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HAPPY 250TH

You can't miss the reminders that 2026 marks our country's 250th birthday. Celebratory events are at a peak this month as America marks the occasion with nationwide happenings. At this milestone, it's fitting to remember why we appreciate our country and our rights to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" as described by the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia in 1776.

In this issue of the *Times*, we focus on the history of American ingenuity and invention by New Jersey residents. We look at historic sites and local museums in the area that document our history. They remind us of the collective effort needed to build our country. They're all within driving distance and worth a visit.

Our writers also pay homage to Father's Day and to the meaning of diversity. Happy Birthday, America! We're grateful that we live and thrive in the U.S.A.



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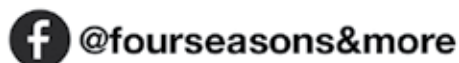
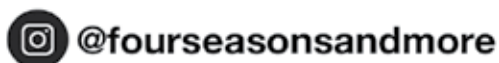


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If possible, please use Arial 12-point font. Most articles are limited to 500 words. If you submit photographs, they must be in a jpeg or similar format and be inserted and sent as an email attachment. Do not cut and paste pictures into Word or directly into your email. Provide captions for all photographs. We do not accept any artwork or clip art.

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SHRINKRAP THOUGHTS ABOUT FATHERS

I know much less about fathers and their role, influence, and contributions to family life and parenting than I do about mothers. That surprises me, since I figured that as a daughter of a father and as a trained therapist schooled in child development and family dynamics, I would be knowledgeable on this topic.

I suspect my limitations in this area are related to growing up in the pre-feminist era, when my father, like most fathers of the 40s and 50s, was the primary breadwinner and less active on the home front. Because of the culture and economics of the time, there was a sharper division of labor than in the following decades, leaving the primary care of children and family life to the mothers and other women in the household. But this apparent lack of active parenting by fathers did not equate with a lack of influence. They contributed to their children's social, emotional, and intellectual development.

When we observe mothers tending to babies, they often pick them up gently and snuggle. They hold them close to their chest, and the child feels secure. Fathers, on the other hand, often grab babies and hold them at arm's length. They bounce, twirl, lift, and carry them on their shoulders. Dad creates a different level of excitement, and the baby views more of the world. Thus, mothers often come to represent home, safety, and comfort, while fathers often represent action and the larger world outside the home and family.



Fathers may be traditionalists who participate in some domestic and parenting tasks, or egalitarians who share in all child-rearing and family life activities. All types of fathers have an impact on the lives of their sons and daughters.

For sons, dad is a role model; either one to be emulated or rejected. How fathers express emotions, show affection, communicate, argue, deal with frustration, respect women, and manifest morality and integrity are all lessons for their sons.

For a daughter, dad is her first hero and usually the first man she loves. He influences how she identifies herself as a young girl and later as a woman, and how she develops her self-esteem. As her first hero, he affects her choice of a mate as she seeks romantic relationships.

For all children, fathers contribute to problem-solving skills, a sense of industry, competence, responsibility, moral and intellectual development, self-esteem, and emotional regulation. And as is also true for moms, dads need to accomplish this without a training manual. So if your dad (or you) were less than perfect, let's give you all a little slack. And to all the men reading this article, I wish you a belated Happy Father's Day.

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LONG-TERM CARE COMPLAINTS

Do you have a complaint about a nursing home or other long-term care facility? Is your loved one not receiving proper care? Or perhaps you rely on a facility that is not up to par. New Jersey has an office that advocates for long-term care residents.

The New Jersey Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman (NJLTCO) is responsible for securing, preserving, and promoting the health, safety, and welfare of New Jersey's long-term care residents. It investigates abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and advocates for governmental policies and laws to improve long-term care. Its core mission is to advance the rights, dignity, and self-determination of long-term care residents. The head of the office is Laurie Facciarossa Brewer. She was named the New Jersey Long-Term Care Ombudsman by Governor Phil Murphy in March 2019.

The NJLTCO advocates for residents while they are still in the facility in question or if they are hospitalized and are expected to return to that facility. Complaints regarding someone who is no longer a resident of a long-term care facility (LTC) where an incident has occurred are directed to the NJ Department of Health (DOH). This State agency licenses and regulates LTC facilities. The Department of Health facility complaints line is **800.792.9770**.

When the NJLTCO receives a complaint (within three months of an incident), it is reviewed

by a supervisor and assigned to a field investigator/advocate. However, the NJLTCO is not a first response agency. Calls that require an immediate response because a resident might be in immediate danger are referred to local police, or the caller is urged to call 911.

After a case has been opened and assigned, the investigator/advocate makes an unannounced visit to the facility, talks to the resident to obtain consent to proceed, conducts a complete review of the facts, obtains records, and interviews staff and other relevant witnesses.

The primary function of an investigation is to resolve the problem to the resident's satisfaction, and ensure that the resident is safe and his or her rights and dignity are upheld. If the investigator/advocate verifies or suspects that the resident has been the victim of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, he or she collects data and may refer the findings to the State agency that licenses that facility – either the N.J. Department of Health or the N.J. Department of Community Affairs. In cases where Medicaid fraud or other crimes are suspected, the NJLTCO may refer the case to the local police, county prosecutors, or the N.J. Office of the Attorney General for further investigation.

To file a complaint with the NJLTCO, you can call them at **877.582.6995** or file an online complaint form at **ombudsman@ltco.nj.gov**.

Adapted from text provided by the 30th District Senator Robert W. Singer, Assemblyman Sean T. Kean



FOUR SEASONS CONCIERGE

MORE LAYOFFS

Large companies continue to lay off workers in New Jersey. Johnson & Johnson, Meta, and Prudential will lose 183 employees in July and August. All three companies claim the layoffs are strategic decisions to improve operations.

REBIRTH



Bed, Bath & Beyond (4.4) returns! It may have gone bankrupt, but it is having a rebirth as part of **The Container Store (4.8)**. You'll find the new combo in five New Jersey stores in Bound Brook, Cherry Hill, Livingston, Paramus, and Princeton (www.patch.com). To create space for Bed & Bath products, The Container Store will reduce its inventory. www.containerstore.com.



NEW EATS

BEA LEA PLAZA ADDITIONS

Cava (Mediterranean), **First Watch**, **Paris Baguette**, and **Just Salad** are approved additions to the shops at Bea Lea Plaza, 1030-1240 Hooper Avenue, Toms River. They will join the organic grocery, **Sprouts Farmers Market**, at this location.





BROADWAY CHICKEN (4.9)

Fast-Food Chicken
1861 NJ-35, Wall Township
broadwaychicken.com



COASTAL CANTEEN (5.0)

Seafood and Craft Cocktails
142 Main Street, Manasquan
coastalcanteennj.com



DAE GEE KOREAN BBQ (4.1)

All-You-Can-Eat BBQ
56 Chambers Bridge Road, Brick Township
daegeenj.com

GOURMAND (5.0)

Bistro, Steakhouse, American
641 Arnold Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach
gourmandnj.com

NUMA MODERN MEDITERRANEAN KITCHEN & BAR (4.3)

Southern French, Sicilian, and Mediterranean
508 Broad Street (The Grove), Shrewsbury
numamediterranean.com



TOMMY'S TAVERN + TAP (4.3)

Pub Fare
1279 Hooper Avenue, Toms River
tommystavernandtap.com

YU NOODLES (4.6)

Sushi and Hibachi
299 US-22, Green Brook
yunoodlesgreenbrook.com



ZAZA GRILL AND KEBAB (4.7)

Turkish
812 Main Street, Toms River
zazagrillandkebab.com

NOSTALGIA

The **OB Diner** has reopened under new ownership and will bring a touch of nostalgia to Point Pleasant. It will also be a place to go in the wee hours for a late-night snack on the weekend when it will remain open until 3:00 a.m. The diner will feature diner food, breakfast all day, and daily specials, including prime rib on Thursdays.

Diner fare

1519 Richmond Avenue, Point Pleasant

thenewobdiner@gmail.com



Free People (4.5), an Urban Outfitters apparel brand, will sell boho-chic clothing. 280 86th Street, Stone Harbor. freepeople.com



Lenny's Main Street Market (4.6) will operate its retail market with multiple vendors, including **Batch Coffee & Café**, **Mueller's Bakery**, and **Shore Fresh Seafood**. 149 Main Street, Manasquan colonialranchmarket.com

RETAIL EXPANSION

BRICK PLAZA

Gap Factory (4.2), **Gregory's Coffee (4.3)**, and **J. Crew Factory (4.3)** are coming to this location.

gapfactory.com

gregoryscoffee.com

jcrew.com



Dune (4.5) has opened a coastal design studio and store.

Dune by Sean Kelly (4.5)

1707 Jersey Avenue, North Wildwood

styledbysean.com



Uncharted (4.7-5.0) will bring clothing, fashion accessories, and home décor to Eatontown Plaza, to a site formerly occupied by Party City. uncharted.com



JEWELRY REPAIRS

Is your pearl necklace or the clasp on your bracelet broken? Do you want to turn some loose beads into earrings? **Style by Susanne** can help you with small jewelry repairs at a reasonable cost. Just Susanne Cheyne at **732.948.4825**. She's a Four Seasons resident and teaches beading as part of our community's Arts & Crafts group.



PAINTING PRO

The roof leaked, and now your cathedral ceiling has water bubbles. Can you fix the damage without painting the entire ceiling? The installer poked a hole in the middle of your living room ceiling while replacing insulation in the attic. Can you spackle and paint the spot without discoloring the ceiling? Your entire house needs painting.

Can you get the work done without damaging your furniture and floors? You can, if you hire the right professional to do the job.

The concierge's recommendation for all your painting and wallpapering needs is **Ed's Final Touch, LLC**, out of Long Branch. You can reach the owner, Edwin, at **732.900.6166**. The prices are reasonable and the work sublime.



GUTTER CARE

Roof Plus (5.0) can replace your entire roof, repair it, or maintain your gutters as part of its **Roof Plus Overhead Care Club**. For a small monthly fee, you can choose to have your roof inspected and your gutters cleaned either once or twice each year. Residents love their work, and you'll never have to wonder if your roof needs fixing, or your gutters need cleaning or repair. For information, call Denise, the office manager, at **732.899.8118**.



AUTO INSURANCE PRO

John O'Hara of **NJ Life and Health Insurance (5.0)** is the choice of some Four Seasons residents when it comes to selecting Medicare plans. John has now moved into larger quarters at 11 Allen Street, Toms River, and expanded his business to include home and auto policies. John will consult with you over your needs and help you choose the right insurers who can offer you the coverage you need at the best price possible. One resident just saved over \$1,000 on annual auto insurance coverage with John's help. You can view his website.

njlifeandhealth.com.

Jane Secci, Ph.D.

MEAL DELIVERY

When you're unable to shop for food in person, there are many ways to put a healthy, freshly-cooked meal on your table for lunch or dinner. We've mentioned in previous issues how you can obtain food and other retail items delivered from your favorite stores and restaurants from online delivery services. DoorDash (doordash.com), Grubhub (grubhub.com), Instacart (instacart.com), and Uber Eats (ubereats.com) service our area and provide reliable, quick delivery of almost any item you seek for a membership and service fee.

You can order from almost all local chain food stores, including the larger retailers such as Aldi, ShopRite, Stop & Shop, Target, Walmart, Wegman's, and Whole Foods.

If you can get to a store but don't have time or a desire to shop, there are grab-and-go food providers in our area who sell ready-to-eat meals. They also deliver. The businesses closest to Four Seasons include:

Coronatos Kitchen (4.9)

284 Brick Boulevard, Brick

You can pick up chef-prepared meals for reheating or have them delivered. Choose from a variety of prepared bulk meals, or custom-order what appeals to you from the menu. They deliver to their store or your home twice per week.

coronatoscleancuisine.com

Shore Fresh Meal Prep (4.0)

1846 Hooper Avenue

Shore Fresh offers a variety of healthy, pre-prepared meals for pick-up or delivery. Costs vary from about \$10-16 per meal. Delivery is free for orders over \$50. You must order by midnight on Monday for a Wednesday delivery, and by midnight on Thursday for a Saturday delivery. You can see an array of sample meals online.

1846 Hooper Avenue

shorefreshmealprep.org

Residents also have a new resource – **CookUnity**. They report fresh food arrives at your door on time and is ready to reheat. This online food prep and delivery service takes pride in providing tasty, but healthy, food. They change the menu weekly, and are flexible in how many meals you need to order at one time. One resident said she is very satisfied with her Wednesday delivery of four meals per week for a cost of about \$65.

cookunity.com

MISSING SAXOPHONE

I am hoping someone in the Four Seasons community can help me locate a very sentimental family heirloom.

My father, Ernie Marino, was a proud Four Seasons resident for over 20 years and was very involved in the community, including in the Theatre Club, where he frequently performed playing his saxophone.

After my father's passing, his partner, Louise Crimini, remained in their home and may have unknowingly given away his saxophone due to memory issues. It is possible that it was given to someone within the community.

The saxophone is a Selma tenor manufactured sometime in the late 60s to early 70s, and is housed in a black case. This instrument holds deep meaning to our family, and I hope it can be located and returned.

If you have any information or believe you may have received this saxophone, please contact Cathy Migliaccio by telephone at **203.313.3912** or online at cathygirlruns@gmail.com. Thank you so much for your help.



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WORD SEARCH

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America

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Britain

Celebrate

Declaration

Fireworks

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Fourth

Freedom

Holiday

Independence

July

Liberty

Parade

Picnic

Red

Sparklers

Stars

Stripes

Summer

United

White

LIFETIME MEMORIES

America is celebrating its 250th birthday! So many things have happened since our country's inception. Wars started and ended, peace treaties were signed, the population grew, neighborhoods changed, new leaders came into power, inventions were created, and families from different generations gathered for celebrations.

I can't imagine what life was like one hundred years ago. What would it be like to witness a century of history? I decided to find out and am writing this after conversations with my mother. Through our talks, I traveled back in time and learned things not found in history books.

My mom, Dorothy, was the daughter of Irish immigrants. She was born in May 1925 in a small house (not a hospital) in Jersey City. She was four years old when the Great Depression sent the country into economic poverty. "We were poor before the depression, but we didn't realize it." Dorothy remembers that time in her life as "not always having shoes."

Life started to improve until rumors of war were heard around town. Dorothy was in high school when Pearl Harbor was attacked. "The feeling at school during that time was mostly fear. We didn't understand what horrible things would soon happen." Dorothy tells about the lack of boys and that normal high school activities, like sports and dates, were very different. She did smile when telling me about her senior prom date, who was the son of a doctor. Since doctors were given "gas ration coupons," Dorothy and her date were able to drive to the prom instead of taking a bus or walking.

World War II continued through Dorothy's high school years. She eventually met her future husband, who had quit high school to enter the armed service.

World War II was not the only conflict that Dorothy witnessed. The Korean War broke out the year she was married, and her children were in high school and college during the turbulent Vietnam era. "Our country was involved in fighting for a good part of my life."

There were many highlights throughout Dorothy's life. She remembers when television was available in people's homes. Through television, she was able to watch in real time decades of events. She saw the first man land on the moon, the assassination of Martin Luther King and John

Kennedy, the inauguration of eighteen presidents, Watergate, and Woodstock. My mom stood on the street in New York City when the motorcade with Pope John Paul II passed by and welcomed the Iranian hostages home in 1981.

Dorothy witnessed the creation of many inventions that would make life better for everyone. Major discoveries, such as penicillin and kidney dialysis machines, came about during her younger years. She saw the creation of scotch tape, microwave ovens, computers, mobile phones, the ballpoint pen, Velcro, the frisbee, the Internet, and even sliced bread.

My mother told numerous stories about different times in her life. When I asked her what her favorite inventions were, she said her iPad and FaceTime. I asked her why. She said, "Because they let me visit with everyone all the time." When I asked her what she is grateful for, she said, "To live in this great country, the United States of America." My mom is still writing her story.

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IN OUR “BACKYARD”

You don't have to travel out of state to steep yourself in our country's history. Whatever your interests, you'll find places to visit in New Jersey. Our state abounds with historical sites and landmarks, museums, historic parks, historical societies, and numerous other notable places. Celebrate the 250th birthday of the U.S.A. with an historic tour of our area.

It was hard to limit the list of places you might want to visit. The Internet has thousands of listings for historic sites in every category that are worth a visit. The places listed below appear most often online and/or have an internet rating above 4.0. You'll see the rating in parentheses after the name of each entry.

So start up your engine! A view of history is only a car ride away from Four Seasons at Lakewood.

HISTORICAL SITES & LANDMARKS

Asbury Park Boardwalk (4.6)

Asbury Park

Local culture

apboardwalk.com

Batsto Village (4.8)

Wharton State Forest

Industry & Innovation: Museum and exhibit gallery; Ironworks

batstovillage.org

Cape May Historic District (5.0)

Cape May

Art & Design; Architecture

capemay.com

Colonial House (4.6)

Cape May

Architecture: 1720s home and tavern

capemay.com

Drumthwacket Foundation (4.5)

Princeton

Architecture: Governor's residence

drumthwacket.org

East Point Lighthouse (4.7)

Maurice River Township

Maritime: Lighthouse

eastpointlight.com

Fort Hancock Nike Missile Base (4.6)

Sandy Hook

Military: Guided missile site

ny56nike.weebly.com

Grover Cleveland Birthplace Historic Site (4.6)

Caldwell

Presidential museum

presidentcleveland.org

Historic Portland Place (4.9)

Rumson

Architecture: 18th-Century house

monmouthcountyparks.com

Historic Smithville Mansion (4.7)

Easthampton Township

Architecture

smithvillemansion.org

Historic Speedwell (4.5)

Morristown

Industry & Innovation: Iron works; National Historic Landmark

morrisparks.net

Kreuger-Scott Mansion (4.6)

Newark

Architecture, Industry & Innovation

makerhoods.com

Marconi Tower Historic Site (4.8)

Wall Township

Industry & Innovation: Landmark

infoage.org

Millbrook Village Historic Site (4.5)

Hardwick Township

Re-creation: 19th-century rural community

nps.gov

Nathan Cooper Gristmill (4.5)

Chester Township

Agricultural: 19th-Century gristmill

morrisparks.net

The Proprietary House (4.6)

Perth Amboy

Architecture: 1700s

theproprietaryhouse.org

Red Mill Museum Village (4.7)

Clinton

Industry & Innovation

theredmill.org

Sandy Hook Lighthouse (4.8)

Sandy Hook

Maritime: Oldest working lighthouse in the U.S.A.

[nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov)

Sea Girt Lighthouse (4.7)

Sea Girt

Maritime: Lighthouse

seagirtlighthouse.com

Stephen Crane House (4.2)

Asbury Park

Literary

aphistoricalsociety.org

Strauss Mansion Museum (4.6)

Atlantic Highlands

Architecture: Victorian

ahhistory.org

Walt Whitman House (4.5)

Camden

Literary: The poet's final home.

thewaltwhitmanassociation.org

Waterloo Village Historic Site (4.6)

Stanhope

Architecture: 19th-Century restored town

dep.nj.gov

Westland Mansion (4.0)

Princeton

Architecture: Home of Grover Cleveland

nps.gov

White Hill Mansion (4.7)

Fieldsboro

Architecture: Historic home

whitehillmansion.org

Whitesbog Historic Village (4.6)

Browns Mills

Agriculture: Also, historic gardens

whitesbog.org

World War II Bunker (4.6)

Cape May Point

Military: World War II

capemaymac.org

World War II Lookout Tower (4.4)

Lower Township

Military: World War II

capemaymac.org

HISTORICAL MUSEUMS

Museums of every description are located throughout New Jersey and the surrounding states. You may have visited the best-known museums in our area, but this listing is primarily of small museums and sites with plenty to offer if you're curious about U.S. history.

1719 William Trent House Museum (4.4)

Trenton

Architecture: Governors' residence

williamtrenthouse.org

Battleship New Jersey Mus. & Mem. (4.7)

Camden

Military

battleshipnewjersey.org

Emlen Physick Estate (4.3)

Cape May

Architecture: Victorian house and museum

capemaymac.org

Ford Mansion and Museum (4.9)

Morristown

Revolutionary War; Architecture

nps.gov

Liberty Hall Museum (4.7)

Union

National historic site at Kean University

libertyhall.kean.edu

New Jersey Maritime Museum (4.9)

Beach Haven

Maritime: Shipwrecks; Surfing history

njmm.org

New Jersey Museum of Boating (5.0)

Point Pleasant

Maritime: Boating

njmb.org

Old Barracks Museum (4.6)

Trenton

Military

barracks.org

Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms (4.7)

Parsippany-Troy Hills

Art & Design; Architecture

stickleymuseum.org

Thomas Edison Center at Menlo Park (4.5)

Industry & Innovation

menloparkmuseum.org

Tuckerton Seaport Museum (4.5)

Tuckerton

Culture of the New Jersey Shore

tuckertonseaport.org

Underground Railroad Museum (4.8)

Mt. Holly

Military: Civil War

urmbcnj.org

Washington Headquarters and Museum (4.5)

Morristown

Military: Revolutionary War

urmbcnj.org

PARKS

Parks come in all shapes and sizes. While all offer greenery and walking areas, several local parks have deep historical roots. They attract residents and tourists alike.

Allaire State Park (4.7)

Wall Township

dep.nj.gov

Double Trouble State Park (4.7)

Bayville

dep.nj.gov

Fort Hancock Gateway National Park (4.8)

Highlands

nps.gov

Gateway National Recreation Area (4.6)

Highlands

nps.gov

Historic Walnford (4.7)

Upper Freehold

monmouthcountyparks.com

Jockey Hollow (4.9)

Harding Township

nps.gov

Monmouth Battlefield State Park (4.7)

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dep.nj.gov

Morristown National Historical Park (4.6)

Morristown

nps.gov

Paterson Great Falls Nat. Hist. Park (4.5)

Paterson

nps.gov

Princeton Battlefield State Park (4.6)

Princeton

dep.nj.gov

Thomas Edison National Historical Park (4.7)

West Orange

nps.gov

LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Historical societies are a wonderful resource for local history and typically have dedicated, knowledgeable staff and volunteers. If you are curious about a town's history, it is the best place to visit. Many societies operate small museums on their premises. We've limited the list below to societies in Ocean and Monmouth Counties. Call before you stop by. They tend to have flexible schedules and may not keep normal business hours.

Asbury Park Historical Society

aphistoricalociety.org

Atlantic Highlands Historical Society

ahhistory.org

Barnegat Historical Society

www.facebook.com/barnegathistorical

Barnegat Light Historical Society & Museum

barnegatlightmuseum.org

Bay Head Historical Society

bayheadhistoricalsociety.com

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bbhistory.org

Brick Township Historical Society

bricktownshiphistoricalosociety.com

Friends of Monmouth Battlefield

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Historic Society of Ocean Grove

historicalsocietyofoceangrove.org

Historic Village at Allaire

allairevillage.org

Holmdel Historical Society

holmdelhistoricalsociety.org

Howell Heritage and Historical Society

howellheritagehistoricalsociety.org

Long Beach Island Historical Association

lbihistoricalmuseum.org

Monmouth County Historical Association
monmouthhistory.org

Navy Lakehurst Historical Society
nlhs.com

New Egypt Historical Society & Museum
newegyphistoricalsociety.org

New Jersey Maritime Museum
njmaritimemuseum.org

Ocean County Historical Society
oceancountyhistory.org

Old Wall Historical Society
wallnj.gov

Point Pleasant Historical Society
pphsm.org

Seaside Heights Historical Society
seasideheightshistory.org

Spring Lake Historical Society
springlakehistoricalsociety.org

Squan Village Historical Society
manasquan-nj.gov

Stafford Township Historical Society
staffordhistory.org

Tuckerton Historical Society
tuckertonhistoricalsociety.org

RE-ENACTMENT SITES

The American Heritage Museum (4.9)
Hudson, MA
Living history weekends; Military demonstrations WWII
americanheritagemuseum.org

Colonial Williamsburg (4.6)
Williamsburg, VA
Revolutionary War re-enactments
colonialwilliamsburg.org

Gettysburg National Military Park (4.9)
Gettysburg, PA
Civil War battlesite
nps.gov

Historic Cold Spring Village (4.5)
Lower Township
1800s community re-creation
hcsv.org

Sturbridge Village (4.7)
Sturbridge, MA
Re-creation of MA 1790s-1830s
osv.org

Washington Crossing Historic Park (4.7)
Washington Crossing, PA
Revolutionary War re-enactments
washingtoncrossingpark.org

ONLINE RESOURCES HISTORIC PLACES

Journey through Jersey
A database for heritage tourism – includes battle sites and landmarks
journeythroughjersey.com

The History List
The site contains a list of history-related events by date
thehistorylist.com

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
List of state parks, forests, and historic sites
dep.nj.gov

New Jersey Government
Listing of historical societies in New Jersey by county
nj.gov

Ocean County Department of Cultural & Heritage Affairs
Complete listing of Ocean County museums, historical sites, seaport & maritime museums, and military museums - Has a free newsletter
co.ocean.nj.us

Ocean County Tourism
Listing of historical sites, museums, and societies in Ocean County
oceancountytourism.com

National Park Service
Listing of parks and historic sites
nps.gov

Parks (Monmouth County)
monmouthcountyparks.com

Parks (Ocean County)
oceancountyparks.org

HISTORIC SITES AT A GLANCE

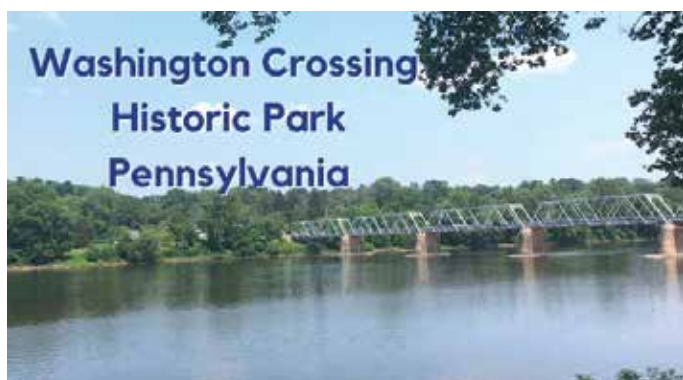
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Take in the beauty of the living history in our area.



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INVENTION AND INGENUITY

*Congratulations to Ben Franklin for his electricity research
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But, I'd like to smack the people who invented electric and gas meters.
David Lederman, Four Seasons Resident*

As we celebrate the 250th birthday of our country, it's a time to pay homage to some of the important inventors and creators who lived or worked in the Garden State in the 19th and 20th Centuries.

1880s **David Bradley, Atlantic City**
Saltwater taffy



1824 **John Stevens, Hoboken**
The first steam locomotive to move a train on a track



1826 **Seth Boyden, Newark**
Malleable iron

1846 **The Knickerbockers and the NY Nine Hoboken**
First officially recorded baseball game using Cartwright rules

1870 **Alexander Boardman/Jacob Keim Atlantic City**
The first boardwalk

1878 **John Hollant, Paterson**
First naval submarine



1879-1889 **Thomas A. Edison Menlo Park/West Orange**
Incandescent light bulbs (1879), the phonograph (1887), motion picture camera (1889)

1889 **Samuel Leeds Allen Moorestown**
Flexible Flyer



- 1897 John Dorrance (Campbell Soup) Camden**
Condensed soup
- 1903-1913 David T. Kenney, Newark**
Patents for a suction vacuum cleaner
- 1919 Alice H. Parker, Morristown**
Central heating system using natural gas
- 1920s William Lowell Sr. (Reddy Tee Company) Maplewood**
Commercial golf tee
- 1921 Earle Dickson (Johnson & Johnson) New Brunswick**
The Band-Aid®

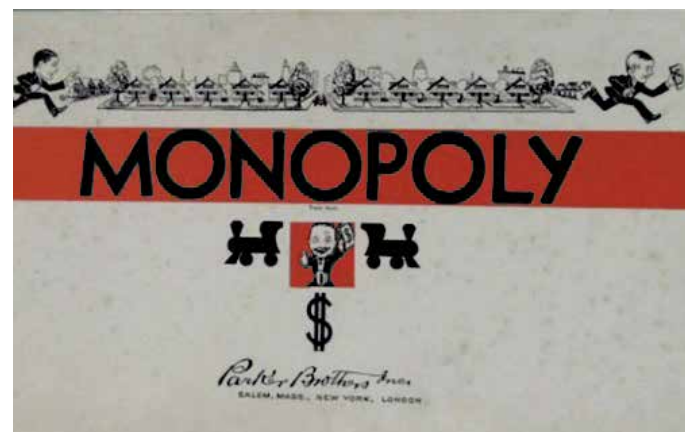


- 1922 Ida Cohen Rosenthal (Maidenform) Bayonne**
Cupped bras

- 1928 Willis Carrier (Carrier Engineering Corp.), Newark**
First commercial air conditioning system sold
- 1933 Richard Hollingshead, Jr. Camden/Pennsauken**
Drive-in movie theater



- 1935 Charles Darrow (Parker Brothers) Spent summers in Atlantic City**
Popularized the Monopoly board game (It was actually created by feminist Lizzie Magie in 1904)



- 1938 U.S. Army Signal Corps Fort Monmouth**
Aircraft-detection radar
- 1940s Jan A. Rajchman (RCA) Princeton**
Read-only memory

1940 **Les Paul, Mahwah**
Solid-body guitar

1941 **Forrest Mars Sr./Bruce Murrie Newark**
M & M's candy

1943 **Selman Waksman (Rutgers) New Brunswick**
Streptomycin (antibiotic) for which he won a Nobel Prize

1943 **William O. Baker (Bell Labs) Murray Hill**
Contribution to making synthetic rubber

1947 **Bell Labs, Murray Hill**
Concept of cell phone

1947 **John Bardeen/Walter Brattain/Wil- liam Shockley (Bell Labs) Murray Hill**
The transistor

1948 **Claude Shannon (Bell Labs) Murray Hill**
"Information Theory" underlying the digital age

1952 **Norman Joseph Woodland Atlantic City**
The bar code

1954 **RCA Laboratories, Princeton**
Color television

1954 **Daryl Chapin/Calvin Fuller/Gerald Pearson (Bell Labs) Murray Hill**
Solar cell

1957 **Alfred Fielding/Marc Chavannes Hawthorne**
Bubble wrap

1958 **John Houghtaling Glen Rock**
Coin-operated vibrating bed

1963 **Leo Sternbach (Hoffmann-La Roche), Nutley**
Valium

1980s- 1990s **Arun Netravali (Bell Labs) Murray Hill**
HDTV technology

1984- 1988 **John Fenn (Princeton University) Princeton**
Electrospray Mass Spectrometry (ESMS) technique; Nobel Prize

The above are only a fraction of the achievements by those living or working in New Jersey throughout history. New Jersey's contributions to a better world have been significant. If you want to learn more about this topic, go online and search for "inventions in New Jersey" or "New Jersey inventors." The facts are fascinating.

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ALL ABOUT BOOKS

The Book Discussion Group remains one of the most enduring activities at Four Seasons. For 26 years, Celia Fransblau has hosted a monthly group to promote reading and the discussion of literature. The group meets on the fourth Friday of every month in the Conference Room in the Activity Center.

Celia selects the books from several sources. She makes selections from recommendations and lists she has accumulated over the years. She publishes the name of each selection in the *Weekly Activity Listing* and in emails to group members.

Before each meeting, Celia researches the book and its author and prepares questions. The meeting consists of responses to her questions and group comments. The conversations frequently spark insights and lively debates. Members often comment on how a book's themes resonate with their own experiences or raise questions about the author's intentions and narrative choices. These discussions foster a sense of connection and encourage participants to view stories from new perspectives.

The group values honest and lively exchanges, encouraging members to share their perspectives even when they differ from the majority opinion. Thoughtful debate often leads to deeper insights and a greater appreciation for diverse viewpoints.

Celia reports that she enjoys the stimulation that talking about reading generates. It appeals to people of all backgrounds and generations and expands and challenges our attitudes and world views. The lively exchanges in the group not only foster intellectual growth but also create a welcoming atmosphere where everyone feels

comfortable sharing their thoughts. Many participants find that discussing books in this setting opens their minds to new ideas and encourages meaningful connections with others.

Lately, more people are accessing this excellent resource and asking to obtain the names of books that have been discussed or are on a future reading list. Some of the titles are shown below in alphabetical order by author's last name:

My Friends – Fredrik Backman

The Da Vinci Code – Dan Brown

The Girl with a Pearl Earring – Tracy Chevalier

The Stolen Queen – Fiona Davis

My Husband's Wife – Alice Feeney

The Three Junes – Julia Glass

Bee Season – Mia Goldbert

The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau – Kristin Harmel

The Sweetness of Water – Nathan Harris

The Kite Runner – Khaled Hosseini

The River We Remember – William Kent Krueger

The Namesake – Jhumpa Lahiri

While She Was Gone – Sue Miller

The Secret Life of Bees – Sue Monk Kidd

Reading Lolita in Tehran – Azar Nafisi

Bel Canto – Ann Patchett

The Lost Passenger – Frances Quinn

Elegant Gathering of White Snow – Chris Radesh

Atmosphere – Taylor Jenkins Reid

Buckeye – Patrick Ryan

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DIVERSITY

Differences polarize a country and cause fear and exclusion. Counselors and therapists help people support, honor, and defend diversity. But what do they mean when they talk about diversity?

In its simplest definition, diversity means variety – a range of different things. For professional counselors and anyone who chooses to understand cultural differences, diversity has a more defined meaning. It encompasses valuing individuals and groups without prejudice and fostering a climate where equity and mutual respect are intrinsic. Doing this involves knowing how to relate to qualities and conditions that are different than our own, and yet are present in other individuals and groups. These include age, ethnicity, class, gender, physical abilities, race, sexual orientation, marital status, employment, and education.

We need the world to be simple and make sense. To do this, we assign people to categories of gender, race, religion, and ethnicity. In organizing people, we create the dichotomy of “us” and “them,” which is also the defining feature of prejudice. So what starts as a strategy to help us understand the world and feel safer in it becomes just the opposite. We feel frightened by the “stranger” who differs from us.

Professional counselors embrace a sense of justice and equality as a professional principle. Counselors need to respect the dignity and promote the welfare of clients, irrespective of any defining characteristics or conditions listed above. Regardless of their personal biases, counselors must adhere to a professional code

of ethics defined by licensing boards and certifying agencies.

This is not a challenge when counselors’ values are in sync with their professional code. But even if that were not the case, therapists do not need to share the values or client’s ideology to work with them effectively. But they do need to try to understand it, free of prejudice, so that they can share a client’s perspective and empathize with whatever pain or struggle is experienced.

We are capable of overcoming our small-minded, phobic thinking about the differences we fear, which cause stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination. If we remember that we are all more than one category, we can appreciate that identities can be flexible, dynamic, and complex. There are multiple ways in which we can be the same or different than others. So as much as we are different from “them,” we also share many commonalities which make “them” more like “us.”

If we look at our existing relationships with family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues, we realize that we have already incorporated diversity into our lives through our social networks, without prejudice, discrimination, or exclusion, because we have allowed ourselves to see these people as larger and more complex than one label.

We need to remember that the next time we encounter people who are “not us.” It isn’t easy to resist the impulse to fall into the stereotyping mode, in which we fear and exclude others, but it is very doable.

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America is 250 years old! We have come a long way on a journey laden with struggles and successes. Our country is rich in culture and history, and reading about its history is a wonderful way to celebrate. Many books combine our nation's history with a fun story, making reading even more enjoyable.

Popular historical fiction books have played a major role in our growing up. I'm sure we all remember the following books: "*Gone With The Wind*," "*To Kill A Mockingbird*," "*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*," "*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*," "*Johnny Tremain*," "*The Great Gatsby*," "*The Grapes of Wrath*," "*The Scarlet Letter*," "*The Jungle*," and "*The Last of the Mohicans*." The list goes on, and we are all familiar with these books. We certainly date ourselves with the old favorites, but the good news is that authors have kept up with the times, and historical fiction still tells America's continuing story.

Kristen Hannah is well known for her historical fiction novels. "*The Four Winds*," "*The Nightingale*," and "*The Women*" take us through the Great Depression, World War II, and the Vietnam War with vivid stories based on the history of the time. Marie Benedict is another author who tells America's history through stories. "*The Only Woman in the Room*" is based on a true story about Hedy Lamarr and her work as a scientist during World War II. "*Carnegie's Maid*" and

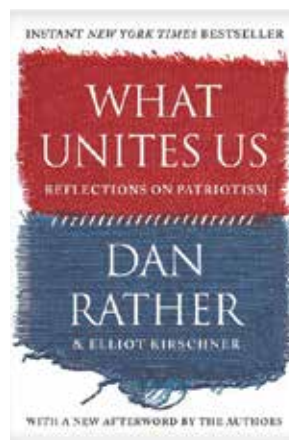
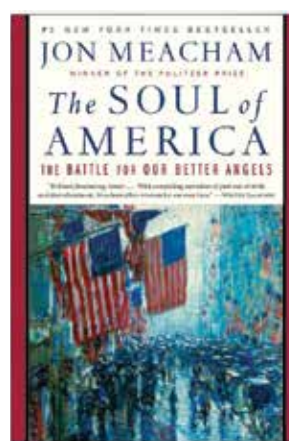
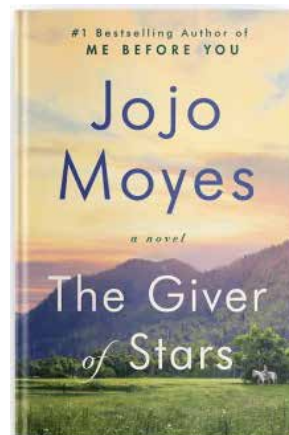
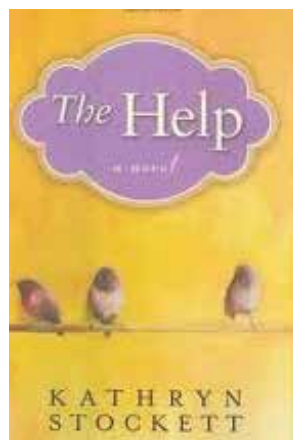
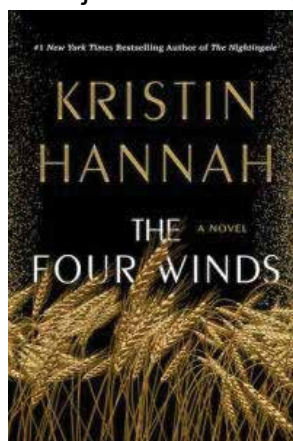
"*The Other Einstein*" give insight into the lives of these famous Americans. "*The First Ladies*"

fictionalizes the true friendship between Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights leader Mary McLeod Bethune.

"*The Help*," by Kathryn Stockett, and "*The Secret Life of Bees*," by Sue Monk Kidd, allow America a look at life in the South during the 1960s. "*The Things They Carried*" by Tim O'Brien is a moving tale about soldiers during the Vietnam era. "*The Giver of Stars*," by JoJo Moyes, tells about women who deliver books to poor families in the mountains of Kentucky during the Depression. Mario Puzo's "*The Godfather*" gives readers insight into America's crime families.

Some excellent books incorporate a much broader look at life in America. "*The Soul of America*" by Jon Meacham takes us from Abe Lincoln to Martin Luther King and beyond. Dan Rather's "*What Unites Us*" is about the core values we hold dear – freedom, community, and responsibility. "*The American Spirit*," by David McCullough, and "*All America Patriotism: Celebrating 250 Years of America's Greatness*," by Rachel Campos-Duffy, are inspirational.

America's story is best told through the printed word. American literature puts our country on display for all to read. America has a long and diversified history that has been passed down from one generation to another – mostly through the stories we share. America's story is not a perfect one, but it's our story! Let's read about it!



Dee Bludgus, Library Committee

JULY WEEKLY ACTIVITY LISTING

MONDAY		THURSDAY	
08:00-11:00 PICKLEBALL ROUND ROBIN	Tobia	08:30 PILATES*	Iuliano
09:00 WATER AEROBICS (Indoor Pool)	Gorski	09:00 MEN'S CLUB (Ballroom - 2 nd Thursday)	Cooper
10:00 LINE DANCING (Activity Center)	Garrabrandt	09:00 WATER AEROBICS (Indoor Pool)	Gorski
11:15 ARTS & CRAFTS (Activity Center)	Secci	09:30 LADIES TABLE TENNIS (Activity Center)	TBD
11:15 BEG. MAH JONGG (Activity Center)	Secci	10:45 MEN'S TABLE TENNIS (Activity Center)	Ackman
11:30 MAT YOGA* (Ballroom)	Franchino	12:00/01:30 STRENGTH TRAINING (Activity Center)	Tempio/Sachs
12:45 CHAIR YOGA* (Ballroom)	Franchino	01:00 BRIDGE (Clubhouse - Beginners Welcome)	Hoffmann
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07:00 LADIES POKER HI-LOW & WILD (Clubhouse)	Moynihan	07:00 POCKET BILLIARDS (Clubhouse)	Lederman
TUESDAY		FRIDAY	
08:30 PILATES*	Iuliano	08:00-11:00 PICKLEBALL ROUND ROBIN	Tobia
09:00 WATER AEROBICS (Indoor Pool)	Gorski	08:30 PILATES*	Iuliano
09:15 TRAVEL CLUB (Theater - 2 nd Tues)	Hoover	09:00 WATER AEROBICS (Indoor Pool)	Gorski
09:30 LADIES' TABLE TENNIS (Activity Center)	TBD	09:30 WOMEN'S CLUB (Ballroom - 1 st Friday)	Ramsey
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11:00 SPORTS TALK (Theater)	Pullis	10:00 DEBORAH (Ballroom - 2 ND Friday)	Padgitt
12:00/1:00 STRENGTH TRAINING (Activity Center)	Sachs/Tempio	11:00 STRENGTH TRAINING* (Activity Center)	Molino
01:00 BEHAVIOR MOD. FOR WGT. MGMT. (Activity Center)	Sachs	03:00 BOOK DISCUSSION (Activity Center - Last Friday)	Klevans
03:00 LINE DANCING	McClay	07:00 ROCK N ROLL CLUB (Ballroom - 3 rd Friday)	Possumato
06:00 ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB (Ballroom - 2 ND Tuesday)	Giordano	SATURDAY	
06:00-9:00 PICKLEBALL ROUND ROBIN	Tobia	09:30 STRENGTH TRAINING (Activity Center)	Tempio
06:00 IRISH AMERICAN CLUB (Ballroom - 3 RD Tuesday)	A. Varone	10:30 STRENGTH TRAINING (Activity Center)	Sachs
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07:00 POKER (Clubhouse)	Licata	04:00 SINGLES CLUB (Ballroom - 2 ND Sunday)	Castro
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09:30 ZUMBA* (Activity Center)	Molino	FIT CLUB	Secci
11:30 MAT YOGA* (Ballroom)	Franchino	GARDEN CLUB	Tramontana
12:45 CHAIR YOGA* (Ballroom)	Franchino	LADIES GOLF	Shafer
07:00 PINOCHLE & POKER (Clubhouse)	Licata	SHUFFLEBOARD	G. Varone

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WOMEN'S CLUB

Summer finally arrived with some very warm weather and, unfortunately, a rainy Memorial Day weekend. At the Women's Club, we began our summer with a fashion show at the Clubhouse with some lovely warm-weather fashions from Off the Rack. The models were our very own members.

We do not have a meeting in July, but we wish everyone a safe and Happy July 4th. In August, we will hold our first indoor luau. The menu will include appetizers (summer salad, Hawaiian sweet rolls, and fresh fruit platter), the main course (Hawaiian chicken, pulled pork, and luau garlic shrimp with a side of pineapple fried rice), and dessert (assorted tropical fruit sorbets). Sasha, a hula dancer, will entertain us. She will demon-

strate her skills and then teach us some moves. Dress in your favorite luau attire. The Executive Committee will be there in their grass skirts – coconut bras optional!

We'll finish out the summer with our annual fundraiser for Fulfill, formerly the Foodbank of Monmouth and Ocean County, on **Friday, September 4, 2026**. Four Seasons has been one of the largest private fundraisers for Fulfill in the past, and we certainly aim to not only match that but to exceed it. The need has always been great, but it continues to grow. We can be instrumental in lining their shelves as they prepare for the holiday season. Please add this to your calendars now. Enjoy your summer!

Mary Keefe



Entertainer Denny More involved Women's Club members in his act at the spring luncheon.

MEN'S CLUB

The theme for our next meeting on **Thursday, July 9, 2026**, is "Bring a Friend." Members are asked to bring a non-member who will enjoy a free breakfast. We are making this offer to non-members to familiarize them with the Men's Club and encourage them to become members. However, membership is not required to attend the meeting as a guest.

At the event, a member of the Ocean County Sheriff's Department will discuss drug use in the county and demonstrate the drug-sniffing ability of trained dogs. Breakfast is \$5.00 for regular

members and is served at 9:00 a.m. The business meeting will start at 9:30 a.m.

Annual dues are \$10, payable by check to the *Four Seasons Community Association*. Please note *Men's Club dues* on the memo line and drop off the check at the Activity Desk in the Clubhouse.

Do you know of anyone who is ill or has a loved one who has just passed away? Men's club member Charles Pionegro will send them a card on behalf of the club. You can reach him at **732.492.0422**.

George Smith

ITALIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CLUB

Times are changing. Have you ever wondered when and where the IACC began? In 2000, the club was formed to preserve our Italian heritage. A group of Italian American residents of Four Seasons held an informal meeting in the Clubhouse to research the possibility of forming a club to preserve Italian culture, while breaking bread with new residents who had something in common. The first president of the club was Angelo Cennamo, who was also the club founder. For three years, he presided as president.

In 2003, Eva Gruby Welch took over as president, followed by Fran D'Amico, Peter Lusardi, John Betso, Josephine Russo, Frank Mazza, Phyllis Guida, Pino DiStefano, and Alan Floria.

The theme of the club's dinners was cultural in nature. There were readings about noteworthy Italian-Americans. There were videos of Italy, concerts, and entertainment from magicians and comedians. We only had dancing at the annual Christmas party.

As the years passed, several residents requested more dancing at our events. In May, 2019, we held a dinner dance. A band called the "Cross Tones" performed. The dance was a huge success. Slowly, the concerts and videos gave way to singers and lots of dancing.

Dinner dances are now the norm for our club, which presents us with a dilemma. Your Executive Board strives to provide excellent entertainment at a low cost while aiming to please everyone. There are, however, some members who, for valid reasons, choose not to dance. To please those members, we've held concerts without dancing. We then received complaints from people who wanted to dance.

Rest assured, we are aware that our members have varying entertainment interests at our dinners. Your Executive Board is trying to create a balance. At times, you may be happy with our entertainment, while you may not like it the following month.

Please bear with us as we try our best to vary our entertainment schedule to suit the needs of all our members. If you have a suggestion as to what you'd like to see, just let us know. The officers are available at our monthly dinners and will be glad to hear your thoughts. This also applies to our dinners. We have some "regular" caterers, but we're willing to try new ones with varying menus. Feel free to suggest a restaurant that offers catering or an independent caterer. We will listen.

We're also going to try to combine Italian culture and our menus by offering regional food from various parts of Italy. We are currently looking into the idea of a San Gennaro Festival in September. We also plan to incorporate stories about famous Italian Americans in our club's submissions to the *Four Seasons Times*. We've learned that cultural speeches at meetings aren't popular, especially to our many members who are not Italian.

One more request. We try to minimize dinner announcements, so we ask for your attention and respect during these short talks. Please refrain from conversing, passing food, or other actions that distract the speakers. Thank you. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Frank Mongiello, 1st Vice President
Charles Giordano, President

JEWISH AMERICAN CLUB

The Jewish American Club is a social club that enjoys entertaining and feeding residents, and providing them with interesting topics to explore.

We have reorganized and will hold quarterly meetings on the third Thursday of the scheduled month. Everyone is invited. It's an afternoon of food, fun, and friendship. Membership is \$10.

We hope you consider joining us at any or all of our events.

At our last meeting, we explored the origins of Broadway and Jewish writers and composers. The film was "Broadway Musical – a Jewish Legacy." We enjoyed lunch provided by Panera, along with a favorite dessert – ice cream.

Watch for our upcoming meetings. We will have a speaker on the Holocaust, Broadway Musical – a Jewish Legacy Part 2, and music. We hope to see you at our next event.

Francine Kaplan

IRISH AMERICAN CLUB

We wish America a Happy 250th Birthday. In 1776, America was a nation of immigrants seeking a better future and freedom from oppression. The Irish immigrants knew what England's oppression was like, and many gave their lives for our country. We remember all the brave people who fought for our independence.

Our members like games. How about attending our next game night? We are planning one for **Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** Bob Scott will host his version of "Table Feud," "Wheel of Fortune," and "Jersey Fun." Everyone has a chance to win Bob dollars and spin the wheel of fortune. Last year, one table won \$200. It's a great night to make friends and have fun.

In August, Denny More will mesmerize us with his mentalist and comedic talent. This year, he has a very special performance planned for us. He is a great entertainer, so you don't want to miss this show. Show time is on **Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** Sign-up will be on **Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.** in the Old Arts & Crafts Room in the Clubhouse.

On Tuesday, **September 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, we'll celebrate halfway to Saint Patrick's Day. Tee Time will cater a corned beef or chicken dinner. Mike Byrne, one of our favorite Irish entertainers, will perform. He always delivers his best Irish music and humor. Sign-up will be on **Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.** in the Old Arts and Crafts Room in the Clubhouse.

More information about all of our events will appear on the *Weekly Activity Listing*, on the new website, on posters in the Communication Room in the Clubhouse, and on Channel 77.

The Executive Board thanks all the club volunteers who help make our meetings possible. To join the club, make out a check to *Four Seasons Community Association* and note *Irish Club dues* on the memo line. Bring your check to Mary or Catherine at the Activity Desk in the Clubhouse.

If you would like to be a club volunteer, please let us know via email at thomn1001@gmail.com. May God bless you and our nation's 250th celebration of Independence.

Thomas Nuzzi

BOCCE

We hope everyone is enjoying playing Bocce this year. As you may know, this will be my last year running the Bocce program at Four Seasons. If you are interested in volunteering to take over Bocce, contact Grace Varone.

During the week of **July 13, 2026**, we will hold playoffs. The top three teams on each night will participate. You must have four team members available to play in the playoffs and the finals. Finals will be held on **Wednesday, July 22, 2026**,

and Thursday, July 23, 2026. Italian ice will be served after the final game on July 23, 2026. The above dates are subject to change based on the weather.

We'll hold our Bocce banquet on **August 4, 2026**, at noon at the Spring Lake Manor. Tickets go on sale on Wednesday, **July 15, 2026**, from 6:00-6:30 p.m. in the Old Arts & Crafts Room in the Clubhouse. Sign-up forms are available in the Communication Room. Seating is limited.

Grace Varone

SHUFFLEBOARD

Shuffleboard will be played on Mondays and Thursdays at 5:00 and 5:45 p.m. from **August 13 through October 5, 2026**. Sign-up will be on **Wednesday, July 15, 2026**, from 6:00-6:30 p.m. in the Old Arts & Crafts Room in the Clubhouse.

We'll end the season with a pizza party on **Friday, October 9, 2026**, at 5:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Registration forms are available in the Communication Room in the Clubhouse.

Grace Varone

ZUMBA ANNIVERSARY

What were you doing on **Friday, May 9, 2014**, at approximately 9:00 a.m.? If you were in the Activity Center, you were probably taking part in a newly formed Zumba Gold class. Why was Zumba Gold special? It was unique because it was an older-adult, low-impact exercise/dance class with a live, experienced instructor, Gabrielle Molino.

The program expanded to two classes weekly, because it was so popular with residents at Four Seasons.

Fast forward 12 years to the present. Some of the faces may have changed from the very first

class, but the floor of the Activity Center is still filled with Zumba Gold dancers expertly led by Gabrielle Molino. To celebrate our anniversary, we held a delicious brunch in May and recalled the fun we've had over the years.

Come and be part of Zumba's future. Join the workout fun on Wednesdays and/or Fridays at 9:30 a.m. and see what we mean. For registration information, see Mary or Catherine at the Activity Desk in the Clubhouse.

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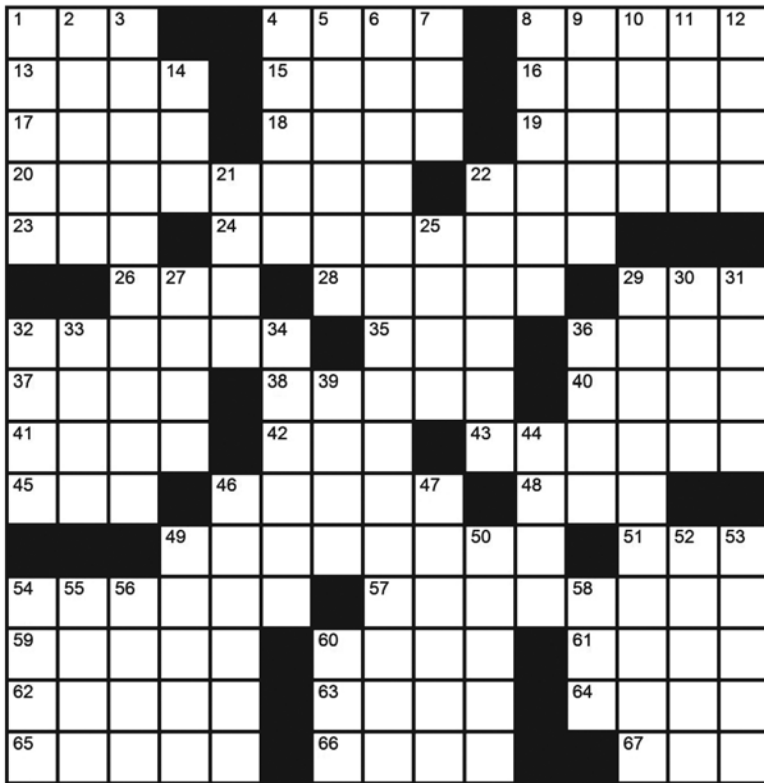
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It's a fair question. To understand the answer, it helps to know a little about how your car's air conditioning system works. Inside the system is a special refrigerant, sometimes still called Freon. The refrigerant circulates through the vehicle under pressure and changes between liquid and gas. As it does, it absorbs heat from inside the car and releases that heat outside, which is what gives you cold air through the vents.

THE CHALLENGE: Refrigerant leaks are very different from oil leaks or coolant leaks. If your engine leaks oil, you can usually see it. Refrigerant, on the other hand, is an invisible gas. When it leaks out, it often leaves very little evidence behind. That makes finding the source of the problem much more difficult.

Because of that, one of the most common diagnostic steps is to recharge the system and add a special dye. Once the air conditioning is working again, that dye circulates through the entire system. If there is a leak, the dye eventually leaves a trace that can be found later with a special light. In other words, the recharge is often part of the diagnostic process itself.

There is another reason shops frequently start there. Many leaks are extremely small. Sometimes the system has lost just enough refrigerant to stop cooling properly, but after a recharge it may continue working for months or even the rest of the summer. In those situations, the recharge may actually solve the problem, at least for a while, without any additional repairs being needed.

Of course, refrigerant leaks are not the only possible cause. Modern air conditioning systems also rely on sensors, switches, computers, and electrical components. Sometimes the refrigerant level is fine, but the system simply isn't being commanded to turn on. That's why a good technician still needs to test the system and verify what is actually happening.

THE GOOD NEWS: When a shop recommends a recharge, they're usually not just guessing. In many cases, they're taking the first logical step toward figuring out why the system stopped working. And during a hot New Jersey summer, getting that cold air back as quickly as possible is something most of us can appreciate.

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GARDEN CLUB

The June Social was a great success – the Garden Club knows how to party! But really, we gardeners have to get busy working on our garden patches. There has been a lot of activity in the garden as everyone tidies up their patch after the long winter. Some gardeners have long since planted cool-weather vegetables such as greens and peas. Others are now setting out their beets, tomatoes, and peppers. We are hoping for a good growing season – not too hot, not too cool, with just the right amount of rain. (We are an optimistic bunch!)

The Garden Club also worked to spruce up our gazebo (it was looking rather forlorn). This is where gardeners meet to share tips and strategies. (Is there any way to stop that wily tomato-eating groundhog?) The gazebo is also the weigh station for the “*Biggest Tomato Contest*.”

But here is a new idea - Chaos Gardening! This is a relaxed, low-maintenance trend where gardeners mix a variety of seeds (flowers, herbs, and veggies) and scatter them across a designated plot without planning, without rows or strict spacing. In Chaos Gardening, you open different seed packets, mix them, and sprinkle. Cover with soil and water as needed. You could end up with a mix of flowers that look surprisingly lovely together or a tasty mix of herbs, maybe some you’ve never tried before.

Internet articles reveal that some seeds adapt much better to crowded, unassisted environments than others.

Greens & Root Veggies: Lettuce (especially cut-and-come-again varieties), radishes, and carrots do incredibly well and can be sown densely.

Flowers: Zinnia, cosmos, borage, and nasturtium add brilliant color and attract beneficial pollinators. Yay, pollinators!

The next Garden Club fun event will be on **Saturday, August 1, 2026**. It will be “*Italian Ice & Hot Dog Day*” by the pool. Mark your calendars.

On a serious note, watch out for ticks this season. It is expected to be a bad year for them. Apparently, all the snow we had made a cozy cover for ticks, and they are now out and about. Be careful in brushy areas and be sure to check your skin at the end of the day.

MaryAnne Scrupski



On **Friday, May 15, 2026**, we presented “Sidestory Band.” They were a big hit, and the entertainment was spectacular. The three “Lady” singers did a representation of 60s, 70s, and 80s music. They dressed the part for each time period, and our dance floor overflowed with delighted dancers. Rock n Roll received numerous compliments for hiring such an entertaining band. It was asked to return on **Friday, June 18, 2027**, when it will play new music representing different eras. We gave out our usual \$100 raffles. We also served a bouquet of cupcakes at each table with different swirls of colorful frosting that looked like spring flowers.

At our **Friday, June 19, 2026**, dance, we welcomed back “*Jersey Sound Band*.” They have played for us many times, and always do a great job. They helped us celebrate the beginning of summer. The June dance kicked off the summer with beach ball decorations, a beach ball on each table, and crazy sunglasses for fun. We served dessert, along with our usual soda, water, coffee, and tea. We also gave out several raffle prizes, as usual.

To help us to celebrate America’s 250th Birthday, we will present “*The Cameos*” on **Friday, July 17, 2026**, and have a patriotic theme to match the celebration. Sign up for the July dance on **Wednesday, July 8, 2026**, at the Clubhouse in the Old Arts and Crafts Room. Please mark your calendars accordingly. We look forward to seeing you at our Rock n Roll dances.



Linda Hansen, Vice President
Lucille Possumato, President

PICKLEBALL CLUB

Our 2026 outdoor season has kicked off with a bang. We welcome all the new players to the game and our club. And of course, welcome back all existing members.

On **Saturday, May 9, 2026**, our president, Jim Tobia, introduced a Ladder League to our schedule and was warmly welcomed by all players. We have also started clinics for those interested in improving their game after the Saturday ladder play.

We thank Peggy Winslow for getting our new players and seasoned players together for an introduction to pickleball and instructional play. We also thank Lisa Delvescovo for organizing our club-sponsored “Comedy Night” at the Four Seasons. It was a sellout event with headline comics and local performers to entertain and keep the crowd laughing.

This season promises to be a challenging, competitive, and enjoyable one, so come out to the courts and meet the players. You can get some sun, exercise, and socialize.

Some of our summer events include the following:

- Early morning club play
- Picklenic (summer pickleball party)
- Ladder League
- Pickleball Clinics

To join the Four Seasons Pickleball Club or get more information about the club, send an email to 4seasonspickleballclub@gmail.com. The Pickleball Club wishes everyone a Happy July 4th and an enjoyable and safe summer.

Joe Pacia



FIT CLUB

LUNCHEON

It was a splendid “Le Picnic” on **Monday, June 8, 2026**, when Fit Club members enjoyed a French-inspired lunch. Ooh, la, la for the charcuterie, salad Nicoise, quiche, chocolate mousse, and so much more!

At the luncheon, we honored the work of Ocean County’s Department of Children & Families, and our members donated another round of much-needed water bottles, hygiene products, and sunscreen. Noelle Huber, the department’s Resource Development Specialist, joined us for lunch to thank us for all the donations of diapers, wipes, and other hygiene products this year.

Special thanks to all the Fit Club regulars who so skillfully volunteered to decorate the Activity Center and serve the food. It is camaraderie at its best! We are proud that the Fit Club sets the tone for community friendship.

Our next luncheon will be an “Out to Lunch” event in August. We’ll provide the details in our next Fit Club Newsletter for members and in the *Weekly Activity Listing*. Our last visit to Xina and our family-style meal was so successful, we’re going to look for another “foodie” experience.



STRENGTH TRAINING

Our strength training classes are the pride of our club. Almost 200 seats per week are filled by residents who want to improve their health by building strength and balance.

To accommodate more residents who want to take classes with Linda Tempio or Regina Sachs, we have added to the schedule this month. We are accepting new registrants in multiple classes. There are current openings on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m., Thursdays at noon or at 1:30 p.m., and on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. In addition, Gabrielle Molino, our Four Seasons Zumba teacher, is teaching a new strength-training class on Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

If you wish to learn more about the above classes or register for them, send an email to fourseasonstimes@gmail.com. We will get back to you quickly.

BEGINNER'S MAH JONGG

The first series of beginner classes has ended, but the games go on!. Every Monday, there is open play for beginners and their mentors in the Activity Center from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All members of the Fit Club are welcome to attend, whether you want to learn the game or improve your skills. You'll need a 2026 Mah Jongg card, and we also encourage you to bring a Mah Jongg set if you own one. Express your interest in attending by sending an email to fourseasonstimes@gmail.com. Also, there is open play Mah Jongg for all Four Seasons residents every Monday night in the Activity Center at 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to play with your group.

ARTS & CRAFTS



The Jewelry Making class meets in the Activity Center Conference Room every Monday from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Resident Susanne Cheyne teaches the class. Members have created amazing, beaded necklaces, bracelets, and earrings as shown above. Space is limited. If you wish to register, contact fourseasonstimes@gmail.com. You will need to supply your own materials. When you come to class, Susanne will advise you on what to buy.

To join the Fit Club, bring a \$10 check for the 2026 annual dues to the Activity Desk in the Clubhouse. Please make out the check to the *Four Seasons Community Association* and note *Fit Club dues* on the memo line. Membership entitles you to our membership newsletter, available classes, lunches, and other Fit Club events.

Thanks to all who made the first year of the Fit Club so amazing! We now have almost 150 members and are growing. If you want to join the Fit Club but cannot attend daytime events, please let us know. We are considering holding more events at night and on weekends.

Jane Secci, President

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FOUR SEASONS BOWLING LEAGUE

The Four Seasons Bowling League season ended on **Wednesday, April 22, 2026**, with another great battle for first place. We thank all the participants for a great bowling season, and can't wait for the next one to start. Below are some high honors from the 2026 Winter Session:

THE TOP FOUR TEAMS

1ST: SPLITS HAPPEN (80 POINTS)

Mickey MacDonald, Dennis Hill, Dom Puccio, Dan Kuderna

2ND: GOLDEN PINS (75 POINTS)

Barbara Coelln, Carol D'Oriano, Theresa Tirone, Gene Marra

3RD: AWESOME FOURSOME (68 POINTS)

Lisa Delvescovo, Grace Mondelli, Frank Mondelli, Artie Delvescovo

4TH: IN LAWS (70 POINTS)

Fran Licata, Steve Sellick, John Sheridan, Pat Brancaccio

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

MEN

High Averages: Gene Marra (212.58), Gary Barnish (194.17), Dan Kuderna (182.76)

High Series: Dan Kuderna (756), Gene Marra (734), Gary Barnish (654)

Handicap Series: Dan Kuderna (822), Gene Marra (734), Steve Sellick (714)

Handicap Game: Dan Kuderna (301), William Steenstra (282), Al Figura (281)

High Game: Dan Kuderna (279), Gary Barnish (268), Gene Marra (256)

WOMEN

High Averages: Arlene Kaplan (166.26), Mary Jaroszewski (165.96), Grace Curivan (162.05)

High Series: Grace Curivan (566), Mary Jaroszewski (553), Arlene Kaplan (547)

Handicap Series: Mickey MacDonald (700), Fran Licata (698), Sharon Smith (692)

Handicap Game: Sue Cheyne (289), Grace Mondelli (284), Peggy Winslow (278)

High Game: Peggy Winslow (234), Mary Jaroszewski (222), Fran Licata (216)

MOST IMPROVED

MEN

Mike Recchia: 111 to 138.39 (+27.39)

Gene Marra: 192 to 212.58 (+20.58)

Wayne Raischl: 145 to 156.92 (+11.92)

WOMEN

Carol D'Oriano: 121 to 138.05 (+17.05)

Maryann DeCristofano: 127 to 142.60 (+15.60)

Cheryl Sieno – 91 to 105.69 (+14.69)

We held our yearly bowling banquet on **Wednesday, May 6, 2026**, at the Clarion Hotel in Toms River. The Universal Entertainment DJ kept the crowd dancing and engaged all day. Everyone had a great time. Special thanks to our 2025/2026 bowling committee: Denise Esposito, Charlie Fragapane, Lenny Ewashko, Joe Pacia, Joe Coco, and Sue Pisapia.



The Bowling Committee wishes everyone a wonderful and safe summer. We will see you at the pool and at the start of the 2026/2027 bowling season.

Joseph Pacia

DEBORAH HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Below is a short message from Ellen Krivchenia, the Director of Legacy and Planned Giving at the Deborah Hospital Foundation:

“As America celebrates 250 years of resilience, compassion, and community spirit, the Four Seasons Chapter of the Deborah Hospital Foundation proudly celebrates its own tradition of giving back. Since its founding, the chapter has raised more than half a million dollars to support Deborah Hospital Foundation and its sole beneficiary, Deborah Heart and Lung Center, located just 26 miles from Four Seasons.

For 104 years, Deborah has upheld an extraordinary mission: providing the highest standards of cardiac and pulmonary care without ever billing a patient, ensuring that no one must choose between life-saving treatment and paying the mortgage. Funds raised by the Four Seasons Chapter help sustain this remarkable non-billing practice while also supporting the most advanced medical technology, the nation’s largest cardiac fellowship program, and, most recently, the opening of state-of-the-art private patient rooms.

Through generosity, volunteerism, and community pride, the Four Seasons Chapter continues

to embody the spirit of celebration and service that defines both our nation and our community.”

Our Four Seasons at Lakewood chapter has been busy over the past few months with different fundraising events. The success of these events stems from the tremendous amount of support we receive from our community. It is the creativity, hard work, and dedication of our members that allow this chapter to exist.

Join us for our upcoming events – “Hot Dog Day” in July and a “Quarter Auction” in August. Also, be on the lookout for events in November and December.

Remember to enjoy a few Dine & Donates. You’ll find information about our events in the *Weekly Activity Listing*, on the Four Seasons website, on Channel 77, and on Clubhouse bulletin boards. Our meetings are on the second Friday of the month. Yearly membership is \$20, and everyone is welcome to become a member.

Thank you, members, for sharing your time and allowing Deborah to be a part of your life.

Carol Padgitt, President

LADIES’ GOLF

Ladies’ golf is off to an amazing start! We’ve held five tournaments so far this season. Everyone is doing wonderfully, and more ladies are signing up for each tournament.

We’ll host breakfasts on Thursdays on the following dates during the 2026 tournament season:

July 23

August 20

September 17

We need volunteers to assist with our breakfasts. The responsibilities include ordering food, setting up tables, and cleaning up. We also seek a Ladies’ Golf Vice-President. If you wish to volunteer, please reach out to me or any member of the Ladies’ Golf Committee.

Sadly, we were unable to hold a “*Movie Trivia Night*” due to a lack of participation, but we are planning another event. Watch the *Weekly Activity Listing* for details.

Barbara Shafer, President

CALTEC & WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Our new website is live. You can log on to it at www.fourseasonsatlakewood.com. The address went from .net to .com, but is otherwise the same as the previous address.

If you have not received your invitation from PropertyPop, please check your spam mail and then check with management to make sure they have your correct email on file. Hopefully, there is a seamless transition to the new site. Navigating the website is easy. There is a separate tab for videos with a pull-down menu that will take you to community, condominium, or entertainment videos.

If you have difficulty with the website or locating information, you can let us know by emailing us at fsweb26@gmail.com. You can send suggestions or comments to this address, which we will check frequently.

Based on resident feedback, we will schedule training sessions to assist with the website as needed.

Our sound system in the ballroom is still a work in progress. We hope that everything will be installed within the next month, and our members will have been trained on the new system.

Since more clubs are holding events in the ballroom, we have been getting more requests

for committee support. If you are unaware of our policy, we need at least four weeks' notice to fill requests. Please fill out the CALTEC request form and give it to Mary or Catherine at the Activity Desk in the Clubhouse. This request form tells us when you need support and what is required.

We know that most clubs plan their events months in advance. When you start planning, let us know that you will need support. We have a limited number of volunteers, and not all volunteers are trained to do everything. We can't guarantee support if we don't have enough time to arrange for staff assistance. We don't want to disappoint any club, but without notice, we may have to let you know that no volunteers are available.

If you would like to join our committee, please obtain a Volunteer Form from the Management Office and fill it out. Include a brief description of what you've done and what you'd like to learn, and drop it off at the office so that the Board can approve your request. It will then be given to us, and you will be contacted. Our committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Old Arts & Crafts Room in the Clubhouse. Please think of joining us. Thank you!

*Kathy Nuzzi, Chairperson
Lynette Downey, Web Administrator*

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The "Kentucky Derby" held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, was a success. We thank the CALTEC & Website Committee for assisting us with this event. It was wonderful to view the race live and then dance to the sounds of Joe Mulrane. Tee Time Catering offered a scrumptious Kentucky Derby-themed buffet.

The Memorial Day Ceremony took place on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at 11:00 A.M. in the Ballroom. It was emotional as we honored our military personnel who lost their lives while performing

their duties. We are grateful and thank Sally, Dorothy, Jane, the readers, and everyone who either participated or worked behind the scenes to make this a memorable event.

We'll hold our July 4th barbecue on Saturday, July 4, 2026, with a rain date of Sunday, July 5, 2026. Come out and help the community celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Barbara Shafer, Chairperson

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Please read the following information carefully before starting any exterior home projects. We hope the information is helpful to you in planning and timing exterior work and avoiding costly violations.

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is responsible for ensuring that all projects involving the outside of your home comply with the permissions and restrictions in the *Master Declaration, By-Laws, Amendments, Resolutions, and Sections One and Two* of the *Residents Handbook*.

Projects include, but are not limited to, new roofs, siding, doors, windows, driveways, walkways, patios, solar panels, generators, EV charging stations, air conditioners, painting, colors, materials, mailboxes, and mailbox posts. Flower beds are excluded. Fences, partitions, and privacy partitions are not allowed anywhere on the property of free-standing homes.

You must complete a **Modification Request Form (MRF)** for all free-standing and condominium projects, and a form is available in the Management Office. The MRF describes the requirements to initiate a project. Please read it carefully, since it explains the entire process.

Return the completed MRF to the Management Office along with the required deposit.

ACC will make an appointment with you and come to your home to perform a pre-inspection, answer questions, and clarify issues. You must submit the completed form two weeks before the ACC's monthly meeting. The committee votes on each project at our meeting on the last Wednesday of the month and announces its decisions at the next open Board meeting.

You may not start work before Board approval and the receipt of a green Four Seasons permit from the Management Office. All required permits, including the green permit, must be posted on your home and be visible from the street.

If you are planning a 2026 exterior project, please obtain and submit an MRF as early as possible.

We are also aware of discoloration on home siding and mailboxes. Please power wash or clean these areas to keep our community looking fresh and attractive. We will send letters to residents, when appropriate, to request remediation. Thank you for your cooperation.

John Howley, Chairperson

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MODEL	UNITS	HIGH	LOW
Aspen	1	\$510,000	\$510,000
Cedar	2	\$535,000	\$510,000
Chestnut	4	\$412,720	\$315,000
Danberry	4	\$604,900	\$536,500
Elm	2	\$510,000	\$475,000
Hickory	3	\$405,000	\$400,000
Oak	2	\$424,500	\$400,000
Sequoia	1	\$540,000	\$540,000
For Sale			
MODEL	UNITS	HIGH	LOW
Beech	1	\$ 299,900	\$ 299,900
Chestnut	2	\$ 449,000	\$ 425,000
Danberry	4	\$ 729,900	\$ 556,900
Elm	1	\$ 619,900	\$ 619,900
Hickory	1	\$ 438,000	\$ 438,000
Oak	1	\$ 48,500	\$ 485,000
Sequoia	2	\$ 524,000	\$ 500,000
Under Contract			
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MODEL	UNITS	HIGH	LOW
Cedar	1	\$685,000	\$685,000
Chestnut	1	\$380,000	\$380,000
Danberry	3	\$629,900	\$545,000
Elm	3	\$600,000	\$550,000
Esprit	1	\$479,900	\$479,900
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