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## Dan Jolly Steps Down as RCAI President



Dan Jolly

By Mary Jane Brubaker

Rossmoor's Board of Governors President Dan Jolly stepped down in June due to health reasons after an extraordinary 26 years of leadership. Jo Schwegel is serving as acting president until the Board of Governors holds an election at the July 16 Board meeting.

The day after Dan and his late wife, Barbara, moved into Rossmoor, he was recruited to be a Mutual 5 director. Quickly thereafter, he became president and served the residents of his mutual until early June 2026. He was elected vice president of RCAI in 2009 and president in 2012. He has served as a member of every governance committee and on countless projects. In the July 2009 issue of the Rossmoor News, Dan cited his involvement in his first project – the renovation and grand opening of the Village Center in March 2002 - as being one of his proudest accomplishments.

Dan's involvement extended beyond the boardroom: he served as president

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## Mutual 16 Rolls Out the Red Carpet for a 250th Birthday Bash

By Mary Jane Brubaker

On Friday, July 3, the residents of Mutual 16 are throwing a star-spangled celebration worthy of our nation's big 250th birthday - and everyone is invited to watch the fun!

The highlight of the day will be a festive golf cart parade featuring decorated carts driving around Old Nassau Road. The parade is scheduled to begin by about 4:30 p.m., so grab a lawn chair, line the route, and cheer them on as they cruise by.

Thank you to Mutual 16 for organizing this wonderful community event and for inviting all of Rossmoor to enjoy the parade.

Mark your calendars, dust off those stars-and-stripes outfits, and let's make this a July 3 to remember. See you along Old Nassau Road.



Puttin' on the red, white and blue! Members of the Mutual 16 golf cart parade crew get ready for the big parade. From I: Gail Macagnone, Jo Schwegel, Carolyn Sgromo, Noreen Tarwacki (holding Morgan), Penni McOlvlin, Mary Ellen Mertz, and Cathy Nicola.

## Pianist Abraham Alinea Presents "America 250"



Abraham Alinea

By Mary Jane Brubaker

The music of iconic American composers takes center stage in a special concert by award-winning pianist Abraham Alinea on Sunday, Aug. 9, at 3 p.m. at the Meeting House.

A longtime friend of the Rossmoor Chorus, where he once served as accompanist while a student, Alinea returns for an afternoon celebrating America's rich musical heritage. His

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## A Birthday Message to America

By Lady Rossmoor

A birthday message to America, written in the Lady Whistledown style of the Netflix series *Bridgerton*.

Dear America the Beautiful,

As we celebrate your 250th birthday, near and far, we cannot help but look back fondly at the extraordinary cast of stars who shaped your earliest days. From George Washington's steady resolve to Benjamin Frank-

lin's clever wit, your beginnings were guided by hands both brave and brilliant.

Patrick Henry's cry for liberty stirred your young heart into action.

And John Adams, opinionated and unwavering, argued you forward with a conviction matched only by his devotion to your independence.

Alexander Hamilton showed that a sharp mind and a sharper quill could



help define your destiny.

Betsy Ross stitched together the flag that would one day wave proudly across your land.

Francis Scott Key found the words that would become your enduring anthem.

Thomas Jefferson, philosopher with a pen, crafted ideals that still echo through your halls today.

Martha Washington, the quiet strength beside a general, reminded us that your story has always been shaped by courage both seen and unseen.

And Paul Revere's midnight ride ensured that word of your impending fight traveled near and far.

So here's to 250 years strong. We celebrate your past and look with hope toward your future.

Happy Birthday, America. God bless you always.

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# at the governors' meeting

## June Meeting

General Manager Tom Curry stated that with Dan Jolly's resignation, RCAI Vice President Josephine Schwegel is now the acting president. Acting President Schwegel called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., and Secretary Lori Moses called the roll. A motion was made to accept the May 21 Board of Governors (BOG) meeting minutes and passed unanimously.

## President's Report

On behalf of the BOG, Acting President Schwegel expressed gratitude to former President Dan Jolly, who stepped down from his position earlier this month for health reasons. She cited Dan's extraordinary leadership over the past 26 years and wished him well.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Craven discussed the positive May variance report. He explained how some portions of the variance report are complicated due to how income and expenses are presented. He reported that snow removal is over budget.

## Management Report

General Manager Tom Curry reported that in April, 43 barcodes were installed, 17 new buyers' packets were processed, and 28 work orders issued. He stated that accounts payable processed 609 vouchers and 335 checks.

Mr. Curry has been working with our attorney to obtain new retainer agreements with our new law firm. He also reported that a defective music amplifier in the cardio fitness room has been replaced.

Earlier this month, Mr. Curry conducted a new board member orientation program that was well received. He also reported that he attended the national CAI (Community Associations Institute) annual conference, which he said was beneficial.

Mr. Curry reported there

were 10 condominium closings with 12 under contract. He stated there was one cooperative closing and nine under contract.

With regard to the Clubhouse Renovations Project, Mr. Curry reported on a positive design committee meeting, and he expects Phase Three to begin this fall or winter.

Mr. Curry shared the Education and Recreation Department's (E&R's) Year at a Glance flyer with directors and said there were many upcoming events offering something for everyone.

Mr. Curry said the golf course was continuing to do well, and he shared the Alliance Security report for May.

## Committee Reports

There were no committee reports this month as both the Maintenance and Community Affairs meetings were cancelled due to the new board member orientation program.

## Old Business

Mutual 10 Director Judith Sforza made a motion that future board meetings begin at 9 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

## New Business

Mr. Curry stated that he consulted with our attorney regarding the procedure to follow to replace the president. He reported that since (1) Acting President Schwegel and Secretary Moses both plan to step down from their current positions so they may run for president and vice president, respectively, and (2) our last election was one month ago, the attorney has recommended the board consider conducting a full election next month that includes all 54 directors.

Following discussion, Mutual 10 Director Sforza made a motion that a full election be held in July that would involve the positions of president, vice president, and secretary. The motion passed unanimously. John Craven plans to continue as treasurer.

## Director Comments

Mutual 7 Director Barbara Jensen raised concerns with the dumpsters in her mutual as recycling was not picked up this week. She was directed to contact Administration.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



## Around the Clubhouse

By Melissa Barnard, Clubhouse Manager

Here are some of the many activities planned for the coming months. We're always updating our schedule, so check Channel 26 and the Rossmoor Clubhouse Facebook page for the latest details. Registration is required for all events through E&R unless otherwise noted.

## Special Events

### Friday Night Dance Parties at the Pool

Friday Night Dance Parties are back at the pool this summer. On those dates, the pool will be closing at 5 p.m. to allow staff to set up. These are popular events; tickets will be available via call-in registration on the dates noted below. E&R will begin taking calls at 12:15 p.m. on each call-in day as per the table. The call-in number is 609-655-3232.

Date	Cost PP	Call-in Date	Entertainment
7/10	\$20	6/29	Tanglewood Band
7/24	\$15	7/13	Touch of Class DJs
8/7	\$15	7/27	DJ Mel
8/21	TBD	8/10	TBD

### Trivia Night with CJ the DJ

Get your tickets now for Trivia Night on Tuesday, July 28, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Ballroom. Tickets are \$10 per person. Bring your own beverages and snacks.

### "America's 250th Birthday Bash at the Pool" with DJ Ella Cristina

Join us as we celebrate America's birthday with music, games, and an all-American buffet on Thursday, July 2. The gates open at 9 a.m.; the DJ plays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and the buffet opens at noon. The pool opens to everyone else at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and are limited to pool deck capacity. Tickets are limited. Call E&R for more information.

### "Schmigadoon" on Broadway

Be among the first to see the musical inspired by Apple TV+'s hit series "Schmigadoon" on Wednesday, July 15, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$165 per person, which includes the cost of an orchestra seat, transportation, and gratuity. Check-in is poolside at 9:45 a.m.; departure is at 10 a.m. Lunch is on your own.

### Italian Festival at Monmouth Raceway

Mark your calendar for the Italian Festival and Wine Tasting at Monmouth Park Racetrack on Sunday, July 26. Tickets are \$50 per person and include transportation, general admission into the park, access to private picnic area, book, and pencil. Lunch is on your own. Bus departs Clubhouse at 9:30 a.m., poolside. Tickets are still available.

### Yankees at the Orioles

Tickets are on sale for our baseball game at Oriole Park in Camden Yards, Baltimore. Game day is Thursday, Aug. 20, with the first pitch at 6:35 p.m. Tickets are \$220 per person and include a third baseline under-cover seat, bus, lunch at Guilford Brewery, and driver gratuity.

## Music

### Pianola: An Evening of Four-Handed Ragtime

Pianists Kevin Gunia and Michael Chisholm will be presenting an evening of spirited four-handed ragtime and classic American piano on Monday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Meeting House. Tickets are \$10 per person.

## Information Highway: Lawn Furniture

By Meghan Kelly

Hello summer! Now that we are in the midst of summer, please be mindful of the rules about lawn furniture.

No lawn furniture will be permitted to be placed permanently on common ele-

ments. Lawn chairs, or chaise lounges, and tables may be used temporarily on common elements, but must be removed and properly stored in the manor, garage, or carport when not in use and at the end of each day.

## Open RCAI Meetings in July

Thursday, July 9

Standing Committee Meetings.

Maintenance Committee – 9:30 a.m.  
Community Affairs Committee – 10 a.m.

Thursday, July 16 – 9 a.m.  
Board of Governors Meeting

It will be an in-person meeting and will be held via Zoom. Please watch Channel 26 on your TV or on [www.rcainj.com](http://www.rcainj.com) for more information.



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Among those joining the E&R trip to see the Boadway musical were from l: Myung O. Ahn, Debbie Park, and Youngae Lee.

### Friday Night Dance Party with Let's Be Frank



Pete and Michelle Riccardi enjoying a slow dance at the May 22 Friday Night Dance Party with Let's Be Frank Band.

By Robert Lewin

The Let's Be Frank live band gave the Friday Night Dance Party on May 22 a totally different vibe. The band covered everything from The Monkees to Bruno Mars with moments that felt like a full-on rock dance party. The floor was just as packed as any DJ night, filled with all the usual suspects.

Everyone can dance to the Go-Go's, right? The band

even sprinkled in a few other danceable 80s hits. And for anyone needing a break from the DJ sound, Let's Be Frank delivered. A highlight of the night was a fantastic Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons medley that had the whole room smiling.

The great music, a packed dance floor, and that special live energy made this Friday Night Dance Party particularly memorable.



### Hello, Neighbor!

Tamara Chestnoir travels around our village in style on her bright red electric scooter (which can go up to 15 miles per hour).

Tamara came to Rossmoor from Union three years ago. Not only does she love Rossmoor, her kids love it, too.

### Dan Jolly

(Continued from page 1) of the Emerald Society for years, where he organized popular trips and activities that brought residents together.

"Dan has been a tremendous mentor to me," says Jo Schwegel. "He has been a good friend who was always generous in sharing his experience and insights."

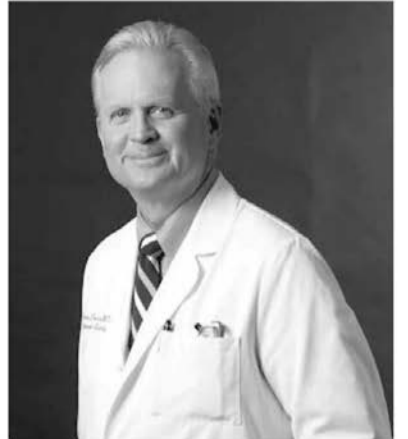
Christina Smith, resident services manager, adds, "Dan has always been one of my favorite people and has been a tremendous supporter of our employees."

Dan has been instrumental in shaping Rossmoor into the vibrant community it is today. We are grateful for his leadership, stewardship, and generosity.

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For some families, Rossmoor becomes a place they choose. For others, it chooses them. In this installment of our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary series, we share the story of Janet and Jim Wilson, whose connection began through Janet's parents and eventually led them to make Rossmoor their own home. Here is their story.



From left: Al Parker, Eileen Parker, Janet Wilson, and Jim Wilson.

**Janet Wilson – Our Story**  
My parents, Al and Eileen Parker, moved to Rossmoor 22 years ago. After visiting many communities, they chose Rossmoor because it reminded them of New England - the tree-lined streets, lanterns along Old Nassau Road, and the Meeting House with its white steeple. Although born in New Jersey, our family

spent most of our lives in New England, so Rossmoor felt familiar and comforting.

Dad became one of the founders of the New Jersey

Club and was active in the Computer Club. Mom enjoyed the Book Club and loved hosting friends. Both sang in their church choir and in the Rossmoor Chorus. Mom served as chorus president for many years, while Dad promoted the group and kept everyone informed. Jim and I often attended concerts to hear them sing.

Their home on Old Nassau Road became the center of our family gatherings. Entering through the "guest" gate, Jim and I never imagined we'd someday come through the resident entrance ourselves. But in 2016, after more than 30 years in our Westfield home, we knew it was time to move closer to my parents and to the life they enjoyed here.

We found a home four doors away, in the same manor style we had always admired. Later, Mom showed us paperwork revealing that she and Dad had once planned to buy the same home before the owners changed their plans. It felt meant to be.

It was natural for Jim and me to join the Rossmoor Chorus and sing alongside my parents since I had been a longtime music director in Westfield. When the Rossmoor Chorus director retired a year later, I was elected its next director, a role I held for nine years.

For two years, we had the rare gift of sharing daily life with my parents, waving as we picked up our mail, chatting on the sidewalk, and enjoying the comfort of being a few doors apart. Those ordinary moments became treasured memories. In 2018, as their medical needs increased, my parents moved to Monroe Village. After Dad passed away, Mom moved to Brookdale, where she now resides at age 95.

In April 2026, at the Rossmoor Chorus Spring Concert, I announced I was stepping down after 45 concerts and passed the baton to Aimee Coleman, a recently retired music teacher.

Today Jim and I continue singing with the chorus - Jim serves as president - and we remain active with the Rossmoor Players. Jim has written five musical comedies and performed in them, while I've served as pianist. Through music and humor, we hope to lift spirits and strengthen our community.

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Joe Sinsheimer awards Caroline Terry the Italian Food Basket after she won the raffle held at the Marty's Place vendor stall during the May 16th trunk sale. Marty's Place is a senior dog sanctuary, and the raffle helps support their mission. Caroline's guess of 192 ounces came remarkably close to the basket's actual weight of 197 ounces, making her the clear winner.



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### Patriotism: A Six-Generation View

By Betty Anne Clayton

Being born in Philadelphia, the city of brotherly love, and to grow up in the shadow of Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell was a blessing. As a little girl, I visited the Betsy Ross House where I acquired my first cross stich sampler that depicted Betsy Ross creating the first American flag. Since that early experience, the American flag has been one of the most important symbols of my life, right after the cross of Jesus Christ.

When I was a young girl, my father took me to visit my great-uncle John, who was injured in World War I and spent most of his life in a Veterans Hospital. I remember meeting a tall, handsome man who was well-dressed in a suit, white shirt, and tie. His gentle spirit became evident to me as we walked around the hospital grounds. At that time, I had no understanding of the magnitude of his sacrifice, but, as a mature adult, I am deeply appreciative of what my great-uncle John did to provide for the freedom that I have enjoyed.

When I was raising my children, it was always an immense pleasure to watch them playing their musical instruments in the annual Memorial Day parades. Also, with a sense of pride, I put on my leader uniforms and marched along with the Girl Scouts, the Brownies, and the Cub Scouts. Two generations later, it was a joy to watch my grandson Brent Sullivan as he marched with the Hightstown High School band.

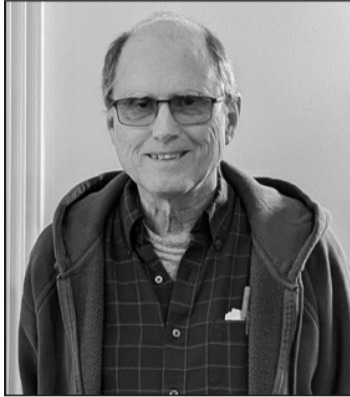
My husbands, and my son, have all worn the uniform of the United States military. My late husband, Barry Clayton, who served in the United States Army, also served two terms on the Cranbury Town Council and chaired the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury. In 1976, for the 200th anniversary of the founding of our country, Barry helped to select the markers that now grace those historic homes of Cranbury that provided shelter for the heroes of the American Revolution. This year, for our country's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Cranbury Historical and Pres-

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### Rossmoor Wants To Know

By Penni McOlvin & Helene Gray

**What words of wisdom have resonated with you over the years, preferably from a friend?**



**Mike Jenkins**

Keep the Faith  
One Day the Pieces Will Fall into Place

Sometimes It's Hard to Believe at This Pace

Sooner or Later Time Will Be in Your Favor

Keep on Going  
Keep the Faith

A friend of mine, whom I met in college over 50 years ago, created a poster with this saying which he gave to my wife and me in 2001. It has hung in our houses since then. We have remained friends, sharing decades of life's ups and downs. The saying helped me realize that when things get difficult that with time and faith, they will get better. After all this time, I still find the saying inspiring. It was through him that we came to live in this community.



**Debra Stasik**

We, the willing, led by the unknowing, do the impossible for the ungrateful. We are therefore qualified to do anything with nothing.



**Noreen Tarwicki**

When I was in high school, I remember reading something by Wayne Dyer. It said, "Attitude is everything. So pick a good one." That quote has stuck with me because it's short, simple, and easy to remember. So when things are going great, I feel grateful and lighthearted. When things are going tough, I try to step back and count my blessings and then handle the situation with as much patience and understanding as I can.



**Gail Piccirillo**

I finally asked my close friend why she did not tell me about a mutual friend's illness.

Her response was simply, "Not my story to tell." Wow, so true, and now I think before I repeat a story that is not mine to tell. Wise words to live by.

### Pianist Abraham Alinea Presents "America 250"

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program, "America 250: Fireside and Skyline," features works by Scott Joplin, George Gershwin, Aaron Copland, and other notable American composers.

Alinea is an alumnus of The Glenn Gould School at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, where he

studied under the tutelage of John Perry and David Louie. He is known for his thoughtful and sincere musicianship, and he is widely praised as a passionate storyteller at the piano.

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Approximately 1,300,000 military members have made the supreme sacrifice to defend our Republic.

As veterans, we stand on the shoulders of all military who came before us.

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**The Secret Garden at Heritage Park in Cranbury***By Josephine Genovese*

Do you know about the Secret Garden hidden in Heritage Park? If not, let me take you there. Heritage Park is located at the far end of the south side of Main Street, at 59A South Main Street in Cranbury. It's a small, quiet park with flat, easy-to-walk paths and benches scattered throughout for resting or simply taking in the quiet.

If you'd like to find the Secret Garden, here's how to get there. From the parking lot, walk to the park-path entrance and continue past the two benches. Make a left and walk about 40 steps. At the first fork, turn left again and continue past the bench. After another 50 feet or so, look to your left for a narrow dirt path; that's the entrance to the Secret Garden.

Step through the archway, and you'll spot a small wooden welcome-desk stand. Open the lime-green box and take a scavenger-hunt checklist. Then choose any path, left or right; you can't get lost since the trails loop into one another and lead you right back out.

This enchanted space is filled with garden ornaments of every style. Hundreds of colorful, whimsical decorations - bright turtles, pigs, bees, dogs, cats, garden plaques, a tin man, fairies, even a giant fork, and spoon - are tucked into the ground, perched in trees, and nestled among the bushes. It's the kind of place that makes you feel like a kid again, full of surprises around every corner.

The more time I spent



**Rob Lewin finds the giant fork — just one of the many magical finds hidden in the Secret Garden.**

wandering through it, the more curious I became about who created such a whimsical space. So I started asking around. I made several calls to inquire about the origins of the garden and finally heard back from Gina Hill, the Historic Preservation Commission Secretary and the Planning and Zoning Board Secretary, who told me that the homeowners whose yard borders the Secret Garden are the ones who take care of it. That's all anyone seems to know for now, but on my next visit I'm hoping to catch the homeowners outside and learn a

little more about how this magical spot came to be.

The Secret Garden at Heritage Park is a reminder that magic places can be found in the most unexpected corners of our neighborhood.

**P.S.** If you don't spot the welcome desk - it's easy to miss with so much to look at - here's a scavenger list to get you started: giant fork in the tree, Tin Man, green-eyed turtle, black cat, baby zebra, cow on a bike, Easter egg basket, bowling alley lane, Queen Elizabeth statue, and the Eiffel Tower. See how many you can find and enjoy the park!

**Independence Day, July 2, 1776***By Allan Kaufman*

You must be thinking, "What is Allan smoking?" noting Independence Day has always been celebrated on July 4. That may be so, but are we doing July 2, 1776, a disservice by looking at the facts of the day?

When you look at the information from the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia you see two points of view. On the one hand, the Continental Congress decided to sever ties with Great Britain on July 2. On July 4, all the refinements to the document were agreed to, and the Declaration of Independence was adopted. Not one member of Congress favored July 2 or July 4 as the official date of independence.

I'm thinking that without any spell check available, that was probably the reason for the

delay from July 2 to July 4. Just kidding! Imagine Thomas Jefferson discussing the issues with John Adams. Adams of Massachusetts rooted for the Celtics, and Virginian Jefferson rooted for the Wizards. Well, that's probably who they would have rooted for if the NBA (National Basketball Association) was in existence in 1776. So, rather than talk about basketball, they had much to discuss during the day of July 2, as did other members of the Congress.

Taking it one step further, some of the signers did not put pen (quill) to paper until August of 1776. Could there have been some last minute hesitancy on the part of some members of Congress? Did some members of the Congress have second thoughts about breaking away from the United Kingdom?

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ervation Society created a commemorative flag that is waving over my manor here in Rossmoor.

As an Elder, who is privileged to live in the shadow of the Rossmoor Community Church steeple, I am especially thankful for our Rossmoor veterans who have paved the way of peace for us and for the women who kept their home fires burning while they served. At the Memorial Day service, the Rossmoor Chorus sang "Let There be Peace On Earth" and re-

minded me that peace begins with me.

As a great-grandmother, it was my immense joy to welcome my sixth great-grandchild this month. She was born into a free land where she has an opportunity to become all that she can be.

Recently, two baby sparrows fledged from my red, white, and blue bird house into our amazing tree city, and the parents are working hard on the second clutch of the season. A newly planted Chicago Peace rose bush is flourishing in my red, white, and blue garden. It's truly celebration time!

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## Women's Suffrage in 1776: Another First for New Jersey

By Allen Kobezak

I'm sure you've noticed that our Rossmoor News writers have made a special effort this year to share with you some of our nation's stories as we celebrate her 250th birthday.

New Jersey, known as the "Crossroads of the Revolution," played a pivotal role in securing our independence from Britain and was instrumental in shaping our new government into a representative republic in which authority rests with the people, not a monarchy.

Did you know that New Jersey and the other new states had their own separate constitutions for state matters before the war ended? This was 11 years before the United States Constitution was signed. The Continental Congress urged the states to create a legal framework during the war to maintain stability in the absence of British rule.

New Jersey became the fourth state to adopt its own constitution in 1776, and it took only seven days to draft and adopt it. Apparently, our leaders in 1776 spent more time working and less time on campaign fundraising than today's politicians.

But why is my article titled Women's Suffrage in 1776? Most of us know that women didn't get the vote until 1920, after the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed.

However there's more to tell about the story of women's suffrage in New Jersey at the birth of our country. Under the first New Jersey Constitution, some women could vote. It stated that "all inhabitants" were allowed to vote in the colony, and this wasn't an accidental choice of words in drafting our Constitution.

Of course, as today, there were residency requirements and a minimum age to vote. However, it didn't specify that you had to be male to elect your representatives in a New Jersey state election.

There was one more requirement, though. You also needed to be worth at least 50 pounds to vote in elections. That was a problem for most women because married women seldom owned property in their own names. However, unmarried women and widows with property could vote in New Jersey.

New Jersey's constitution was still unique among the other states that adopted con-

stitutions that year; those others clearly excluded all women.

Future acts in New Jersey's Legislature in 1790 and 1797 specifically referenced both sexes when referring to the voting public.

Unfortunately, as it does today, party politics would soon influence our leaders' actions, and in 1807, our state legislature restricted women's right to vote.

One political party believed the ladies' vote favored their opposition, and under the guise of election reform, the New Jersey Constitution was amended to restrict voting rights to free white male citizens.

That put an end to a 31-year experiment in New Jersey's fledgling government, and it would take another 113 years for women's suffrage to be achieved with the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

## Bowling Green Park: Where New Yorkers Took Down a King

By Josephine Genovese

As America marks its 250th birthday, what better way to continue my backstory series than with a stroll through Bowling Green Park in downtown New York City, a place where the past still feels present.

Bowling Green is New York's oldest park, established in 1733. At the time, a "bowling green" was a manicured lawn for lawn bowling, a British pastime similar to bocce. Wealthy colonists and British officials gathered there to play and socialize.

The park also once held a grand equestrian statue of King George III, cast in solid lead and gilded with gold.

On the evening of July 9, 1776, just after New Yorkers gathered on the Commons, now City Hall Park, to hear the Declaration of

Independence read aloud for the first time, emotions were running high. Inspired by the bold words they had just heard - that all men are created equal and that the colonies were now free and independent states - a crowd of patriots rushed down Broadway to Bowling Green. In a dramatic act of defiance, they pulled down the massive lead statue of King George III, chopped it into pieces, and sent most of the metal to Connecticut. There, families melted it into more than 42,000 musket balls for the Continental Army.

The wrought-iron fence that once enclosed the statue still stands today. The tops of the posts that originally were capped with crown-shaped finials. Patriots sawed off those crowns in 1776 as a symbolic rejection of the monarchy. In

1964, a plaque was installed at the park's entrance to commemorate the fence, which remains one of the oldest surviving Revolutionary War relics in New York City.

Nearly a century later, in 1871, several missing fragments, including the horse's tail, were discovered in a Connecticut swamp. Today, the New York Historical Society at 170 Central Park West displays six of these pieces, including parts of the horse and a section of the king's cape. They remain some of the last surviving remnants of the statue that patriots dragged from its pedestal at Bowling Green.

My visit to Bowling Green Park felt like stepping back in time, imagining its Revolutionary past. Sharing it with you is always my favorite part.

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## Independence Day

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There was no really discussion on a certified day to honor the Declaration. In fact, the actual recognition of July 4 as the de facto date when we would celebrate the signing of the Declaration, did not take place until July 4, 1826, 50 years to the day of the signing of the Declaration and the day when both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, our second and third presidents, died.

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## On the Edge of Monmouth's Battle

By Sidna B. Mitchell

Old Tennent Church (450 Tennent Road, Manalapan) stands on the edge of the Monmouth Battlefield State Park. It still remains an active house of worship 250 years after our country's Declaration of Independence, but it bears some scars.

In fact, this Presbyterian Church, named for two of its early pastors, William and John Tennent, served as a hospital during the Battle of Monmouth in late June 1778. There are still blood-stained pews in the sanctuary. The walls of the church were hit with cannon balls and one shot went through the roof of the pastor's study in the nearby parsonage.

There is a plaque on the side of the church in remembrance of the "patriots who, on Sabbath June 28, 1778, gained the victory which was the turning point in the War for Independence." There is also a marker for the site of a common grave for the Continental soldiers who died at the Battle of Monmouth.

However, there are recognized American fighters buried in Old Tennent's cemetery. These include Doctors Nathaniel Scudder and Thomas Henderson as well as Joshua Huddy.

Dr. Scudder was a signer of the Articles of Confederation and delegate to the Continental Congress. Dr. Henderson was the soldier who informed General George Washington that General Charles Lee had retreated in the Battle of Monmouth; Henderson was acting governor of New Jersey in 1793 and 1794. Huddy was captured by the British at Toms

River and hanged in Highlands in 1782. There are parks in these two towns honoring Huddy.

You'll also find markers for other soldiers such as Moses Laird, who was a guide for Washington "during the preparation for the Battle of Monmouth," and Chaplain John Woodhull of Pennsylvania, and as a large stone "In memory of those known and unknown soldiers ... who rest in this churchyard."

If you go into Freehold Borough, you'll find the Covenhoven House (150 West Main Street/Route 537), home of William and Elizabeth Covenhoven. This 1750s house, constructed by the builder of Old Tennent Church, served as British General Henry Clinton's headquarters from June 26 to the June 28 morning of the Battle of Monmouth. The main rooms are furnished as they would have been in the Covenhoven's time there, according to a 1790 inventory of William's estate. The house is open on Fridays from 1 - 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 1 - 4 p.m. May through September. For information about special tours and events, call 732-462-1466.

On your way after a Sunday drive, you might stop by the Village Inn Tavern at the corner of Water and Main Streets in Englishtown. That was General George Washington's headquarters when he began the court-martial on June 30, 1778, of General Charles Lee for his lack of actions during the Battle of Monmouth. The Village Inn is open on the third Sunday of each month from 1 - 4 p.m. for tours.

## The Road to Glory - Open to All

By Allen Kobezak

America's first military decoration, the Badge of Military Merit, was established by General George Washington in 1782. Only non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the Continental Army were eligible to receive this honor. This was unusual at a time when the practice in Europe was to award only high-ranking officers after successful victories, not the common soldier. However, this was America, not Europe, and Washington claimed that the "road to glory in a patriot army and a free country is ... open to all."

The medal was to be awarded to soldiers who demonstrated "not only instances of unusual gallantry in battle, but also extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way." Washington further ordered that any soldier whose actions met the requirements for the medal before its creation be eligible to receive the Badge of Military Merit.

Only three people are known to have received the Badge of Military Merit during the Revolutionary War. They

were all sergeants from three different regiments in Connecticut: Elijah Bissell, William Brown, and Daniel Bissell.

However, historians believe there were several others whose names will remain lost to time. Unfortunately, the "Book of Merit," which listed all soldiers who received medals, was misplaced sometime after the war.

Certain privileges were granted to any soldier wearing the heart-shaped purple medal with the word "Merit" stitched across its face. It was assumed that each soldier was loyal to the cause and trustworthy to the highest degree. Therefore, they were always allowed to pass through sentinels and guards without ever being challenged.

Today, many Americans may never have heard of the first medal George Washington created to honor the common soldier. But these patriots who were presented with the Badge of Military Merit went beyond their duty, risking their lives to help secure the umbrella of freedom

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## Martha and Daniel at the White House

By Allen Kobezak

President George Washington never resided in the White House at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Its construction wasn't completed until 1800 during the term of our second president, John Adams.

However, Washington's wife, Martha, lived at the "White House" plantation for seven years with her first husband, Daniel Parke Custis. She was only 18 when she married 38-year-old Custis in 1750.

At the beginning of their courtship, Daniel's father, John Custis, didn't approve of Martha because he considered her to be of an inferior social status, and the Dandridge family couldn't provide a substantial dowry. But Martha was a determined young woman with a persuasive manner and marriage on her mind, and eventually her future father-in-law relented and gave his permission for the wedding.

The White House was a vast plantation on the Pamunkey River in Virginia, spanning six counties and covering 18,000 acres of prime farmland worked by more than 300 slaves. Its primary export crop to England was tobacco. The newlyweds' plantation and homes in Williamsburg and Jamestown were inherited by Daniel upon his father's death six months before the wedding.

Their wealth enabled them to live an elite lifestyle in high society that few couples, let alone newlyweds, could match. But with young Martha's lifestyle change came the duties of her new position as mistress of the household. Entertaining other prominent families in their social class became one of her main responsibilities. This meant that her home needed to be furnished with only the most impressive items, many of which came from Europe. And what better way to impress your friends than with a sterling silver flatware set engraved with the Custis Coat of Arms?

However, even all their wealth couldn't protect them from the heartache that all social classes faced during the 18th century, when the child mortality rate in America was 40-50 percent. The Custis union would produce four children, but only two would reach age five. Of them, "Patsy" died at 17, and John passed at 26.

Daniel and Martha's marriage would last only seven short years. Unfortunately, death also took Martha's husband at the young age of 45. On July 4, 1757, both Daniel Parke Custis and his son became ill with what was thought to be scarlet fever. His son survived the illness, but his father died on July 8.

After Daniel's death, Martha Dandridge Custis, at age 26, became the manager of the estate for the benefit of her children. By all accounts, she handled her new responsibilities well, but only for two years, until her marriage to the future father of our country, George Washington.

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## An Adventure on the Cornwall Coast

By Mary Jane Brubaker

Cornwall, tucked at the southwestern tip of England, is a land of dramatic cliffs, turquoise coves, ancient Celtic folklore, and windswept beauty. With echoes of "Poldark" and the legends of King Arthur, it was an ideal destination for a walking tour with Classic Journeys.

My sister and I began our trip with a pre-tour visit to the bustling seaside resort village of St. Ives, which was to be our base for the first three days of the tour. Arriving on a bank holiday weekend, the charming village, with its narrow streets, shops, and beaches, was bursting at the seams with visiting Brits.

Our Classic Journeys walking tour started the next day. Our group of 10 travelers plus one guide explored Cornwall's iconic south west coastal path. We strolled through the harbor of Penzance (no relation to Gilbert and Sullivan), the working fishing port of Newlyn with its multitude of colorful seafar-

ing boats, and the picturesque village of Mousehole (pronounced "Mow-zel"), where we enjoyed our introductory group dinner.

Day Two offered pure coastal drama. We began at Land's End and hiked the windswept footpath, where 250-foot cliffs drop sharply into the Atlantic. Hiking sticks in hand, we made our way to Sennen Cove for a pub lunch. Afterward, our driver took us to Zennor. There we met local ecologist Steve Crummay, who led us on more cliff hikes while sharing insights into the Iron Age, Bronze Age, and Cornwall's historic mining industry. That evening featured a performance of the musical "Come From Away" at the spectacular clifftop Minack Theatre, an open-air amphitheater carved directly into granite cliffs with stunning ocean views.

Unfortunately, I came down with a cold and had to sit out the next days' adventures. From all reports, the group

thoroughly enjoyed Port Isaac, famous as the setting for "Doc Martin," and the hike to legendary Tintagel Castle with its beautiful gardens. A daring highlight, which I doubt I would have done had I been there, was crossing the footbridge suspended 190 feet above the ocean, to the castle. To her credit, my sister did it.

On Day Four, we moved our base from St. Ives to the picture-postcard maritime village of Fowey (rhymes with joy). This relaxed harbor town was the home of novelist Daphne du Maurier, author of "Rebecca," "The Birds" of Alfred Hitchcock fame, and many other books set in Cornwall. After a hike through harbor paths, our group gathered in the gardens of the Fowey Harbour Hotel for fresh Cornish pasties - utterly delicious and quintessentially local.

On our final day, we visited Lanhydrock House, one of the most complete surviving examples of a late-Victorian Eng-

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## Road to Glory

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that we are lucky enough to live under today.

When the war ended and the colonies won their freedom from Britain, the Badge of Military Merit became obsolete, but it was never officially discontinued. It was just the first medal for lower-ranking soldiers, but not the last.

Today, our military members are awarded various medals, service ribbons, and badges that recognize their accomplishments while serving their country. One of those medals, I'm sure everyone who has taken the time to read this story is familiar with, was created to honor the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth. In 1932, General Douglas MacArthur recommissioned the Badge of Military Merit with a new design and renamed it the Purple Heart Medal, the official "successor decoration" to the Badge of Military Merit.



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## Book Review: "Theo of Golden" The Jamesburg Record

By Elaine Alexander

"Theo of Golden" will be found on most book club lists since it has broad appeal as a feel-good novel and is a reader's respite from current day news and complicated issues. Allen Levi is a first-time author who delivers a narrative that evokes positive emotions with themes like: kindness and resilience, personal identity, familiar relationships, and pursuits and ambitions, or lack thereof.

A mysterious, aging gentleman with a single name, Theo, settles in a small town in Georgia and attracts the curiosity of

the neighborhood. His friendliness and acts of kindness win over the cast of characters who are colorfully depicted in chapters that read like a series of short stories. Theo discovers the triumphs of overlooked talent among his new friends who become the beneficiaries of his thoughtfulness and affection.

Theo's talents remain hidden until the end while the author focuses on the basics of faith, hope, and love. There is no delving into subconscious motivations or esoteric concepts, the message is simple and heartwarming. There are spiritual references and themes of art, music, and nature with uncomplicated delivery designed for emotional impact.

Reading this novel is like a warm hug in the midst of a cacophony of chaos. The well-intentioned author succeeds by reducing purpose to its simplest form of everyday, achievable actions. Theo, is finally revealed to have an exemplary past, making his genuine and intentional acts of kindness even more profound. His recognition of perfection within each individual results in the strength of the whole and is thus a unifying notion celebrated in this book.

By Allen Kobezak

By now, every resident in our community should be aware that The Rossmoor News published its first issue in 1966. You must have seen me in my blue cap, with The Rossmoor News embroidered logo and the date it was established. Of course, I don't get out very often; I'm usually too busy writing silly stories for this publication. But I'm sure you've seen other members of our staff who are always out, gathering all the Rossmoor news that's fit to print.

However, my article isn't really about The Rossmoor News; it's about the first newspaper in Jamesburg, The Jamesburg Record, which was published in 1882, even before Rossmoor existed. However, don't bother to drive down into town to pick up the latest edition; the Record closed its doors in 1904.

The Jamesburg Record was the conception of Edward Hammell, a Burlington County native who became a resident of Jamesburg with the sole purpose of beginning a newspaper.

Hammell thought that

Jamesburg had a lot going for it, being almost an equal distance from New York City and Philadelphia and having the Pennsylvania Railroad line running right through the heart of town. He liked the people and the surrounding farmland, thought the local bank was well managed, and admired the school system for providing its students with a quality education. He determined that the town had great potential and was on the cusp of becoming a place that would draw people and new businesses.

For the first few years of its existence, The Jamesburg Record was only a four-page newspaper. But in 1885, the paper expanded to eight pages, allowing its news coverage to include not only local but also county news. There was also room for short fictional stories and poetry to accompany advertising and other typical content of any small newspaper.

The State Reform School at Jamesburg was often the subject of Edward Ham-

mell's editorials. He advocated for preserving the school's original purpose of reforming delinquent boys, while others wanted to save money by turning the school merely into a prison for youthful offenders.

Unfortunately, The Jamesburg Record couldn't survive as a small-town weekly newspaper at a time when the number of popular daily papers was growing. Hammell unexpectedly shut down The Jamesburg Record 22 years after he published its first edition.

Edward Hammell gave up on his dream of becoming a successful newspaperman and became a traveling salesman. At least he had a dream and followed it as far as it would take him.

However, after learning of The Jamesburg Record's closure, I've become concerned about The Rossmoor News. After all, we're only a small monthly publication, and I'm too old to start a new career as a traveling salesman.

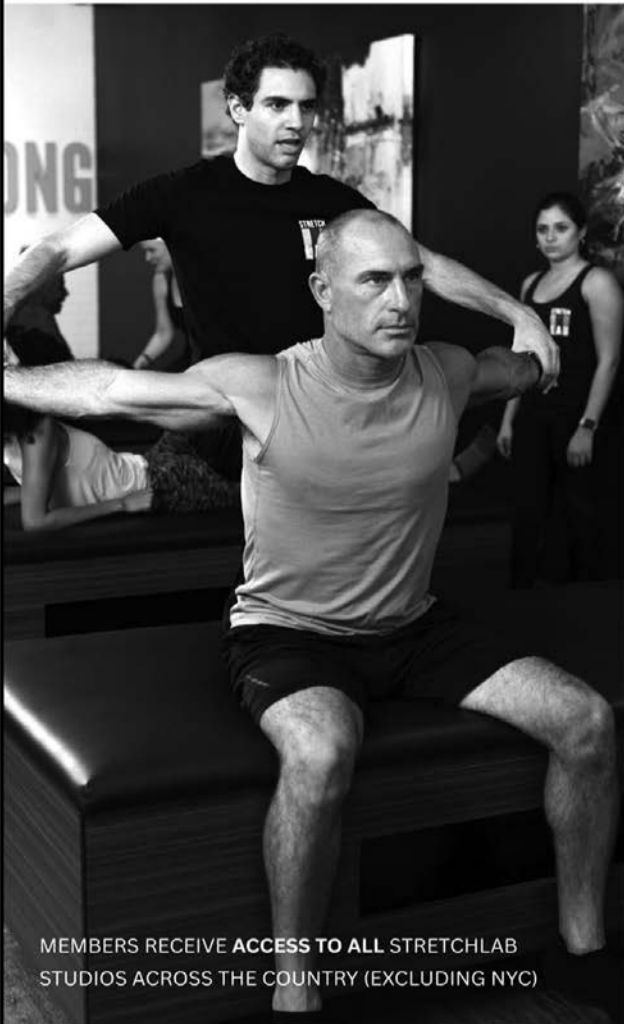
## Cornwall Coast

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lish country home. Its magnificent interiors and gardens provided a glimpse into grand 19th-century life, akin to "Upstairs, Downstairs."

As the tour ended, our group parted ways at the Bodmin Train Station. My favorite memories of the tour were the hike along the cliffs at Land's End, the stunning setting of the Minack Theatre, and the village of Fowey. I hope one day return to this one-of-a-kind exquisitely beautiful village.

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# A Jersey Fish Tale

By Allen Kobezak

I know why our residents would rather swim in Rossmoor's pool than drive to the beach. It's convenient and safer than swimming in the ocean. Many people were scared off the beach after watching Steven Spielberg's 1976 movie "Jaws," and they still prefer the calm water of a pool to the saltwater waves.

This is the film's 50th anniversary and the 110th anniversary of a real-life series of deadly shark attacks that killed four people and left one boy scarred for life. Those attacks occurred in New Jersey waters and frightened beachgoers just as much as the movie's fictional story.

Although there has been speculation that the attacks in New Jersey inspired Peter Benchley's novel, on which the film "Jaws" was based, the writer has denied being motivated by the incidents at the Jersey Shore.

However, Roy Scheider's character in the movie does reference the attacks in New Jersey when he warns Amity's mayor about possible future shark attacks, saying, "It happened before! The Jersey beach! ...1916!"

It was a hot summer day on July 1, 1916, the kind of day that draws people to the beaches. Charles Vansant of Philadelphia was staying with

his family at the popular Engleside Hotel in Beach Haven on Long Beach Island. The 23-year-old decided to take a swim before dinner, and that decision cost him his life. He bled to death on the hotel manager's desk after a lifeguard pulled him from the water following a shark attack.

Even after this first attack and after ship captains reported sightings of large sharks along the coastline, officials refused to ban swimming at the beaches of any Jersey Shore community.

The second attack occurred five days later in waters off the small resort community of Spring Lake, about 45 miles from Beach Haven. Charles Bruder, a bellhop at a seaside hotel, was killed by a shark while swimming 130 yards from shore.

The final shark attacks took place 1.5 miles from the ocean in the Matawan Creek in the small town of Matawan. The creek is a tidal inlet of Raritan Bay in Monmouth County. Lester Stillwell, an 11-year-old boy, and his friends were swimming in the creek when they spotted a shark's dorsal fin above the water. The shark pulled Lester underwater as the boys tried to swim to safety. A fourth victim, 24-year-old Stanley Fisher, was killed after hearing Lester's friends'

screams and attempting to rescue the boy.


That same day, Joseph Dunn, 14, of New York City, was also attacked in the Matawan Creek, less than half a mile away. Joseph survived after his brother and a friend won a violent tug-of-war struggle with the shark.

With the hope of capturing the man-killer, the governor of New Jersey offered bounties for sharks. One captured great white had a suspicious, fleshy substance in its stomach, believed to be human. Since no further attacks occurred that summer, it was thought that this fish was

likely responsible for the earlier attacks.

In addition to the lost lives, the panic and unwanted national attention during this frightful 11-day period cost the Jersey Shore an estimated \$250,000 in tourism revenue, equivalent to \$7,500,000 in today's dollars.

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## The Key Fob

By Steven Gray

The infamous key fob, so useful yet it may not be such a big step forward. To start with fob is not an acronym - even though we could probably come up with one that cannot be printed. It basically is a small ornamental piece of whatever went into the fob pocket on a vest like a watch. With our language-loving shortcuts, whatever went into the fob pocket eventually became a fob. That little pocket on jeans is basically a fob pocket.

Before the fob, we had actual keys that would easily fit on a keyring. Sometimes one key to open doors, trunk, and start the car and sometimes two keys with one strictly for the trunk. The odds of walking out to your car and getting into it without your keys were zero, unless you never locked your car. You still couldn't start it, however. The danger was locking your keys in the car. One expensive locksmith call later, and you

were on your way.

Then we had the hybrid key, which was much larger. It let you open the car by pressing a button but still had an actual key attached to start the car. Granted, the hybrid did do more like lock the car, sound the horn so you could find it again, and take up a lot of room in your pocket or purse. You could still leave the key in the car, but most cars will not lock if the key is still in it. Saved a locksmith call.

Now we have the all-in-one fob that lets you lock and unlock the car, sound the horn, open the windows, remotely start the car, and can remain in your pocket or purse but still won't fit in the fob pocket. This may be considered a step backward as, you can leave the fob in the house or garage, still unlock the car, start the car, and drive away. The car will work fine until you shut it off miles away from home and suddenly discover you cannot unlock the car, let alone start it and drive it home. Now you

need to call an uber to go get the spare key.

Replacing keys used to be very easy. Keys used standard key blanks and could easily be cut from an existing key for a small price. The hybrid keys could also be fairly reasonably replaced unless the fob itself went bad. Now, we come to the solo fob that has to be programmed to match your car. That could easily cost \$100 on top of what your dealer charges for the fob itself.

It is possible to buy a new fob cheaper than the dealer and program it yourself, but don't count on it working perfectly, no matter what YouTube says. Of course, a non-working fob may only need a battery replacement. This, at least, is an easy fix for the somewhat handy. The battery itself runs about \$5. Having a dealer change the battery can run up to \$100 for some luxury cars and about half that for the non-luxury type. Auto supply dealers may even do it for a lot less. Maybe the plain key wasn't such a bad idea after all.

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## In Memoriam

### Obituary: Linda Susan Baum

Linda Susan Baum, 65, passed away at her home on May 16.

While faced with constant adversity, Linda persevered academically; graduating from Kingsborough Community College for her associates degree, and Lehman College with her bachelor's and master's degrees in therapeutic recreation. She dedicated 25 years to Richmond Facility in Staten Island as a certified therapeutic recreation specialist (CTRS).

Linda is survived by her siblings, Richard and Sharon Baum, and Barbara and Maurice Zagher, her nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Linda is predeceased by her parents Josephine and Elihu Baum.

Her passion was her family. Having a conversation with Linda meant her attention was fully yours. Linda's kindness and patience connected her to the world and people around her. While movies, music, meditation, and tai chi were just some of her lifelong hobbies, being a resident at Rossmoor introduced her to an array of new opportunities. She had recently taken up voice lessons for a choir; she helped with lighting for a theater group and was enjoying her monthly book club.

Linda's joy came from the joy of everyone around her. She was a light that will be sorely missed.

### Obituary: Rosemarie Miller

Rosemarie "Rosie" Miller passed away on May 9. She was the beloved matriarch of the Capobianco family of whom she was the last surviving member.

In her 85 years, Rosie touched countless hearts. Family was the center of her world, and nothing brought her greater joy than gathering her loved ones around a table filled with her wonderful home-cooked meals. She was affectionately known by all her grandchildren as "Grandma RoRo."

Rosie wasn't always graceful, but she was always gracious. Her beautiful, infectious smile could light up a room, and she had a gift for making friends wherever she went. Her capacity to love was boundless. Rosie loved an audience, and ironically, she was often at her best at funerals.

In her honor, please leave a little lighter than when you arrived; it's exactly what she would have wanted. She was a beautiful soul, a lover of life, and a true blessing to all who knew her.

She is survived by her devoted husband Charles Miller; her daughter Susan Hughes; her son Frederick Dirla, Jr., and his wife Patricia; and her cherished grandchildren, Michael and his wife Corinna and Nicholas; and many beloved adopted grandchildren (too many to name). She was predeceased by her parents Lucia and Pasquale Capobianco, and her brothers Rocco, Pasquale, Anthony, and Michael.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in memory of Rosemarie to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Rosemarie's life was a melody of love, compassion, and adventure. She will be missed.

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**CULINARY CORNER**

By Sidna Mitchell

**Potato Soup for the General**

British General Henry Clinton headquartered in the Covenhoven House, home of William and Elizabeth Covenhoven in Freehold, before the Battle of Monmouth from June 26-28, 1778. In taking over the house, the Brits forced 73-year-old Elizabeth Covenhoven to sleep in the milk room. They may have even persuaded her to fix some meals for the general and his entourage.

Imagining such meals might have included roast pheasant or a pork tenderloin and sauerkraut along with whatever vegetables were available from the garden and possibly potatoes or turnips from the root cellar. There would be breads and even sweets in the form of pies or cake since this was the home of a well-to-do family.

The officers ate well when overtaking someone's home, but the ordinary soldiers were not as fortunate. British soldiers, like the American troops, were given rations that might include flour, salted pork or beef, dried peas and beans along with beer or cider. These rations were often supplemented by forging nearby farms for milk, vegetables, and fresh meat such as chicken, beef, or pork.

Here's a recipe for a potato soup that Elizabeth Covenhoven might have served General Clinton and his officers.

**Potato Soup**

- 4 tablespoons butter
- 4 cups sliced leeks, white part only, or sweet onions
- 4 cups diced potatoes

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- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups half and half salt and pepper to taste
- fresh or dried chives for garnish

Melt butter in large saucepan or soup pot. Add sliced leeks or onions and gently cook until translucent; remove from heat and set aside.

In another saucepan, cover potatoes with water and boil until potatoes are tender.

Drain, reserving liquid, and add potatoes to leeks or onions.

Pour in chicken broth and simmer for about 10 minutes. If soup base is too thick, add more broth or the reserved potato water.

Add half and half along with salt and pepper to taste. Simmer until the soup is warm.

Pour into soup bowls and garnish with chives.

NOTE: This soup can easily be cut in half if you're only making it for yourself or a couple. Since it's summer, you can also serve this as a cold soup known as vichyssoise. If you decide to have vichyssoise, when somewhat cooled, puree the soup base in a blender and then add the half and half. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

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**Trivia Fun**

By Peter and Phyllis Braff  
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1- Who was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence?

**A - T. Jefferson B - J. Hancock C - J. Adams**

2- Who was the author of the Declaration of Independence?

**A - T. Jefferson B - G. Washington C - J. Monroe**

3 - What date did Gen. Washington cross the Delaware River?

**A - Nov. 25, 1776 B - Oct. 25, 1776 C - Dec. 25, 1776**

4 - Who was Vice President under President Washington?

**A - J. Adams B - S. Dalina C - J. Hancock**

5 - Washington camped here twice. What town was it?

**A - Trenton B - Monroe C - Morristown**

6 - How many amendments make up the Bill Of Rights?

**A - 10 B - 15 C - 16**

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# Clubs and Organizations

## African Heritage Group's - Not Your Typical Game Night

By Deb Jackson

On May 16, the Clubhouse Ballroom came alive with games, laughter, music, dancing, and unforgettable fun as African Heritage Group (AHG) hosted an exciting Not Your Typical Game Night. With more than 40 people in attendance, the evening quickly became a

sensational community gathering filled with energy, connection, and friendly competition.

The night kicked off with a lively round of Mutual Bingo, the perfect icebreaker that encouraged everyone to mingle, meet new faces, and spark conversations. As guests connected and



The AHG had a great turnout for Not Your Typical Game Night. It was a wonderful community gathering enjoyed by everyone.



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laughed together, the delicious refreshments helped keep the energy flowing all evening long.

Soon after, the ballroom transformed into a dance floor as attendees joined together for line dancing and enthusiastically hit the floor for the Electric Slide. The music, movement, and smiles created an atmosphere of pure joy.

The fun continued with an exciting round of Who Am I? trivia, where guests listened to popular songs, sang along, and raced to guess the artist. The room was filled with cheers, laughter, and lots of musical talent.

Teams then gathered around tables for puzzle competitions, testing both speed and teamwork. Guests

also enjoyed competitive rounds of giant Connect Four and oversized Jenga, making sure there was something for everyone to enjoy throughout the night.

To wrap up the evening, participants joined in the fast-paced fun of Left Right Center, ending the night on a high note. Time flew by because the fun never stopped!

And guess what? We're just getting started. Cups and Spoons may not have made it this time, but they're definitely on the list for the next Not Your Typical Game Night.

Until then, we hope you got a taste of AHG's Juneteenth Celebration that was held on June 20. Be on the lookout for our next upcoming events.

## African Heritage Group Celebrates Eight Years

By Deb Jackson

The African Heritage Group (AHG) at Rossmoor proudly celebrated its eighth anniversary on April 11 with an unforgettable evening filled with joy, connection, and community spirit. Close to 100 attendees gathered to mark this special milestone, including AHG members, family, and friends who traveled from near and far to be part of the celebration.

The atmosphere was vibrant from the moment guests arrived. A live DJ

kept the energy high throughout the night, spinning music that had everyone on their feet. The 360 photo booth added a fun and interactive element, capturing laughter and memories that will be cherished for years to come.

Guests enjoyed a delicious spread of food that perfectly complemented the festive mood, while conversations and laughter filled the room. The excitement continued with raffles, door prizes, and giveaways, adding an extra layer of anticipation and delight as attendees had the chance to win special items.

The evening was not just about celebration; it was about connection, unity, and honoring the journey of the African Heritage Group over the past eight years. Adding to the excitement, birthdays were also celebrated, making the night even more special for several attendees.

Overall, it was a remarkable evening - one filled with fun, culture, and community pride. The African Heritage Group continues to be a cornerstone within Rossmoor, bringing people together and creating meaningful experiences. This eighth anniversary was not just a celebration of the past, but a joyful look ahead to many more years of unity and celebration.

## Italian-American Club News

By Tony Cardello

We are having a barbecue to celebrate America on Wednesday, July 15, at 3 p.m. at a cost of \$40 per person in the Ballroom.


There will not be a membership meeting in July; however, Bingo will be played on Friday evening July 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom.

## Trivia Answers

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- 1 - B
- 2 - A
- 3 - C
- 4 - A
- 5 - C
- 6 - A





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## Rossmoor Veterans Honor Two of Their Own

By Jim Wilson

The Rossmoor Veterans Group recently honored one of its most senior members, Joe Conti, presenting him with a plaque. That plaque asks the question "What is a Veteran?" It answers that question with the words, "It's somebody who at one point in their life wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount up to and including their life."

Joe served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany for 18 months from 1959-1960. Thanking the Veterans, Joe said, "It's really such an honor to receive this."

In a poignant ceremony, Maria Hogan unveiled the name of her late husband Jimmy on a "Roll Call for the Missing" plaque to become part of the Veterans Honor

and Remember Alcove in the Clubhouse. Jim Hogan served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and was part of the Rossmoor Veterans Group Steering Committee. He passed away in January at

the age of 79.

As America celebrates 250 years of freedom, the veterans, and all of us, are proud of both of these men. And we thank them for their service and sacrifice to keep us free.



Rossmoor Vets Honor Two of Their Own--Joe Conti received his plaque from his fellow veterans.



Maria Hogan surrounded by veterans after she unveiled Jimmy Hogan's name on the "Roll Call of the Missing" plaque.

## Chorus Celebrates Successful Year and the U.S. 250th

By Jason Salt

The Rossmoor Chorus started June on a rich chord as chorus member Seiran Chapman took command of the Meeting House piano and played an evening of Debussy, Beethoven, and Schubert on Saturday, June 5. Her performance alternated with her husband Paul Chapman's lectures comparing and contrasting the works of the different composers. Seiran's flawless musicianship was thrilling and

often emotionally moving. The chorus members can attest to that, as there were, by one count, 17 of them in attendance.

The Chorus sang at their last Rossmoor Community Church service of the season on Sunday, June 14, offering "As the Deer" and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" to the congregants.

You'll just have to imagine the 60s themed end-of-year

dinner on Wednesday, June 17. Those gathered enjoyed a true banquet, with a choice of entrees, and, of course, a delicious dessert. Still, revelers managed to dance to the DJ's tunes, doing the Twist, the Watusi, and the Garlic Mashed Potatoes. The celebration was

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Receiving their Eagle awards from I are: Tom DeLacy and Sam Renda.

## Veterans Appreciation Day at Monroe High School

By Penni McOlvin

On Tuesday, May 19, Monroe High School celebrated Veterans Appreciation Day with a program dedicated to the members of our country's military - past and present. Each year Monroe High School supports Veterans Appreciation Day, and it is organized and directed by one of their dedicated teachers, Ms. Jocelyn Cadott. Ms. Cadott's father is a veteran, and she is very proud of her dad who served with bravery and honor. The band played each division's song as the students enthusiastically entered the gym carrying the flag representing the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard.

Two veterans from our own Rossmoor's Veterans Group were honored and presented with the prestig-

ious Eagle Award. They are Tom DeLacy, Marines, and Sam Renda, Army. During the school year, Ms. Cadott contacts Monroe veteran groups and surrounding communities asking them to submit a veteran's name for nomination for the Eagle Award. It is an honor to be nominated. The eagle is a symbol of our great republic and a honored symbol of valor for those who have served their country honorably.

Over the past eight years, Rossmoor's Veterans Group members have received 11 Eagle Awards. The first Eagle Award was awarded to a woman who served in the Navy during World War II. Her name was Trudy Skladany.

Again, thank you to Tom and Sam for their service to our country.



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## Clubs and Organizations

### Paint the Croquet Court Pink

By Sidna B. Mitchell

The Rossmoor Croquet Club (RCC) celebrated National Croquet Day on Saturday, June 6, with a "Paint the Court Pink" party. The event was a continuation of E&R's year-long promotion of fundraising to benefit American Cancer Society's Breast Cancer Research, as well as the U.S. Croquet Association (USCA) campaign to introduce new players to the sport of croquet.

Club members were joined by 15 Rossmoor friends and neighbors, including members of the Rossmoor Chorus, Pickleball, Corn Hole, and Bocce groups. Many loud cheers and laughter resounded as the group played golf croquet dressed in pink instead of their traditional white attire and enjoyed pink champagne, pink lemonade, and refreshments.

Guests were invited to take the "wicket flamingo challenge" on the practice court. By hitting a croquet ball through the flamingo-flanked wicket, winners received a strawberry ice cream cone Hershey kiss. Everyone was a winner, including the cause. The Rossmoor Croquet Club and friends raised more than \$900 to be donated to breast cancer research.

Former RCC President John Craven presented a special pink rock, placed in the garden next to the court, dedicated to former member Carolyn Meyer, who passed away last year of lung cancer. Carolyn, also a golfer, claimed there was going to be a golf course in heaven; another friend has insisted a croquet court is also there, so we hope Carolyn is looking down on her Rossmoor friends while enjoying some heavenly golf and croquet.

The summertime fun continued the following Friday



**John Craven honored the memory of Carolyn Meyer with a pink rock inscribed with her name during the Paint the Court Pink event.**

night with some "Attitude Adjustment" after the June 12 Golf Croquet play; the members enjoyed a "Potato & Stuffings Night" thanks to the efforts of Sue Peters. Along with their beverages, croquet players relaxed over sweet and russet potatoes stuffed with chili and various toppings for only \$5. What a delicious bargain.

In July Sue is expected to show her culinary talents with meatball sandwiches instead of her usual tasty taco night. Croquet players are certainly a lucky group.

Croquet Club members are now practicing for their Golf Croquet Doubles Tournament during the days of Friday, July 17, and Saturday, July 18, run by Ken Northrop. Ken, describing himself as the grumpy, old impatient man who has run Friday night Golf Croquet for years, decided recently to turn those Friday duties over to younger Dan Dobromilsky.



**Members of the Korean-American Group are seen at their May meeting.**

### Korean-American Group May Meeting

By Youngae Lee

The Korean American Group held its monthly meeting at the Gallery with 30 members in attendance. The newly renovated room was neat, tidy, and created a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

To add variety to our gatherings, we organized a small flea market where members could buy, sell, and exchange gently used items. Participants brought items they no longer needed - from jewelry, scarves, and kitchen utensils to small sewing machines and health equipment. It was a lively and successful event with a wonderful variety of interesting goods on display.

Although the amount raised was modest, every contribution helps. We plan to gather these small proceeds throughout the year and make a meaningful donation to neighbors in need at the end

of the year.

We were also delighted to welcome two new member couples: Mr. and Mrs. Chan Wook Park, who recently

moved from Missouri, and Mr. and Mrs. Sang Bae Kim, who relocated to Rossmoor from Monroe Township. Everyone

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### July Dance with the Rossmoor Dance Club

By Debbie Sills

Our Independence Day Dance on Saturday, July 25, from 7-10 p.m. is the best bang for your buck. Paid-up 2026 members pay \$10, non-members pay \$15, and all will get three hours of fun listening to or dancing to the music of DJ Angelo. The deadline for your payment is Wednesday, July 22. The club provides light beverages and snacks so you can "fuel up" for all that fancy footwork, while you line dance, ballroom dance, or just do your own freestyle to a range of music.

At every dance we hold a 50/50 raffle, to help with our expenses. Please participate.

Reservation forms are in the carousel found outside the E&R office, and the schedule of remaining dances - unbelievably we only have four more after July - are in the same place. Also, at every dance, the forms for the following month's dance are put out on a table near the Ballroom entrance.

The earlier you get your reservations and payment in, the better, particularly if you have friends with whom you would like to sit.

### Players Spring to Summer Rehearsals and Fall Play

By Jason Salt

On Thursday, June 18, Friday, June 19, and Saturday, June 20, the place to be was the Meeting House, where the Rossmoor Players put the "variety" in "variety show." A dozen different singers performed songs, while two skits, written by Jim Wilson, punctuated the music with bursts of hilarity. Each evening concluded with a sing-along number, during which several audience members apparently were inspired to rush up to the

stage and join in.

With that ('n' This) behind them, the Players turned their creative minds to the climax of their year, the October performances of "Between Engagements." Key to the planning is the expansion of the stage crew, sound team, and orchestra. Just as a race car driver won't get far without a pit crew, a play needs people backstage to support every aspect of what happens onstage. Without a dedicated stage crew, musicians, and

sound operators, there's no show.

Consider how important those jobs are. Imagine yourself devoting your time to helping the production get on its feet. Starting to feel proud already? Then consider calling Players President Sue Archambault at 201-981-5959 to let her know you're interested. Or, come to the auditions at the Meeting House on Tuesday, Aug. 25, and Wednesday, Aug. 26. Or do both. Working on the show could be the adventure for which you've been looking.

### Chorus Celebrates Successful Year

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well-earned and heartily enjoyed.

Chorus members finished the month looking forward to Thursday, July 2, the date of

the Interfaith Council's celebration of America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Meeting House, starting at 1:30 p.m. The performance will include "Let Freedom Ring!" and

"Anthem to America."

So, enjoy the vocal fireworks on Thursday, July 2 and the actual fireworks on Saturday, July 4. Happy Anniversary, America!



**Seiran Chapman (third from right) congratulated by proud fellow chorus members.**

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## Catholics Who Made a Mark

By Sheila McCue

This month the Catholic Society is celebrating a few fellow Catholics who left their mark on American life. The categories are varied: poli-

tics, education, sports, literature, and entertainment, to name a few.

Names that surfaced in preparing this article included the soon-to-be-canonized

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen who had the popular TV show, "Life is Worth Living," in the early days of television. Competing in prime time with the very popular Milton Berle, Sheen won an Emmy, and in his acceptance speech, he

thanked his writers, "Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John."

Sports and entertainment boasted of Vince Lombardi, Roger Maris, Perry Como, Bob Newhart, and Frank Capra. Try a fun trivia game to see how many you can name.

Politically, the Catholic vote tends to split almost 50/50 so you will find a Catholic politician to love or hate regardless of your own inclinations. But here is one Catholic member of Congress most of us can appreciate – Lindy Boggs.

Lindy Boggs was elected to Congress when her husband Hale Boggs, a congressman from Louisiana and the Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Represent-

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## Korean-American

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gave them a warm welcome, and we look forward to helping them settle in by sharing useful local information. We hope more Korean families will move into the community so we can continue growing our group and making it even more active and vibrant.

As summer approaches, many members will be traveling, so we expect attendance to be lower for the next few meetings.

The Knitting Workshop we started last month is continuing successfully. Ladies interested in knitting and friendly conversation are warmly invited to join. If you'd like to participate, please contact our president, Youngae Lee, at yalee1980@gmail.com.

## Summer Is Here

By Barbara Herman Hoff

Rossmoor Jewish Congregation has a very busy schedule this summer. In June, we had a Movie Night featuring the "History of the World Part One" by Mel Brooks. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

In July, we have a double

header. On Thursday, July 16, we are hosting an Ice Cream Social at 6 p.m. in the Gallery. Everyone is invited. It is just \$5 per person. I can't think of a better way to cool off during the dog days of summer. Flyers can be found in front of the E&R office.

Our second event will be led by Rabbi Deb Smith on

"The History of the Bagel" on Sunday, July 26, at 6 p.m. in the Ballroom. She will share how the bagel found its way to this country. Following her informative discussion, we will serve bagels, tuna and egg salads, cream cheese, butter, and beverages. The cost is only \$10 per person.

In August, we will have

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## Game Day was a Success!

Good food, good company and lots of fun were had by all. Thanks to the Jewish Congregation for sponsoring this popular event.

## Celebrating the New Pickleball Courts



Pickleballers are back in action on our new courts!

By Penni McOlvin

On June 4, many happy pickleballers officially opened our brand new courts with a celebratory breakfast court-side. A special thank you goes to the Board of Governors and Clubhouse Manager Melissa Barnard for advocating and moving the pickleball courts to

fruitation. The courts are a perfect addition to our beautiful Rossmoor community.

Also, thanks to Yvonne Nobile and Dan Dobromilsky for their efforts in making these courts a reality. We celebrated on the new courts on a perfectly beautiful June morning with food and the

camaraderie all pickleball players share. There were many new players who received worthy pointers from our seasoned players.

A fun morning was had by all and, again, thank you to everyone for the well-designed new courts.

See you on the courts!



Mutual 17 Celebrates Spring! An international food bonanza was held by Mutual 17 in honor of the arrival of spring on May 17. A great time was had by all. From left: Theresa Conrad, Debra Stasik, Diane Sutkowski, Barbara Butler, Helene Gray, and Babs Buford.

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tatives, disappeared while flying in Alaska. Although many expected her to simply hold space until the next general election, Lindy Boggs was elected in her own right and continued to serve the people. She later served as U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican.

Some of us will remember the restrictions that inhibited a woman obtaining a credit card, much less a loan, prior to 1974. Standard operating procedure required that a woman have a male cosigner to guarantee her debt. According to published accounts, the original Equal Credit Opportunity Act made no mention of banning discrimination for sex or marital status. Boggs is reported to have personally inserted the language on her own and

photocopied new versions of the bill. She then told the other committee members, "Knowing the members composing this committee as well as I do, I'm sure it was just an oversight that we didn't have 'sex' or 'marital status' included. I've taken care of that, and I trust it meets with the committee's approval."

The Act passed with Boggs' changes. Without the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the purchase of many units in Rossmoor would have looked very different.

The Catholic Society plans to host some screenings of "The Chosen" in the Clubhouse before the debut of season six in November 2026. Please check Channel 26 for the schedule and join us as we make plans for the fall and share these events.

<b>DO Recycle</b>		<b>Plastic</b> Bottles, Jars, Jugs, and Tubs	
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## Recycling and Trash

### RECYCLING - collected every Friday

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

**TRASH** - collected twice weekly on Mondays and Thursdays.

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

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

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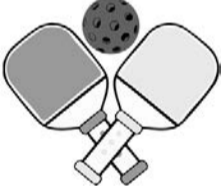


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 9:30 AM Yoga CE 10 AM Needle Punch Class MR 10 AM Aqua Aerobics w/ Tracy Salveson Poolside 6:30 PM Scrapbooking Classes MR	<b>2</b> 9 AM Christmas in July Party at Pool Poolside 9:30 AM Healthy Bones Class BR 10 AM Rug Hooking GL 10 AM Table Tennis Monroe Twp Rec HW 1 PM Table Tennis HW 1:30 PM Interfaith USA 250 Anniversary Service MHP 6 PM Line Dancing GL	<b>3</b> 9 AM Art Class GL 10 AM Catholic Society Rosary MHP 1 PM Table Tennis HW 4 PM Mutual 16 BBQ BR/Terrace 4:30 PM Croquet Social HW	<b>4</b> 10:30 AM Indian-American Meditation CE 
<b>5</b> 11 AM Worship/ Communion MHP 7 PM Table Tennis HW	<b>6</b> 10 AM Aqua Aerobics with Tracy Salveson Poolside 1 PM Table Tennis HW 2 PM Line Dancing GL 	<b>7</b> 10 AM Chair Yoga GL 10:30 AM News of the Week Roundtable MR 11:30 AM Tai Chi Class HW 1 PM All in Stitches DW 1:30 PM "Desperados" Movie Matinee BR 6:30 PM Forever Fitness w/ Tracy Salveson HW 7 PM "Desperados" Movie Matinee BR 7 PM Jewish Congregation Board Meeting DW	<b>8</b> 9:30 AM Yoga CE 10 AM Needle Punch Class MR 10 AM Aqua Aerobics with Tracy Salveson Poolside 10 AM Corn Hole GL 6:30 PM Cardmaking Classes MR	<b>9</b> 9:30 AM Healthy Bones Class BR 9:30 AM RCAI Standing Committees HW 10 AM Rug Hooking GL 10:30 AM Italian-American Board Meeting WR 1 PM Catholic Society Prayer Shawl Craft Room 1 PM Table Tennis HW 4 PM Democratic Club Political Round Table MR 6 PM Line Dancing GL 6:30 PM Recipe Exchange BR	<b>10</b> 9 AM Art Class GL 10 AM Catholic Society Rosary MHP 1 PM Catholic Society "Chosen" Series GL 1 PM Table Tennis HW 4:30 PM Croquet Social HW 7 PM Friday Night Pool Party w/ Tanglewood Outdoor Pool 7:15 PM Jewish Congregation Sabbath Services MHP	<b>11</b> 10:30 AM Indian-American Meditation CE 11 AM Sallie Rowland Memorial MHP 1 PM Republican Club BBQ BR/Terrace
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**ABBREVIATIONS**  
 Ballroom BR  
 Bocce Courts BC  
 Cedar Room CE  
 Craft Room CR  
 Dogwood Room DR  
 Gallery GL  
 Hawthorn Room HR  
 Maple Room MR  
 Meeting House MH  
 Shuffleboard Ct. SC  
 Willow Room WR

# Swimming pool

## Rules and Regulations 2026



### POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Friday, May 22 through  
Monday, September 7

#### Health and Safety Guidelines: 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 pool.
- Showers are required prior to entering the pool.
- People recovering from diarrhea or symptoms of gastrointestinal disease are encouraged to wait seven days before using the pool.
- Persons suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol shall be prohibited from using the pool area.
- Non-slip footwear is recommended on the pool deck and locker room area.
- Management reserves the right to close the pool at any time.
- Lifeguards are obligated to close the pool in the event of potentially dangerous weather.

#### Resident Pool Passes

- Upon entering the pool area, all residents must present their blue Rossmoor photo ID with 2026 stickers. No exceptions are permitted. These IDs are non-transferable and expire annually. \$10.00 replacement fee will be charged for lost ID cards.

#### Food and Beverages

- Food and beverages are permitted within the designated "Picnic Area" only.
- Glass containers are prohibited. Must be in break resistant containers.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- Water in plastic bottles may be consumed on the pool deck.
- All trash must be removed and disposed of in appropriate trash/recyclable collection containers.

#### Seating

- Pool furniture is available on a first-come basis. Personal furniture is NOT

- permitted in the pool area.
- Beach towels should be used to cover and protect pool chairs when using suntan oils/ lotions.

#### General Pool Rules

- No animals, except Rossmoor registered service animals, shall be allowed within the pool area.
- Radio 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.
- No sitting on pool entrance steps or ladders.
- Diving, running continual jumping, or "horseplay" is NOT permitted.
- Noodles, Fins, Pool Toys, etc.:
  - Pool toys – inflatable, plastic, foam or any other material – and swimming devices such as, but not limited to swimmees, inner tubes, fins, etc., are NOT permitted in the pool, except for Aqua Aerobics classes.
  - Only US Coast Guard-approved life jackets may be used in the pool as flotation devices. "Noodles" may be used in the shallow end of the swimming pool.

#### Lane Swimming Schedule

- Lane swimming is available Monday through Friday, except for holidays. (Schedule is posted on the pool bulletin board.)
  - Note: Lanes will be removed 15 minutes prior to the start of the Aqua Aerobics classes.

#### GUEST PASSES

- Guest pool passes are available for purchase at the Education and Recreation Office during normal operating hours, Monday through Friday 8:30am – noon and 1:00pm – 5:00pm. On occasion, the office will announce weekend or evening hours, when passes can be purchased.
- Guest passes will not be available on-site at the pool.

#### GUEST PASS OPTIONS

- **Daily Pass** - \$5.00 per person, including children. Each pass can be used any one day during the pool season except for stated holiday times. Maximum of two guests per day per unit. Daily Pass must be surrendered to ambassador upon use.
- **Seasonal Pass** - \$125 per manor. Maximum of two

guests per day per unit.

- Daily and Seasonal passes expire annually.
- Daily and Seasonal passes are non-refundable and will not be replaced if lost or stolen.

#### GUEST ATTENDANCE RULES

- Residents must register their guests at the pool and must stay at the pool with their guests.
- All guests are required to abide by the Rules and Regulations.
- Residents assume all responsibility for their guests.
- There is a maximum of two guests, including children, per Manor per day.
- NO guests are permitted on the following holidays:
  - Memorial Day Weekend (5/22-5/25),
  - July 4th Weekend (7/3-7/6)
  - Labor Day Weekend (9/5-9/7).

#### GUEST AGE RULES

- **Guests over 16 years of age and older** are permitted to use the pool and surrounding facilities Monday through Sunday from 11:00am to close. Rossmoor Resident must stay with their guests at the pool.
- **Children aged 5 to 15 years** are permitted to use the pool and surrounding facilities Monday through Friday between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Residents must always stay with their guest children.
  - Children under 15 years of age and under are NOT permitted in the Hot Tub.
  - Children under 15 years of age and under should be encouraged to use the restrooms before entering the water and any "accidents" in the water should be immediately reported to the lifeguard.
  - Children under 15 years of age and under must exit the pool at 2:00 p.m. and exit the pool area no later than 2:30 p.m.
- Children under 5 years of age are NOT permitted within the pool fenced area.

**NOTE: Violators of the Rossmoor Pool Rules and Regulations may be subject to a loss of pool privileges.**

*The Rules and Regulations are subject to change from time to time due to E & R Special Events.*

## The Kids Are Back Again



The younger generation

By Allen Kobezak

The kids who stepped off their school bus in our Clubhouse parking lot on June 1 might object to being called kids. After all, they are much closer to being young adults than kids.

They were also among Monroe High School's more academically accomplished senior class students, and they participated in the Senior/Senior Games with Rossmoor's shuffleboard members.

The games are an annual event sponsored by the Monroe Township Recreation Department. The purpose is to bring the two generations closer while playing a competitive sport. Each senior student is paired with a Rossmoor player to form a team that competes against

another team consisting of both generations.

And, yes, the young seniors and the young-at-heart Rossmoor residents had a great time together. That's what the games are all about - not the outcome of the games but the interaction between the two generations during the event. Hopefully, both generations learned something valuable about each other that will help them in their future lives.

Other high school seniors played various sports in the Senior/Senior Games, but shuffleboard was the only activity hosted by our Rossmoor community, as it is every year.

After the competition was over, the players gathered at the Monroe Recreation Center for the awards and lunch provided by the township.

## Summer Is Here

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another Game Day. It is on Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.. You have a choice of tuna salad, egg salad, or chicken salad on a kaiser roll with macaroni salad and cole slaw and desserts. Beverages will be provided as well. It is only \$20 per person. The flyers are in front of the E&R office.

We welcome anyone to join us at all our events. Our goal is to encourage friendships between members and Rossmoor as a whole. Antisemitism is a result of misconception, misinformation, and often, fear of the unknown. I assure you we are no different than anyone else. Join us and have an enjoyable time with new and old friends.

## Jewish Sabbath Services

By Adrienne Brotman

The Jewish Congregation invites you, your family, friends, and neighbors for two Friday night Sabbath services in July. Whether you are a regular member or a newcomer, everyone is welcome to share this time of community connection.

Our first service in July will be to celebrate the wedding anniversary of the Arons on Friday, July 10. Come congratulate the couple on their anniversary along with our traditional prayers and songs. Come again on Friday, July 24, for spiritual renewal. Both services begin at 7:15 p.m. in the Meeting House

For more information about the Jewish Congregation, please contact Barbara at 973-476-5702. If you need a ride, please contact Morty at 732-299-7501.



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COMMUNITIES

**IN A MEDICAL  
EMERGENCY,  
CALL 911**



**Every minute matters.**  
Calling 911 gets you the right help, right away—when it matters most.

**DON'T DELAY. CALL 911.**  
Calling the on-call nurse or security can delay life-saving assistance.

**CALLING THE ON-CALL NURSE OR SECURITY**

Can cause dangerous delays:

- ✗ Messages need to be received and responded to
- ✗ Staff may need to assess the situation first
- ✗ EMS is called after valuable time is lost



**IN A MEDICAL EMERGENCY, MINUTES CAN SAVE LIVES.**

**911 CALLING 911 GETS HELP FAST:**

- ✓ EMS is dispatched immediately
- ✓ Paramedics arrive with life-saving equipment
- ✓ Faster treatment can lead to better outcomes