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Dan Jolly Honored at Farewell Celebration



Dan Jolly proudly displays the plaque that will be placed on the Village Center in his honor. From left: Jo Schwegel, Dan Jolly.

By Mary Jane Brubaker

Dan Jolly was a most deserving "Man of the Hour" at a heartfelt farewell celebration held in his honor on June 29 in the Clubhouse. Acting President Jo Schwegel served eloquently as emcee while family, friends, fellow residents, current and former RCAI staff,

and Monroe Township Mayor Stephen Dalina gathered to express their gratitude and wish him "Godspeed." After 27 years of dedicated leadership in our community, Dan has stepped down and re-located to be closer to family.

Mayor Dalina spoke warmly of his long association with Dan and presented him with the "Good Citizen Award." The award recognized Dan's exceptional leadership and civic responsibility, noting how he "contributed positively to the lives of his neighbors" and "embodied the ideals of a good citizen."

Former General Manager Jane Balmer highlighted Dan's unwavering dedication, recalling that he was always available, day or

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Celebrating in Style!

Participants decked out in patriotic costumes, carts festively and imaginatively decorated, and cheering crowds along Old Nassau Road made the Mutual 16 Third of July parade a resounding success. A big thank you to Mutual 16 directors for organizing such a wonderful community event. More parade photos (along with those from Rossmoor's 1976 parade) can be found in the display unit in the Clubhouse entry.



Community spirit and summer fun were in evidence throughout the golf cart parade.

Learn Monroe Rev War History Sept. 9



John Katerba

By Sidna B. Mitchell

If you want to step back in our town's time during the Revolutionary War, attend the talk by Monroe Township Historian John Katerba with

Kyle Johansson in the Ballroom on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 6:30 p.m. Do register with E&R to make sure you have a seat to hear about General George Washington and General Charles Lee, who stayed in Monroe before the Battle of Monmouth on June 28, 1778.

In fact, John Katerba is so engrossed in local history that he and his oldest son, Joe, have spent more than two years restoring the Paul Miller house on Hoffman Station Road; more than 8,000 of the Continental troops were camped on that farm as well as on the Anderson farm just down

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Indian American Club Celebrates USA's 250th

By Shatrughan Dawani

Rossmoor's Indian American Club is proud to announce that its "Celebration of Legacy of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution" will be held at the Clubhouse Gallery at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24. Shaun Illingworth, director of the Rutgers Oral History Archives, will make a presentation. This will be followed by a talk by Ashok Arora, eminent scholar and ex-Secretary of the Supreme Court Bar Association of India.

Community leaders will offer a panel discussion on "The Indian Diaspora Journey in Building America – Past, Present, & Future" as part of the United States of America's celebration at 250 years. Sunita Gandhi will be the emcee. Refreshments will be served.

The program is being provided through funding from the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners with a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Arts Trust Fund.

For more information,

please contact Shatrughan Dawani at 845-633-4665 or Latha Danashekar at 908-510-1858.

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at the
governors'
meeting

July 16, 2026
Special Election Meeting

Acting President Josephine Schwegel called the Thursday, July 17, Special Election meeting to order at 9 a.m. General Manager Tom Curry stated the meeting purpose was to elect the Executive Committee Officers of president, vice president, and secretary for RCAI. Of the 54 mutual directors eligible to vote, 47 were present. Gina Genther and Meghan Kelly acted as inspectors of the elections.

Ms. Genther announced the results of the election as follows: Jo Schwegal, president; Lori Moses, vice president; and Debra Stasik, secretary. Each will serve a one-year term. The Special Election meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

July RCAI BOG Meeting

President Jo Schwegel opened the general meeting at 9:30 a.m. The minutes of the Thursday June 18, 2026, BOG meeting were passed unanimously.

President's Report

Ms. Schwegel thanked the delegates for their vote. She stated her goal as president is to work openly together as a team with the goal of doing what is best for the community

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Craven stated that since the June numbers are not yet complete, he presented the May variance report.

Management Report

Mr. Curry reported on former President Dan Jolly's Rossmoor retirement party. He thanked all those who put the event together and attended the gathering. Ms. Schwegel announced that at the gathering Mr. Jolly was honored with a plaque affixed to the Village Center, re-naming it the Daniel Jolly Sr. Village Center.

Mr. Curry reported that six condominiums and two cooperative homes sold in June with 15 condos currently under contract. He reported on Maintenance Department activities including the upcoming concrete walkway replacements and upcoming asphalt paving which will start on two asphalt golf cart paths at the end of July. He reported on split rail perimeter fence repairs. He mentioned roadway line striping will be occurring in the upcoming month.

Mr. Curry reported that he has written to the county regarding the flood mitigation earmark dollars. He asked them for another extension while we obtain final quotes for a possible culvert replacement. He also asked the county if the culvert were not to be completed could the funding be transferred to Monroe Township emergency services for flood-related emergency equipment.

Mr. Curry shared 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 continued to do well, and he shared the Alliance Security report for June.

Committee Reports

Maintenance Committee

Diane Sutkowski read Ms. Stasik's Maintenance committee July Meeting report. The committee recommended the BOG approve the golf irrigation system (Resolution 2026-17). The landscape supervisor reported that his crew was cleaning up after the recent storms.

Chair Joann Casper reported on E&R's report and mentioned the Stroke Awareness class presented by the health center. The new phone books have arrived.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Resolution 2026-17 Golf Course Irrigation System

A motion was passed unanimously authorizing National Lawn of White Plains, N.Y., to replace the golf course irrigation system at a cost not to exceed \$1,319,000, and the expense charged to RCAI re-

serve account #4110.

The Rossmoor Croquet Club announced they had raised \$1,000 by its members for breast cancer research in support of Rossmoor's year-long Paint the Town Pink campaign.

Ms. Schwegel announced that in September the BOG will be asked to vote on the 2027 pool season management. She asked each director to visit the pool to watch operations. She will be providing a list of items to observe during the visit. E&R will be providing guest-usage data.

Ms. Schwegel suggested the August BOG meeting be canceled. A motion was made and passed with a majority vote in favor.

Director Comments

M8 Director Joan DiPaolo raised concerns with the possibility that the board could reject the culvert replacement project. Mr. Curry advised that it will be a decision of the entire 18-member board after examining the cost and benefits of the project. He reported on several projects that were completed in her area to mitigate flooding.

M9 Director Nancy Pezzolla asked about the different flood insurances in the community. Mr. Curry explained that Ms. Pezzolla's home is in a FEMA AE flood zone and is therefore covered under federal flood insurance whereas other homes outside of the zone are not.

M4C Director Cathleen DeStasio expressed she is concerned after each rainstorm.

Mutual 7 Director Barbara Jensen presented a list of issues including four-way stop signs, residents walking dogs on the golf course, and concerns of dumpsters in the wrong direction.

M5 Director Thomas Croake made a motion to cancel the August standing committee meetings. The motion was passed with a majority vote (11) in approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Bits & Pieces

By Sue Ortiz

It's that time of year... again.

It's not the heat, although that's been tough, with temperatures topping "air-conditioner-please-don't-fail-me-in-this-time-of-need" 105 degrees. I've resorted to watching Hallmark Channel's annual "Christmas in July" movies to keep cool. Even if it's a Hollywood AI snow squall or faux crystals spread on a suburban landscape, the effect is successful.

It's not that the days are getting shorter: The summer solstice came and went without fanfare. Each day the sun dips below the horizon a minute or so earlier, every day. Real snow will blanket our yards soon enough, and we will long for the heat.

No, it's the time of year for the emergence of my dreaded enemy... the cricket.

In the shower. With me. Out of nowhere. Eww.

That's the way the invasion starts. One lonely cricket. Silent and sneaky, scoping out the territory for the rest of the army. He, or she, would report back to headquarters that the coast was clear, the enemy unprepared. It was time for action!

I hurried my shower, keeping the little bugger at bay in the far corner of my stall until I could scoop it up and flush it down the loo. No invasion today. I won this battle, but the war was not over.

Years ago, we had a particularly wet summer, resulting in a damp basement. It started with one huge shiny black monster on a reconnaissance mission.

You know the feeling that someone, or something, is watching you? I was sitting on the sofa with some friends when I got that feeling. I turned my head and was face to face with the biggest cricket I had ever seen. Its big, black beady eyes were staring me down, daring me to challenge it. Who would be first to jump?

I jumped up so fast my vision blackened. I screamed, frightening my guests. No one believed me when I explained what I'd seen. The cricket was nowhere in sight.

That was the first wave.

The rest of the season was a war unlike any other. The invasion, ongoing. It was them or us.

We had several disadvantages: The living room was carpeted in a dark orange and black shag carpet. There were lots of hiding spots under radiators, the sofa, and the La-Z-Boys. And the little buggers were fast.

How did they get up the stairs without being seen? How did they climb up the

curtains? Or were they rappelling down? They were on the beds and under them. I had to search with a flashlight every night; there was always one hiding out in the darkness. They were in the bathtub and up the shower curtain.

In the kitchen, we found them in the sink, on the counter, and running under the toe kick. Everywhere. Eww. The basement floor was alive and moving. Eww.

The incessant chirping was maddening. Almost drove us crazy. The sound seemed to be coming from one end of the room, until we searched there, only to hear the sound back at the other end again. They'd stop chirping altogether if we got too near their hiding spot.

None of us got much sleep. We were alert. Ready to fight.

Those nasty cybercritters survived on Styrofoam and rubber.

Big black eyes followed me, watching every move, ready to attack or retreat if I got too close.

When a flyswatter didn't work, I got good at catching - er, stomping - on them. My dad would clean up the mess. "I kill'em; you grill'em!" was my war cry.

Having a cricket in the house is supposed to be good luck. Having Hell's army, not so much.

My house is old with lots of gaps; any hole is free reign. We discovered the bulk of the crickets entered the house through the Bilco basement door. A fine crack was eventually caulked.

Winter came, and, like Washington's army at Valley Forge, they wintered wherever crickets hibernate or lie in wait.

In the spring, we had a new carpet installed in the living room and up the stairs. A beige Berber weave. No more shag. Summer came and went with only a ragtag group of misfits occasionally showing their ugly heads. Easily seen on the new carpet, they were quickly discharged without incident. Bug War III ended with a whimper.

I remember an episode of "Happy Days" where Fonzi and the gang were camping in the woods. When the crickets grew unbearably loud, The Fonz snapped his fingers, and they stopped chirping at once. "Ayyy!" Maybe I should have tried that.

B&P

"It's when the crickets stop singing that you know the enemy is near and the battle is about to begin."

— Amy A. Bartol (American author, b. 1971)

Notice

The Board of Governors meeting, the Maintenance Committee meeting, and the Community Affairs meeting have been canceled for August.



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Dan Jolly

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night, to assist with whatever was needed. She noted that they worked closely together toward a shared goal: “to continue to build on what has always been a wonderful place to live and work.”

General Manager Tom Curry reflected on the five years he and Dan collaborated, saying simply, “It has been a privilege to know and work with you.”

Jo Schwegel shared one of Dan’s proudest accomplishments, the renovation and grand opening of the Village

Center in 2002. This gave RCAI staff a dedicated home of their own after years of working out of the second floor of the Clubhouse.

In her closing remarks, Jo had a special announcement, saying, “Today we are honored to recognize Dan’s vision and leadership by dedicating the Village Center in his name.” She presented Dan with a plaque that will be permanently installed on the building, which will hereafter be known as the Daniel Jolly Sr. Village Center.

At the Interfaith Service recognizing America’s 250th birthday on July 2, Sue Ar-

chambault gave another example of Dan’s outstanding character. She recalled when the Interfaith program was at risk of not being able to provide free Thanksgiving dinners for our homebound residents and their caregivers due to a last-minute funding issue several years ago, Dan immediately stepped in and gave a \$1,800 personal check to cover the costs. Thanks to Dan, the Thanksgiving dinner program, which has been offered here since 2000, was able to continue.

A grateful community says thank you, Dan, for 27 years of vision, dedication, and good citizenship. Godspeed on the road ahead.



Good Citizen Award Recipient

Mayor Stephen Dalina (left) recognized Dan Jolly for his 27 years exhibiting the “highest ideals of a good citizen by promoting goodwill, respect, unity, and a spirit of volunteerism that strengthens the foundations of our community” at the Farewell Celebration honoring Dan Jolly on Monday, June 29 at the Clubhouse.

Rev War History

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the road. Washington stayed the night in the Anderson house before the battle.

John Katerba can give you some interesting facts and tales about our town during those hot, but eventful days. He has maps and artifacts relating to 250 years in Monroe Township which was then part of South Amboy. He’ll probably tell you a bit about James Monroe, for whom our town was named; Monroe was another famous man in the Battle of Monmouth.

A life-long resident of Monroe Township, John Katerba became interested in local history as a small child; he enjoyed hearing people tell their fascinating family stories. After attending college, he started working for the township in 1986 and retired in 2018 as general manager for the Monroe Township Utility Department.

In 1992 he built his own home on the land he grew up on; he married Josephine, another Monroe resi-

dent, and they have two adult sons, ages 28 and 30.

Katerba joined the Monroe Township Historic Preservation Commission in 1992 and soon became its chairman, serving in that position until 2018. He was instrumental in locating and preserving what is now the jewel of Monroe - the Dey Farm Museum on Federal Road - and with saving, moving, and preserving the Prospect Plains One-Room Schoolhouse and the Eng-land House on the farm.

After collecting hundreds of old photographs and recording many stories from those old Monroe families, Katerba published the first of his three historic pictorial histories of Monroe and Jamesburg in 2000. All of the proceeds have been donated to local charities. Arcadia Publishing still has the books available on-line and with other book retailers. But to get the interesting stories in person, go hear Katerba tell Monroe’s history on Sept. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ballroom. Special thanks to Cathleen Norback and the Computer Club for arranging this presentation.

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The Interfaith Council and the Rossmoor Chorus presented a meaningful service on July 2 by reminding us that democracy is something we need to think about and act upon every day. Front row from left: Lucille Conti, Sue Archambault, and Diane England. Back row from left: Allan Kaufman, Maureen Roaldsen, Aimee Coleman, and Linda Appleby.

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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 at \$15 will be available via call-in registration for Aug. 7 with DJ Melon on July 27, and for the Aug. 21 party with DJ Indigo, the call-in date is Aug. 10. E&R will begin taking calls at 12:15 p.m. on each call-in day. The call-in number is 609-655-3232.

Movies Under the Stars

Bring a chair or a blanket and bug repellent to watch "Back to School" on the Meeting House lawn on Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 8 p.m. Registration not required.

Retirement Confidence and Financial Security

CEO and Founder Kevin Noon of Tyde Financial in Red Bank N.J., will help you plan your financial future on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 10 a.m. at a special seminar in the Ballroom. Complimentary lunch will be provided. RSVP your attendance to the E&R Office.

Music

America 250: Fireside and Skyline

Pianist Abraham Alinea will be showcasing American composers at a concert on Sunday, Aug. 9, at 3 p.m. at the Meeting House. Tickets are \$10 per person.

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 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting House. Tickets are \$10 per person.

Information Highway: Rules for Move-Ins and Contractor Work

By Meghan Kelly

Residents are reminded of the community's move-in and contractor work hour restrictions, which help maintain a peaceful environment for all neighbors.

Key Guidelines:

- **Allowed hours:** Moving trucks and contractors may begin work no earlier than 8 a.m. and must finish by 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
- **Sunday restriction:** No moving trucks or contractor activity is permitted on Sundays.

These straightforward rules promote consideration for the entire community, minimizing noise and disruption during early mornings, evenings, and the traditional day of rest. Residents planning a move or home improvement project are encouraged to schedule accordingly and share these guidelines with their movers or service providers. If you need a pod or a dumpster, please contact your mutual director to make them aware.

Thank you and enjoy the rest of your summer.

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The Beauty of a Detour

By Terre Martin

Sometimes life takes you on a detour just when you think you've got everything all figured out. The problem is that you don't know what you don't know. That's when you're faced with a detour, and you have to take it. Sometimes it's a road detour, and sometimes it's a life detour that forces you to do, or not do, what was never in your plans.

This time my detour was on the way to the Monroe Racquet Center. I was

scheduled for a tennis match and left plenty of time to get there. I took the route I always take, down Old Nassau Road and through the South Gate. Only this time, the streets and intersection at Applegarth and Prospect Plains Roads were filled with orange cones, flashing police car lights, and huge paving trucks. Signs warned me of "road work ahead." I slowed down a bit, but I was still on time for my match. I can't count the number of times

I've taken those roads, turning at the Stop & Shop or heading in the direction of Gasko's Farm. So, I continued my trip.

Now the detour part. I was forced to make a turn off of Perrineville Road and follow a long line of cars onto Mill Road. I had never been to this part of Monroe Township. There were wide-open acres of farmland, tree farms with rows and rows of evergreens in various stages of growth, and gorgeous homes set back into wooded lots. Monroe never ceases to amaze me. It is huge. I decided to relax and enjoy the view, since I couldn't pass all the cars in front of me anyway. This was one of those good detours.

The road ended at Route 33, but I saw a side road that looked more interesting. I learned later that it was Old Route 33. When everyone else took the main road, I took "the road less traveled," or so I thought. Instead, it turned out to be the entryway to massive warehouses, including several for Amazon.

My detour wasn't quite as exotic as my trip to the real Amazon, Vietnam, or Italy, but it was an eye-opener. I discovered new parts of my hometown. I doubt that I would have ever seen them had it not been for that detour. I still got to my tennis match on time, and now I had a story to tell at the dinner table. A double win.

As for a life detour, the best one led me to the love of my life, but that story is for another article.

Rossmoor Wants to Know

By Penni McOlvin & Helene Gray

Remember your dreaded summer reading list? What is on your reading list this summer?



Ronnie Cammarata

I will be spending time at the Jersey Shore this summer, so I am planning on reading plenty of books. "Theo of Golden" and the "Secret Life of Sunflowers" were both recommended.



Michael Marder

"Trillions" by Robin Wigglesworth, "The World As I See It" by Albert Einstein, "Ninety Percent of Everything" by Rose George, and "The Engineer's Wife" by Tracey Emerson Wood are all on my summer reading list. "The Engineer's Wife" is about Emily Roebling who helped manage the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge.



Dr. Sharon Morgan

"Gershwin's Bess" by Lisa K. Winkler, "Lady Tan's Circle of Women" by Lisa See, "Women Who Only Hear Themselves" by Arundhati Subramaniam, "Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon, and "Covenant of Water" by Abraham Verghese. "Gershwin's Bess," written by Lisa K. Winkler, is a resident of Summit, N.J., who began researching the life of Bess from the opera, "Porgy and Bess." I selected this book because I served as a reader on the final draft.



Mary Shine

About a year ago, I started to listen to audio books. It took a lot to get used to, but now I love it. I especially like if it's narrated by the author. My first summer read was picked by the title. It is the "Cinnamon Bun Book Store." I didn't expect it to be so sexually explicit. There is a lot more summer reading to go. Don't judge a book by its title. Happy summer reading.

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Why are Pool Tables Green?

By Allen Kobezak

There's an off-color joke that begins with the question in my article's title; however, I won't tell it here because it might not be appropriate for this paper's refined readers. I also wouldn't want to jeopardize my brief career with the Rossmoor News.



Rossmoor's early Pool Sharks in the Hawthorn Room

The factual answer might not be very funny, but I think you'll find it interesting, along with some other facts about the game that many Rossmoor residents play.

Let's begin by discussing where and when the game of pool started. That in itself needs some explanation.

Some aspects of the game may have been influenced by ancient Egyptian games involving sticks and balls played around 400 BC.

However, the original game of billiards, which is a predecessor of pool, started in France in the 15th century. It evolved from a game played on a lawn, similar to croquet. That game had hoops that the balls were pushed through using a wooden stick with a large head called a mace.

In the 16th century, the game was moved indoors onto tables. Eventually, the hoops were replaced by pockets, and the maces were replaced by pool cues, which were used to strike the balls instead of pushing them.

If any ladies are still reading, you might find this interesting. When the pool cue became the standard way to hit the ball into the pockets, women were still required to use a mace. The belief was that they were more careless than men and would likely tear the felt cloth with the cue tip. I wonder if our lady players in Rossmoor might find these comments a

bit insulting?

As to the question of why pool tables are green. The truthful explanation may not put a smile on your face, but it might allow me to keep my job with the Rossmoor News a little longer. It is simply that the game was originally played on lawns, and the green felt covering the playing area imitates grass.

Today, tables come in blue, burgundy, gray, and other colors, but the classic color remains green. Besides its connection to its origins, it also offers practical benefits like improved visibility and contrast against the white cue ball and other colorful balls, reducing eye strain.

If this article has inspired anyone to try their luck in the Clubhouse Pool Room, don't be misled by the

photo in my story. It might make you think there's a dress code for playing pool in Rossmoor, but there isn't. That photo of men in white shirts and ties and a woman in a nice dress with high heels was taken during the early days of our community. You could say we've come a long way since Rossmoor opened - or maybe we took a U-turn along the way.

By the way, National Pool and Billiards Day is Aug. 9. However, let's not all celebrate with a game at the Clubhouse at the same time; we only have three tables now.

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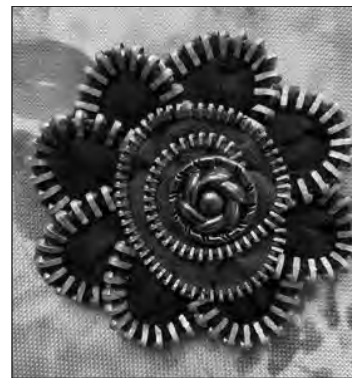


Zip It Up

By Allen Kobezak

It's not always easy to find new topics to write about that our readers will find interesting. As a staff writer, I'm under constant pressure each month to help fill the Rossmoor News with informative and entertaining articles.

Over the last few years, I've written many unique articles on a wide range of subjects. Among my most memorable were my stories about the "Rossmoor Bounce" our residents get from the North Gate speed bump and one of the greatest inventions of all time, splinter-free toilet paper. But the one I'm most proud of was my article on the proper way to dispose of those annoying watermelon seeds at a summer picnic.



Zipper artwork by Rose Kobezak.

However, I may have outdone myself this month with my story about a clasp locker, better known as a zipper. Now, don't you go turning the page before you read to the end of my story again. Zippers are a very important accessory in the garment industry and

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Old Friends and New Stories

By Terre Martin

I recently met with a group of old friends, some of whom I hadn't seen in more than 20 years. We picked a restaurant midway between our homes and met at 11 a.m., which was when the place opened. We left at 4 p.m., when they were cleaning up

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deserve some recognition.

When you think about it, the person or people responsible for their invention had a very clever idea. But who is responsible for this indispensable innovation? The idea and the final modernization came from multiple people over many years.

In 1851, Elias Howe patented a fastener for garments, though he never tried to market it. It was a crude, unrecognizable version of today's zipper.

Whitcomb L. Judson is usually credited with inventing the zipper because of his 1893 patent for the “clasp-locker.” His version of the zipper was intended to replace boot laces and was never used for clothing.

Around 1913, Gideon Sundback improved on earlier, more complex designs with interlocking teeth. In 1923, the B.F. Goodrich Company began using Sundback's zipper on its rubber boots.

In the 1930s, clothing designers increased the use of zippers when they began incorporating them into fashionable clothing.

Today, the zipper has a growing global market, with over 10 billion zippers produced annually and about \$15 billion in sales.

There are many types of zippers today, and they are used on clothing, luggage, leather goods, and a wide range of other products.

The B.F. Goodrich Company trademarked the name "zipper," which was inspired by the sound the fastener made.

One of the most common uses of the zipper is for a man's fly on jeans and trousers. An ad in a 1930s issue of "Esquire" magazine cited one of the advantages of zippers over buttons as eliminating "The Possibility of Unintentional and Embarrassing Disarray."

But even when a zipper's initial purpose has expired, it can have a second life as zipper art. The accompanying photo shows a decorative pin my crafty wife, Rose, created from the zippers of some of my discarded jeans. She has also made other jewelry from this very clever invention, giving it a use its creators never imagined.

At least these zippers, in their new life form, will never have to hear those seven embarrassing words: "Hey, buddy, your barn door is open."

and preparing for the evening rush.

We greeted each other with smiles and warm embraces, and then we checked each other out to see who had gained the most weight, had more wrinkles, and still looked like the younger women we used to know. Once we settled in, the conversation began in earnest. We wanted to know everything. What we learned wasn't exactly what our younger selves would have expected. The biggest take-away was that even though there is a lot to be proud of, no family escapes problems, tragedies, and sadness.

Once we established our current health status, we began talking about our lives without kids, husbands, old friends, and all the trappings that we thought were so important as young wives and mothers. We were particu-

larly interested in hearing about our children, not the grandkids. We don't know the grandkids.

We wanted to hear about the children who played with our kids, sat in the same classrooms, and participated in the same sports. What are they doing now? Are they happy? Are they thriving? Do you get to see them often? We went around the table, and each woman shared their good and not-so-good experiences over the years. It was an eye-opener for sure. What always seemed like perfection from the outside was revealed to be filled with dark times that were never shared before. Everyone agreed that, “Back then, we didn’t talk about those things.”

We shared stories about emotional abuse, mental health issues, financial difficulties, and estrangement

from loved ones. None of us were prepared for those life experiences. The common thread in the stories of those who were divorced was the emotional abuse and battering of their self-esteem. Then there were the stories of mental health problems and alcoholism. When we were young, drinking and smoking were commonplace. Watching loved ones go from social drinking to chronic drunkenness was confusing and seemed impossible to manage. We weren't taught how to handle it, and we definitely didn't talk about it to others.

We also “grew up” in an era when women still couldn’t be completely independent. One friend endured her marriage because she was financially dependent. Every time she thought she could leave, something would happen to keep her bound to her husband’s wallet. There were also stories about husbands

losing their jobs and the wives working to keep the family afloat.

As I looked around the table and saw the women I had known so many years ago, I marveled at their resilience and ability to rise above the problems. The neighborhood where we all met and lived was idyllic. Everyone looked out for everyone. Our kids rode bikes on manicured tree-lined streets. We had bridge groups, progressive dinners, pool parties, and barbeques. Women gardened in their tennis outfits, and men drove beautiful cars. The problem wasn't what was on the outside, but what was brewing on the inside.

Our reunion was wonderful and cathartic. We learned that no one gets through life without hardships. Every family has its problems. Having those women in my life and seeing their will to survive, heal, and succeed was a great life lesson.

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Founders' Day Pool Party!

The July 2 pool party was a hit even with temperature hitting 100 degrees. Front row from left: Pat DeLacy, Noreen, Tarwacki, and Diane Brown. Back row from left: Mary Trainor, Mae Howard, Carol Fava, and Judi Frey.



At the Health Fair

Fanny Cera and Edna Melendez learned about SLR Marlboro, which offers senior living residences in that area. From left: Paul Fuller, Fanny Cera, and Edna Melendez.

Our Multigenerational Family Series Continues

By Josephine Genovese

For six decades, The Rossmoor News has been a place where neighbors share more than updates; they share pieces of their lives. As we celebrate our 60th anniversary year, we continue to highlight the stories that make this community feel like home. Our multigenerational series has shown that Rossmoor isn't just where people live; it's where memories and stories take root, and where families often find themselves returning.

This month, we're honored to feature Kathie and Nick Morolda - a family whose connection to Rossmoor began more than 40 years ago

Summer Nights



Enjoying the first Patio Night of the summer were, from left, Paula Russo and Elsie Valentin. Both agreed the outdoor concert on the patio featuring Peter and the Master Keys was very peaceful and relaxing. They loved the live music and the beautiful setting. It was "a nice chill night."

with a simple walk and a found penny. Here is their story in Kathie's own words.

Kathie Morolda - My Story

My connection to Rossmoor began in 1982, when my parents, Julia and Donald Maguire, moved into the community to be closer to Nick and me, raising our young family in Cranbury Station. Our son Adam especially loved spending time with his grandparents in Rossmoor.

On one visit, when he was about six years old, he spotted a penny on the sidewalk while walking with his grandmother. The two decided to tuck the penny into the stone wall in front of her home - a small gesture meant to bring good luck.

My parents embraced life in Rossmoor. They loved their friends, and the sense



of community that surrounded them. They both loved to golf here, and they especially enjoyed bringing their grandchildren to the pool - a summer tradition the children absolutely loved.

Years later, after both had passed, Adam found himself back in Rossmoor, this time as an employee in the Maintenance Department. One day, he decided to check the old stone wall, curious whether that childhood "lucky penny" might still be there. To his amazement, it was.

He shared the moment with me, and together we remembered those early days at Rossmoor with my parents. Wanting to preserve the memory, I found a small broken piece of the stone wall, framed it with the penny, and gave it to Adam for his 39th birthday. It now hangs in his home, a quiet reminder of the bond between a boy and his grandparents, and of the place that held their story.

Three years ago, when Nick and I decided to sell our home of 45 years, we knew exactly where we wanted to go. Rossmoor had already been part of our family's history; now it would become part of our future. I can't help but feel that the "lucky penny" had something to do with guiding us back.

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In Memoriam

Obituary: Alexis Monaco

Alexis Joseph Monaco, 80, passed away on Wednesday, July 1, at Penn Medicine Princeton Hospital in Plainsboro.

Born and raised in the Bronx, N.Y., Alex resided in Kendall Park for more than 40 years before moving to Monroe Township. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. A graduate of Iona College, Alex enjoyed a successful career in information technology and data security, working for organizations including the Bank of New York, Brooklyn Union Gas, Prudential, and Liberty Mutual. After many years as a data security consultant with Liberty Mutual, he relaxed at home with his wife.

Alex was an active member of the Rossmoor Veterans Group and the Rossmoor Players. He was an avid golfer, enjoyed woodworking, and cherished the friendships he made through his many interests.

For many years he and his wife served as editorial assistants for the Rossmoor News. “He was an important asset to our publication and to his mutual, where he served as a director for many years,” noted Allen Kobezak, a Rossmoor News writer and neighbor.

Alex is survived by his wife Linda, of 55 years; his daughter, Ann V. Monaco; and his sisters, Marie Delaney and Teresa Bologna.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Alex’s memory to the Parkinson’s Foundation.

Remembering Alex Monaco
By Joe Conti and Carol De Haan

When former Rossmoor News editor Gene Horan passed the torch to Joe Conti and his staff, we were pleased to have Alex and Linda Monaco, as our editorial assistants. Linda would collect incoming articles on her PC, sort them into categories, and get them ready for the proofreaders, and then send to the publisher.

Alex was in charge of photos and other graphics, which he would sort, add captions, and transmit to the publisher with instructions as to the appropriate article. They did this highly detailed work for nigh onto 15 years, to the benefit of all of us.

Being a whiz kid with computers, Alex often did some troubleshooting for frustrated staff writers whose PCs were not cooperating. Thank goodness!

Alex once told us he had majored in psychology in college, which left us amazed because he was not so bookish but rather a Handy Andy kind of guy. He did some sophisticated woodworking improvements in his own house. Then he volunteered as a monitor in our wood shop, helping resi-

dents with their various projects, making sure no fingers ever bit the dust.

Alex and his wife were proud members of our lively Italian-American Club.

He also served as a director for Mutual 12.

Alex and Linda were active members in their church and they both sang in the choir.

Golf? Don’t even ask. He loved it, rain or shine, like most golfers.

Alex Monaco was a good guy.

So we are more than sad to hear that he is no longer with us, and we send our sincere condolences to his wife Linda.

Obituary: Benjamin Vetrano

Benjamin Vetrano, affectionately known as Benny, passed away at Penn Medicine on May 11, in Princeton, following an illness. He was 86 years old, born on June 29, 1939, on Staten Island.

Benny lived a life marked by hard work, devotion to family, and a warm spirit that

touched everyone who knew him. He was a proud Catholic whose faith guided him throughout his life and gave him strength, comfort, and purpose. Those who loved him will remember him as a loving, funny, and faith-filled man.

Benny dedicated many years of his life to his work and to the people around him. He worked as a butcher and was a member of Local 342 and the Amalgamated Meatcutters Union. He also served with distinction as a shop steward and manager at Pathmark Supermarkets for 35 years, where he earned the respect of co-workers and customers alike through his steady leadership, strong work ethic, and dependable nature. Benny took pride in doing his job well and in being part of a community of workers who shared his commitment to honesty and perseverance.

Beyond his career, Benny was active in several organizations and found fellowship in the company of others who shared his interests. He

was a New York City Marathon medalist, a member of the Road Runners Club on Staten Island, and a member of the Italian American Club.

Running was one of his great passions, and he enjoyed the challenge and satisfaction it brought him. He also loved going to the Dance Club, dancing, listening to Doo Wop music, listening to the oldies, watching the New York Rangers, cheering for the New York Yankees, and watching “Dancing with the Stars.”

Family meant everything to Benny, and he held his loved ones close to his heart. He is survived by his son Paul and wife Diana, his son Christopher and wife Susan, and grandchildren Paul, Vincent, and Gayle.

Benny was a devoted father and grandfather whose legacy will live on in the memories, values, and stories shared by those he leaves behind. His life was one of dedication, faith, and joy. He will be remembered for his generous heart, his loyalty to family, and the

many ways he made life brighter for others.

Obituary: Tamara Roscoe

Tamara Roscoe, 77, passed away on May 9, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Born on Aug. 15, 1948, Tamara was a woman defined by her energy and vitality. She was an avid athlete who lived for the outdoors, spending countless hours swimming, cycling, and engaging in her local pickleball community. She maintained her active lifestyle with determination and spirit until her illness made it no longer possible.

According to resident Ronni B. Levine, Tamara lived in Rossmoor for more than 22 years and was a member of the Rossmoor Dance Club.

Tamara was predeceased by her husband in 2009. She is survived by her two sons and her beloved granddaughter and grandson, who brought her immense pride and joy.



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Chorus Ends Season with Praises



Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Chorus Treasurer and Event Planner Russ Howard, and to Deborah Baldwin. From left: Deborah Baldwin, and Jim Wilson. Not pictured: Russ Howard.

By Jason Salt

The Independence Day Interfaith Council service on July 2 was a memorable event. The Rossmoor Chorus brought patriotic emotions to a peak with performances of "Let Freedom Ring," "Anthem to America," and "God Bless America," which brought a thrilled audience to its feet for a standing ovation.

Moriah Kam and Aimee Coleman played a fun piano duet of "Stars and Stripes Forever." One Chorus member called this one of her favorite events of the year.

More details on the Chorus's end-of-year party: It was a blast for all concerned, with special presentations to outgoing Director Janet Wilson and incoming Director Aimee Coleman, and to Appreciation Certificate honorees Deborah Baldwin and Treasurer/Event Planner Russ Howard. Cheers to all the organizers who made it a fun celebration of the Chorus's hard work, complete with great food, a delicious cake, excellent decorations, and even a '60s-themed snack bag for each member.



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CULINARY CORNER

By Sidna Mitchell

Make an Easy Raspberry Cobbler

In Colonial days, residents probably found berries and old fruit in the wild as I did when I lived in Bernardsville during the last century. I had red raspberries, black raspberries, dew berries, blackberries, and even ones called wine berries all growing on the edge of my property. I could easily have berries and ice cream, a berry cobbler or pie, berries in Grand Marnier sauce, or some type of berry jam to enjoy. There were even a couple old apple trees growing at the side of the driveway, just waiting for me to pick misshaped fruit to bake in a pie.

Perhaps on the edge of Bordentown, down near the Delaware River, folks could readily find some type of fruit to enjoy in a dessert back during Revolutionary War days. Perhaps a cook in Joseph Borden's or Francis Hopkinson's house or maybe Patience Lovell Wright herself might have baked a berry cobbler.

After first using a recipe from a column I wrote about 20 years ago and not liking the results, I searched the Internet and some of my old cookbooks for a raspberry cobbler recipe since ShopRite had red raspberries on sale. Combining several recipes and doing a little "cheating," I came up with an easy way to make a fruit – in this case, raspberry – cobbler.

Raspberry Cobbler	Culinary Corner
3 – 4 cups fresh raspberries 3 tablespoons melted butter ¼ cup sugar Biscuit topping	Additional melted butter (about a tablespoon) and a sprinkling of sugar.
Pour the three tablespoons of melted butter into a nine-inch pie pan. Pour the raspberries into the melted butter, stirring to coat the berries in butter; sprinkle with one fourth cup of sugar. Add the biscuit topping. Brush the biscuit tops with melted butter and then sprinkle the additional sugar on top. Bake about eight to 10 minutes or until the biscuit topping is golden brown and cooked through. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream, whipped cream, or Cool Whip. NOTE: You could make biscuits using Bisquick or start from scratch with flour, baking powder, sugar, salt, and butter. However, I was lazy and "cheated." I bought a small can of Pillsbury biscuits and topped the raspberries with the biscuits, some of which I pulled apart to make sure all the berries were covered. I can be reached via email at sbmcooks@aol.com.	

All About the Rossmoor Players



By Jason Salt

Have you been wanting to get out of the house and have a bit of fun working on a project you can be proud of while meeting new people who may become friends? Then you belong backstage at "Between Engagements," the Rossmoor Players' production which will hit the stage in October. If you'd like to work on the stage crew, on the sound team, or in the orchestra, please call Players President Annmarie Mar-

tucci at 914-906-7648. And remember, auditions for this musical will be on Tuesday, Aug. 25, and Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Meeting House.

More details about the well-received "This 'n' That" shows in June: Jim and Janet Wilson teamed up for beautiful renditions of "All I Ask of You" from "Phantom of the Opera" and "Memory" from "Cats." Continuing with songs from musicals, Sue Archambault performed "I'm Not That Girl" from "Wicked," and the whole cast gave a preview of what's coming up this fall with "I'll Never Forget You" from "Between Engage-

ments." Tom McMahon sang "Where is Love?" from "Oliver" and the soul-baring Neil Diamond number "I Am... I Said."

Those roars of laughter you may have heard from miles away were provoked by two skits entitled "All My

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Presidential Limousine History
 Brian Kolendrski spoke at the Republican Club meeting on June 16. His presentation was titled "Presidential Limousine History." He showed many of his models and shared a very interesting history of these important vehicles.

August Dance Party with the Rossmoor Dance Club
By Debbie Sills
 It's time to get out those poodle skirts for our 50s Ice Cream Sock Hop on Saturday, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m. Members pay \$10, non-members pay \$15, and everyone will

get three hours of fun listening and dancing to a wide range of music provided by DJ John Pesce.

The club will provide light beverages and snacks, and this month that means ice cream, too. What better way is there to celebrate an August evening!

Make sure to get your payment in by Wednesday, Aug. 26, to ensure you get a seat, particularly if you are with a group and want to be seated together.

To reserve a seat or seats, please complete the reservation form in the E&R carousel. Then enclose the form in an envelope along with your payment for everyone you list on the reservation form. Put that envelope in the box labeled Dance Club, opposite the photocopier near E&R.



Karen Kahn and Paul Pelouquin showing us how it's done!

See you on Aug. 29 in the Ballroom.

Unleashing Creativity through Visual Arts



Rossmoor's Indian American Club was a proud partner in Revolution NJ at New Jersey's Official 250th Celebration at Rutgers Stadium on July 2, with a booth highlighting their activities over the last 10 years. From left: Shatrughan Dawani, Shashi Airi, Geoff Appleby, and Indu Shrivastav.

By Shatrughan Dawani

For the second year in a row, Rossmoor's Indian American Club received a generous grant from Middlesex County to conduct visual arts education. We will be partnering with Paul Pittari and Pam Neece of the Rossmoor Art Group.

The Art Group meets on Fridays, anytime from 9 a.m. to noon in the Gallery. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of these gatherings for the benefit of expressing their creativity at no cost. Paints, pencils, paper, and other supplies will be provided to get you started.

New in creating? Haven't done art in years? Experienced Art Group mentors are available to help as needed.

African Heritage Group Celebrated Juneteenth

By Deb Jackson

The African Heritage Group (AHG) proudly hosted its annual Juneteenth Community Barbecue, bringing together neighbors, families, and friends for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and celebration. With more than 100 tickets sold throughout the community and an outstanding turnout, the event reflected the spirit of unity and togetherness.

Juneteenth, observed each year on June 19, commemorates the day in 1865 when enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, learned they were free. The holiday

celebrates freedom, resilience, and the enduring contributions of African Americans while reminding us of the importance of equality, hope, and community.

Guests enjoyed a delicious variety of grilled favorites, homemade side dishes, desserts, and refreshments while spending time with friends and meeting new neighbors. The Clubhouse and patio buzzed with conversation, laughter, and opportunities to learn about different cultures and build new connections.

The celebration featured outdoor games, music, and

the popular 360 photo booth, where guests captured fun memories of the day. The relaxed atmosphere made it easy for everyone to enjoy good food, meaningful conversations, and the joy of celebrating together.

The African Heritage Group extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended, volunteered, and supported this year's Juneteenth Barbecue. The event was a wonderful reminder that honoring our history while building lasting friendships helps create a stronger, more connected community.

Ladies of Mutual 4 B's Summer Party



The ladies of Mutual 4B at their summer gathering.

By Youngae Lee

We had a joyful summer party with about 35 ladies. This gathering was especially exciting with four new neighbors attending.

The 4B Ladies meeting is always one of our favorites. It is a time when we catch up with others and help one another. The group exists to convey the meaning of

"That's what good neighbors are for."

Pat Egan and Lori Moses organized this meeting, with many contributing creative ideas to decorate the room. The table was set with beautiful pictures and small artistic touches. Each person ordered a personal pizza and shared a salad, along with cookies and birthday cakes.

We express our sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who helped make this

party so great. As our regular tradition, we celebrated the May and June birthdays of Diana Doran, Barbara Jones, Chris Christensen, Paulette Christie, Theresa Gutierrez, Barbara Wright, Julie DiStasio, and Lorraine Giaguzzi. Afterward, everyone received prizes arranged in pretty gift bags.

The most fun event was a game that brought back childhood innocence. Players were blindfolded, and the

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Rossmoor Players

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Gallstones" and "The \$9 Toilet," both crafted by Jim Wilson.

Carol Baldessari boosted spirits with "Don't Worry, Be Happy" and "Lean on Me." Lenny Venito gave the audiences "Can't Help Falling in Love" and coaxed their participation with "Knock Three Times." Newcomers Linda Gehron, Paul Falgares, and Ted Kadella offered "Blackbird," "My Life," and a guitar medley, respectively.

Michelle Riccardi raised the roof with "At Last," and Tom Smith and the Rossmoor Dreamers (Becky Redington, Meryll Hansen, Camille Stahl, Michelle Riccardi, and Anne Rudolph) performed – what else? – "Dream Lover." Yours truly emceed the show and closed with "I Write the Songs."

The cast party was delayed until July, but it was worth waiting for, especially those little sandwiches that you can eat a dozen of. Of which you can eat...? Of wishes...? Anyway, they were delicious. Reportedly.

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Religious News

What Can We Do to Make a Difference?

By Barbara Herman Hoff

Last month's article from the Jewish Congregation was entitled "What is in it for me?" I talked about how we can make a difference in both our lives and the lives of others.

Since writing that article, it has come to my attention that there is a growing number of Rossmoorites that are homebound. We already have a group called "Soup for Rossmoor Seniors," which was spearheaded by

Nancy Kanitra Fichelberg. She and a group of dedicated volunteers donate food, then cook and deliver soup to Rossmoor residents that request it.

However, we can do more. If you know of someone that is homebound, a phone call or a visit could make all the difference in their lives. If you are a member of a congregation, a club, or a group, and know of someone that would benefit from the outreach, take a few moments and say, "Hello" and ask, "How are you doing?" Share their infor-

mation with your organization and arrange for multiple people to make that call.

If you are interested in helping, reach out to me, and I, as president of Rossmoor Jewish Congregation, will keep a list going from which to work.

I for one, am grateful for everything I have - my family, friends and all the people in Rossmoor that makes it a very special place to live. I can make a difference in the lives of residents that are not able to leave their homes. Can you?

Jewish Sabbath Services

By Adrienne Brotman



The Jewish Congregation welcomes you, your family, and friends to Friday night Sabbath services on Friday, Aug. 14, and Friday, Aug 28. Whether you are a newcomer or one of our regular cast of characters, everyone is welcome.

Come and wish Rabbi Deb a very happy birthday when she will be sponsoring refreshments in honor of her special day on Aug. 14. We'll celebrate Scott Hoff's birthday on August 28, when he will be sponsoring the refreshments in honor of his birthday. All services are at 7:15 p.m. in the Meeting House. We hope to see you there.

For more information about the congregation, contact Barbara Herman Hoff at 973-476-5702. If you need a ride, contact Morty Wall at 732-299-7501.

Jewish High Holiday and Yizkor Service

By Adrienne Brotman

The Jewish Congregation will usher in 5787, beginning on Friday, Sept. 11, with our Erev Rosh Hashanah service at 7 p.m. in the Meeting House. Services for Rosh Hashanah will be once again at the Meeting House at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Sunday, Sept. 20, will be our Erev Yom Kippur, (Kol Nidrei) service, at 7 p.m. in the Meeting House. The following morning, Monday, Sept. 21, will be our Yom Kippur service, once again in the Meeting House. Con-

cluding (Neilah) and Yizkor service will be that evening beginning at 5 p.m. For members, there is no cost to attend the services.

For everyone, there will be a cost yet to be determined for break-the-fast which will follow Yom Kippur evening services.

For more information and registration, contact Barbara Herman Hoff at 973-476-5702.

May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a good and sweet new year. Health and Happiness! La Shana Tova!

The Backstory of a Revolutionary Love Triangle

By Josephine Genovese

After watching the television series "Turn: Washington's Spies" on Netflix, I became fascinated by the tangled relationship between Peggy Shippen, Benedict Arnold, and Major John André. The show hinted at a love triangle, and I wanted to know how much of it was true. What I discovered is that the real history is even more dramatic - a blend of romance, espionage, and betrayal that helped shape the American Revolution.

Peggy Shippen is often remembered only as Benedict Arnold's wife, but she was far more complex. Born into a wealthy loyalist family in Philadelphia, she moved easily in elite social circles.

During the British occupation of Philadelphia, Peggy became part of its glittering social world, where British officers attended dances with the city's young women. At one of these events, she met Major John André - handsome, artistic, and charming. He sketched her portrait and visited her family often. Whether their relationship was romantic or simply close, it created a bond that later became the foundation of one of the boldest espionage plots of the war.

When the British withdrew from Philadelphia in 1778,

General Benedict Arnold arrived with the Continental Army. He was a celebrated American general, known for his bravery and for his resentment toward Congress and his fellow officers.

He was 38; Peggy was 18. Despite the 20-year age difference, they married in 1779. But Peggy didn't leave her loyalist ties behind. Their union intertwined Arnold's wounded pride with Peggy's loyalist connections, including her ongoing correspondence with André.

Through coded letters and

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Mutual 4 B

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person who attached the sticker closest to the photo of Mutual Director Lori Moses won the prize. Everyone clapped and laughed.

After the game, we played music and wrapped up the gathering with lively dancing and singing. Music is a wonderful way to bring people of all ages together and relieve worries.

We look forward to our next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 5, at the Clubhouse. If you have any questions about this group, please contact Pat Egan at 908-812-1428.



Mayor's Cup Tennis: The Women's Doubles Team

The Mayor's Cup Tennis Team



This year, Rossmoor fielded three men's doubles teams, two women's doubles, and three mixed doubles. We came in third overall with Greenbriar in first place, and Regency, in second place. The team captain and excellent organizer was Cathy Nicola, whose USTA experience kept our teams on track and the other teams from pleading ignorance of rules.

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Croquet Balls and Meatballs

By Sidna Mitchell

Friday nights mean Golf Croquet fun on the court, but afterwards there's Attitude Adjustment, usually with chips and dips. However, for three nights in July the players were treated to more food – pizza on July 24 and Pot Luck on July 31, but the special treat was Sue Peter's Meatballs and Pasta Night on July 17. She served beef meatballs, pasta with vodka sauce, Caesar salad, and a surprise dessert. We all went home very full and definitely well adjusted.

Of course, the Pot Luck meant half of the club members brought in their specialties for appetizers, salads, main courses, and desserts. That presented a challenge for the other half of the members later in the season. Sal's pizza on the fourth Friday of every month is always delicious.

It was so hot on Friday, July 3, only two players showed up for Golf Croquet, and only about 15 out of the 55 members gathered in the shade to watch Mutual 16's fabulous Golf Cart Parade

roll around Rossmoor. The croquet players, dressed in red, white, and blue, not just their traditional white attire, cheered as the creatively decorated vehicles rolled past the croquet court. Some members raised their decorated mallets in salute to the 250th anniversary of the USA in support of Mutual 16's parade efforts, particularly in 100-degree weather.

In addition to regular Golf Croquet on Friday nights, there were some more competitive types who enjoyed Snake in the Grass on a couple Sundays. Club President Dan Dobromilsky was always willing to provide instructions to those who wanted to learn a new game.

The club's annual Golf Croquet Doubles Tournament was on Friday morning, July 17, and Saturday morning, July 18, with last year's winners – Betty Hornig and Sidna Mitchell - proudly reminding folks of that win and expressing hopes for 2026.

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Which Way to the Tavern?

By Allen Kobezak

Let's imagine you were alive when New Jersey was a colony, and let's further imagine you were traveling through the American colonies on horseback and needed a hearty meal and a place to rest for the night. And this is no reflection on any of my readers, but let's say you were illiterate as well. Of course, if you were truly illiterate, there wouldn't be much chance you'd be reading this, but remember,

we're using our imaginations. Literacy rates were relatively high among some groups in the 1700s, but that had a lot to do with their social class. Travel was much slower for our early population, averaging no more than 20 miles a day before your horse and your backside gave out. This made taverns a welcome sight for many weary travelers. Early taverns were a vital part of a community, providing much more than lodging

and meals. They served local citizens as meeting places to conduct business, discuss politics, pick up their mail, and learn the latest news. Now, how are you going to find a tavern to rest for the night? Most taverns looked like other shops and homes from the outside, but you could look for a tavern's name on its sign, right? Wrong. Remember, you can't read. That's okay. Just ask any local person, and they can point you in the right direction. To make it easier, they might tell you to look for a building with a specific im-

age on its sign. In the colonies, businesses displayed signs with images that indicated the merchandise or services they offered. These signs were made of wood by a local carpenter and were often carved and hand-painted. These signs would become an early form of American folk art. Inns and taverns often displayed larger signs with distinctive or patriotic images featuring animals, military heroes, or the popular Bald Eagle, which became a symbol of our nation. These signs helped them stand out from other shops. Other trade signs often featured an image representing the goods or services they offered. These might include a pair of shoes for a cobbler or shoemaker, an

anvil and a hammer for a blacksmith, or a large pair of glasses for an optician. Barbers, of course, would have their striped pole, which has represented their trade since medieval times. The images on business signs might save a person unfamiliar with a community time and trouble or even spare them some embarrassment. After all, if you were a gentleman seeking a tavern and a tankard of ale to quench your thirst, you wouldn't want to barge into a dress shop full of young ladies, would you? Okay, I know what you're thinking, so let's put you and your imagination back in the twenty-first century, where you're safely reading The Rossmoor News.

Fashionable Lightning Rods

By Allen Kobezak

I'm sure you know that Benjamin Franklin was one of the Founding Fathers of our nation. But he was much more than a diplomat and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He was an intellectual who spent much of his life working to improve people's lives through his many interests and professions. You may have seen the image of him and his son, William, flying a kite with a key attached to the string during a thunderstorm. This would seem to be a foolish pastime for a child, let alone an intelligent man of Benjamin Franklin's 46 years.

However, this 1752 incident in Philadelphia was a scientific experiment in which Franklin aimed to prove that lightning is a natural form of electrical energy. Despite the illustrations you've seen, the kite was never struck by lightning. Franklin and his son remained inside a shed, dry and safe from the storm. This experiment was a success, demonstrating that stormy air and clouds contain electrical charges.

However, Ben Franklin's little experiment in the rain also led to his invention of lightning rods, which, when struck by lightning, would carry the strike safely to the ground near a building.

But my article isn't just about lightning rods, it's about Fashionable Lightning Rods. I know what you're thinking. How the hell can lightning rods in any way be part of a fashion statement? Don't turn the page, I can make the connection.

Although lightning rods on buildings in the United States wouldn't become common for another 50 years, their widespread use in France began soon after Franklin's discovery.

Their acceptance in France for protecting churches and other tall structures soon led to the lightning rod becoming a fashion accessory with an expected practical purpose in the 1770s.

After all, why wouldn't a lightning rod offer the same protection for a person as it does for buildings? It made a lot of sense, at least for Paris's high society, to protect themselves while making

a fashion statement. The ladies started wearing gowns with a metal rod attached to the top of their hats, along with a small metal chain that hung down their backs to the ground. In the rain, men would carry an open umbrella with a rod on top and a chain hanging from the edge down to the ground. We may laugh at how foolish we thought the people who lived over 250 years ago were. But who are we to judge them? Remember, not that long ago, boys wore their

jeans below their butts with six inches of underwear showing. How crazy was that! Maybe we should just be glad they had their boxers on. Luckily, no one was ever harmed by a lightning strike while wearing clothing inspired by Benjamin Franklin. While it may be shocking to some that this new fashion trend was accepted, people were soon jolted back to reality, and the fashionable lightning-rod clothing fad ended just as quickly as a lightning flash.

An Italian Import to Rival Pasta

By Terre Martin

Last winter I made a pilgrimage to find my father's birthplace in Italy. The trip exceeded all my expectations. I became emersed in my heritage, and I found a new appreciation for customs I had taken for granted. Of course, there was the food. I ate many dishes with familiar flavors and aromas that brought me back to my mother's kitchen and family dinners on Sundays. But the most surprising gift I brought home is the need to take and enjoy a *passeggiata*. It's more than a walk. In Italy, it's an artform.

Yes, we all know how to go for a walk. We put on our expensive walking shoes. We plug in our earbuds and monitor our steps and pace as we make our way around the neighborhood. If we see a fellow walker, we nod, smile, and occasionally we cross the street to avoid them. After all, we are on a mission.

And, there are our dog walkers, but their jaunt also feels like a mission rather than a desire to connect with people and nature. They start and stop. Wait and watch. And patiently hope their pet will find a place to relieve itself.

The way we walk is nothing like an Italian *passeggiata*. Their purpose is to meet and greet friends and neighbors; to learn the most recent gossip; and to enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Evenings, after dinner, and Sunday mornings are prime times for a *passeggiata*. You don't need special shoes because the walk is slow and meandering. You don't need extra support because you are arm-in-arm and leaning in to hear your partner talk. I found it wonderful and inviting and a perfect memento

to bring home. Since this winter was particularly harsh, there was little opportunity for taking walks. Once the weather warmed and daylight hung around a bit longer, I started my own tradition. The results have been wonderful. I have run into people I hadn't seen in years. There are new neighbors to meet, but seeing old familiar faces has been particularly gratifying. I had a special encounter with someone my husband and I used to play bridge with. We caught up with lots of stories, and I even got to meet his little buddy, Sammy, a fluffy squirrel that stopped by for some peanuts. As I cut through the golf course parking lot, I ran into a group of men loading their clubs into their cars. An easy question like "How did your round go?" led to smiles and a quick conversation about spring weather and plenty more golf. They even asked if I was enjoying my walk. It was easy and left all of us feeling good.

Obviously, there are health benefits to walking, but the mental and emotional benefits to a *passeggiata* are even more profound. Holding the arm or hand of another person is comforting and reassuring. Enjoying the beauty of a sunset, a warm breeze, or the sound of birds at dusk, is better than any medicine. Seeing friends or neighbors without planning the encounter is a wonderful moment of serendipity.

Of all the Italian traditions I love, going for a *passeggiata* has to be my new favorite. Feel free to join me. Just come outside for a stroll.



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Talk About Timing
Having reserved tickets for “Death of a Salesman” months ago as part of a long weekend in NYC, Richard Perlongo (pictured) and Gina Guerrero found themselves in the midst of the NBA Title clinching night for the NY Knicks.

DO Recycle		Plastic Bottles, Jars, Jugs, and Tubs	
			Glass Bottles and Jars all sizes, shapes, and colors
Mixed Paper paper, newspaper, magazines, cereal boxes, softcover books	Cans aluminum and steel (tin) cans	Cardboard corrugated boxes	
DON'T Put in the Recycling Bin			
	Plastic Bags, Film, Wrappers, Cups, and Utensils		
Greasy or food-contaminated items	Shredded Paper	Pots, pans, and small appliances	
Tangles i.e. garden hoses, electric cords	Styrofoam	Syringes, batteries, and bulbs	

Recycling and Trash

RECYCLING - collected every Friday

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

TRASH - collected twice weekly on Mondays and Thursdays.

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

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

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

- Contractors' and private landscapers' refuse is the responsibility of the contractor or private landscaper to dispose of. Contractors and private landscapers may not use the dumpsters.
- Please Note: Medical Waste and Personal Electronics may NOT be placed in either the Trash or Recycling dumpsters. It needs to be disposed of properly.

- If you are not certain as to the proper disposal for Medical Waste, please consult with your physician or medical supplier.
Monroe Township Recycling Center is located at 76 Gravel Hill-Spotswood Rd, Monroe Township, NJ

TRANSPORTATION TIDBIT'S

Important phone numbers:

Rossmoor Bus609-655-4401
Call-in hours are: 9 a.m. – noon and 2:30 - 4 p.m.
Schedule is available at www.rcainj.com under “Amenities.”

Monroe Township Transportation.....609-443-0511
Middlesex County
Area Transportation (MCAT) 1-800-221-3520

Bulk Trash Collection

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

Bulk trash is collected on Wednesdays.

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CLASSIFIED ADS GET THINGS DONE!



Veterans Group Welcomes Members

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

Rossmoor's Website

Go to rcainj.com to access the Rossmoor website.

The Amenities page features the ability to access Channel 26 slides anytime. Check it out.

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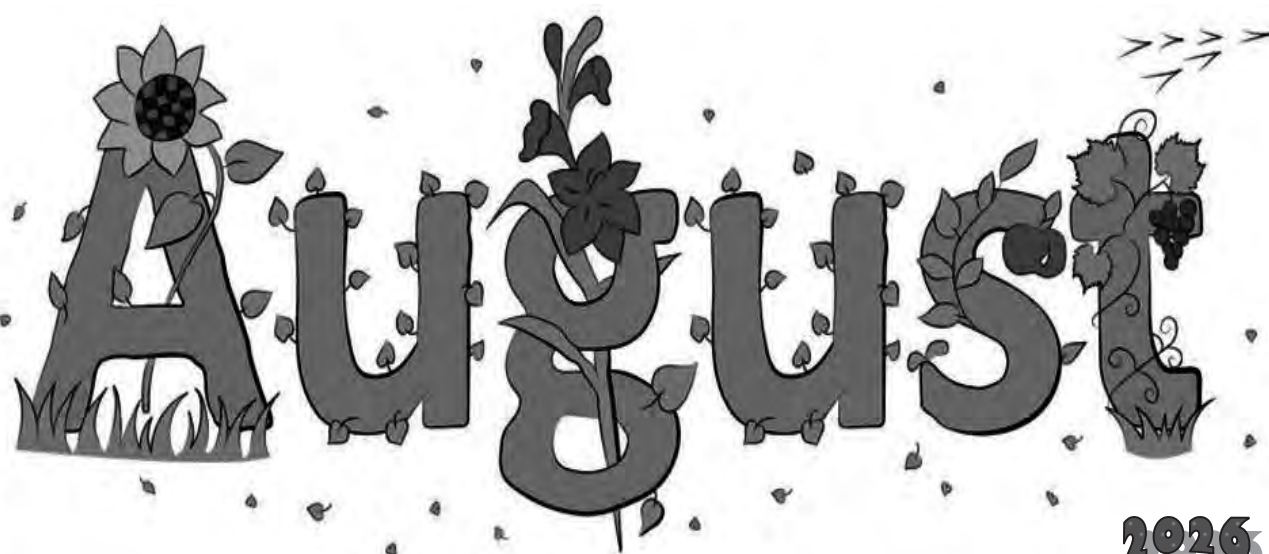
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Swimming pool

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.

My List of Luminaries

By Terre Martin

In recent months, The Rossmoor News has published several articles highlighting our residents, including those who currently reside here as well as individuals who have relocated or passed away. These articles prompted me to reflect on the people who have influenced my life during the more than 20 years that my husband and I have been part of this community. Some individuals made significant impacts, while others left lasting impressions through smaller gestures. Unfortunately, most of us never know the positive impact we have on people. That is especially true of my list of luminaries.

The more I thought about it, the more I wanted to write their names somewhere for everyone to see. Some of them still live in Rossmoor, so they may be surprised to see their name. Some have moved away, so they will never know I wrote this, and some have passed away, but they are forever in my heart. Of course, the list is far from complete, because so many more people have enriched my life over the years, but these folks have touched my core in ways that I can't explain.

My list of luminaries begins with Doris Herron, a fellow college alumna who shared her intelligence, wit, and history with me; Marie Bills, who welcomed me as a new resident and became my personal social director; Joyce Cassidy, a cancer survivor

and inspirational wife and mother who always offers a smile and a positive word of encouragement; Muriel Calvanelli, a loving grandmother who always reminded me how precious life is by sending random e-cards to brighten my day; Pat Mueller, a stalwart golfer who taught me to "pitch" and is with me in spirit every time I'm on the course; Shirley Pianan, my first downstairs neighbor who was like a mother and great-grandmother to my grandkids; Joan Lundy, who felt like family from the moment I met her; Betty Anne Clayton, the role model of class and kindness who is a joy to be with; Charlie Theokas, the steady fixture at the golf course who is always eager to share his stories and listen to mine; Kim Choi, who indulges my curiosity of Korean culture and K-dramas; Janet Decker, strength personified and always a force to be reckoned with, yet the first to show compassion and console me after my sister's death; and Pat Crowley, who taught me that "Every day is a gift. That's why they call it the present!"

I often wonder why obituaries say wonderful things about people who will never read them. It's important to acknowledge good deeds, positive actions, and kindness. They are all around us, but too often they go unnoticed. So, I'm saying it out loud. Thank you to all these people and those I didn't mention. You know who you are.

A Molly Pitcher Story

By Ken Northrop

Mary Ludwig or Molly - a common nickname given to women named Mary - was born Oct. 13, 1754, to German immigrants and lived either in Philadelphia, Pa., or in a small town in South Jersey.

When she was in her early 20s, she married a barber named William Hays who had enlisted in the 4th Pennsylvania Artillery and served in the Continental Army when the American Revolutionary War began.

During the war, it was also common for a soldier's wife to follow her husband when he enlisted, which Molly did. These wives had tasks to do such as wash clothes, clean, and care for the sick.

It was very hot during the Battle of Monmouth on June 28, 1778, and Molly was busy taking water to thirsty soldiers from a nearby spring. The bucket Molly was using was quite heavy and even more so when filled with water. After multiple trips from the spring to the battlefield, Molly pulled a muscle in her right shoulder. Switching hands, it wasn't long before she pulled a muscle in her left shoulder.

But not to be deterred, Molly ran to her tent, retrieved her cleansing pitcher, and continued to deliver the much needed water to the dehydrated troops.

Now the question is...if Molly hadn't injured her shoulders, would Revolutionary War lore refer to her as Molly Bucket instead of Molly Pitcher?

Editor Note: While there is some truth in this article, please note that the author was once a member of the Rossmoor Liars Club that went out of business a few years ago.

