettes, is NOT permitted in the pool area.
- d. No sitting on the entrance steps or ladders
- e. Neither diving, running, continual jumping nor "horseplay"
- f. Roughness, rowdy behavior, expectoration, or other conduct affecting the safety and comfort of others is prohib-

6. Noodles, Fins, Pool Toys, etc.:

a. Pool toys - inflatable, plastic, foam, or any other material swimming devices such as, but not limited to, swimmees, inner tubes, fins, etc., bubble guns, water sprayers, etc. are NOT permitted in the pool, except for Aqua Aerobic classes. Only US Coast Guard-approved life jackets may be used in the pool as flotation devices. Rossmoor residents may use "Standard Noodles" in the shallow end of the swimming pool only. Noodles with seats or nets are not permitted.

7. Rules Not Followed:

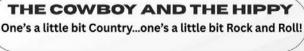
- a. Warning
- b. Second Infraction One week suspension from pool
- c. Third Infraction Pool privileges revoked for remainder of



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