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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



May is a wonderful month in the Riviera of Freehold. The cherry blossoms were beautiful this year, lawns are looking great after their first cut, and our outdoor activities are beginning to ramp up. With the opening of the outdoor pool just around the corner, there's a real sense that the community is coming back to life. It's also a pleasure to welcome back our Riviera "snowbirds" who, fortunately for them, missed Snowmageddon 2026 and the unfortunate flooding in our Clubhouse.

I'm happy to report that the Clubhouse restoration is nearing completion. I am confident that, with the exception of the Ballroom, the facility will be reopened by the time this May issue of *Ramblings* is published. The amount of work undertaken to reach this point has been truly significant. Our Management Office, Susan and Monica, the Clubhouse Committee, our attorney, and John Maloney, the HOA Board's Clubhouse liaison, all played critical roles in this effort.

The process involved assessing and documenting extensive damage, working closely with our insurance broker and adjuster, selecting carpeting and flooring, interviewing and choosing contractors, and coordinating contract development through our attorney—just to name a few of the many steps involved. We also carefully considered whether to engage a public adjuster, at an additional cost, to advocate on our behalf for disputed items. Ultimately, we chose to wait and evaluate any potential denials before making that decision. With the guidance and support of our insurance broker, we were able to successfully secure coverage for all submitted items. In addition, we were reimbursed for the cost of relocating a scheduled HOA Social Committee event to the American Hotel in Freehold Borough, and, due to our strong claims history, the \$5,000 deductible was waived.

I would also like to thank Debbie Korn and the Social Committee for organizing a wonderful Motown event at the Freehold Senior Center. It was a fantastic evening, and it was especially nice to see residents—both long-time and new—enjoying each other's company. Moments like these truly highlight the strength of our community.

As we look forward to the reopening of the Clubhouse Ballroom, I'm excited about the many upcoming events planned both indoors and outdoors. The Social and Activities Committees, along with our clubs, are hard at work preparing opportunities for everyone to connect and enjoy all that Riviera has to offer. I hope to see many of you there.

Finally, I'd like to thank Darlene Kantor for stepping up at John Maloney's request to take over our Bingo events. I'm confident she will do an excellent job.

With gratitude,

Bob Carlino, Board President

EDITOR'S REPORT



May has arrived and with it comes a refreshing sense of renewal throughout our community. The trees are in full bloom, neighbors are out enjoying walks, and there's a renewed energy that reminds us just how special this time of year can be. It's also the perfect moment to reflect on the connections that make our community feel like home.

This month, we celebrated Mother's Day—a time to honor the women who have shaped our lives with love, strength, and guidance. Whether you were spending the day with family, sharing memories or simply enjoying a quiet moment, we hope it was filled with appreciation and joy.

May is also a time when our community spirit truly shines. From club gatherings to social events and casual get-togethers, it's clear that what makes Riviera unique isn't just the surroundings—it's the people. The smiles, the conversations, and the willingness to participate all contribute to the vibrant atmosphere we enjoy every day.

As we transition into the late spring and early summer months, you'll notice more activity throughout the community—residents returning from their winter travels, outdoor spaces coming alive again, and familiar faces reappearing at events and around the neighborhood. It's always a welcome sight and a reminder of how much we value being together.

Behind the scenes, many of the clubs and committees are already hard at work planning future events, trips, and gatherings. Their dedication and creativity are what keep our calendar full and our community engaged. If you've ever considered getting involved, now is a great time to join a club, volunteer or even share a new idea; fresh perspectives are always appreciated.

We also encourage all residents to continue contributing to the *Ramblings*. Your photos, stories, announcements, and even lighthearted reflections help capture the spirit of our community. Whether it's a snapshot of a beautiful sunset, a club highlight or a personal milestone, these contributions bring our publication to life.

Looking ahead, there is plenty to be excited about as we move toward summer. Be sure to stay informed by reading each issue carefully so that you don't miss out on upcoming events and important updates.

Whether you're planting flowers, attending an event, reconnecting with friends or simply relaxing on your patio, take a moment to enjoy all that May has to offer. It's a month that invites us to slow down just enough to appreciate where we are and with whom we share it.

Wishing everyone a wonderful month filled with sunshine, good health, and great company.

Joseph Noberini, Editor

MANAGEMENT'S MESSAGE



Summer pool season is almost here! Please come and enjoy the outdoor pool with its tropical vibes, relaxing atmosphere, and socializing with neighbors, family, and friends. The pool will be ready for our opening on Saturday, May 23. With this in mind, I would like to remind you all of the rules and procedures for the Outdoor Pool.

CURRENT RULES FOR OUTDOOR POOL USE - 2026

Please familiarize yourself with the entire list of pool rules posted at the pool entrance (on the gate) and in the 2023 Rules and Regulations. The following is a quick list of some important items to remember.

Pool Hours, Admittance, and Access to Facility

Pool Hours are 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, seven days a week.

Use of the pool will be for Residents and Guests. A Resident is someone who lives in the household and is registered on the survey submitted to the Management Office. Each *Household* may bring (4) Guests to the pool. Residents must remain with their guests and are responsible for their safety and conduct at the pool area at all times.

While Attending the Pool

You may bring food and beverages with you, but NO GLASS CONTAINERS are permitted in the pool area. If the glass should break and any shards get into the pool, it will need to be closed, drained, and cleaned. This cost or any other contamination to the pool will be at the sole expense of the resident.

There is NO SMOKING in the pool area. Please use the designated smoking area in the Clubhouse parking lot.

Guests must be 18 years of age or older to use the indoor or outdoor hot tubs.

Clean Up

Please be sure to leave the pool area as you found it. If you move chairs or furniture, please put them back to their original location when you leave the pool area.

Please be sure to put down umbrellas after use. This will avoid the umbrellas breaking, and it can be dangerous to leave them up. High winds can propel an open umbrella, causing injury or damage.

Please remember to clean up your area before leaving the pool. Trash receptacles are stationed throughout the pool area.

Swim Diapers

Swim Diapers must be worn by all children under the age of three and by those who are not toilet-trained.

Conduct

Running, horseplay, diving or jumping into the pool is not permitted for safety reasons.

Restroom and Shower

Bathers must shower before entering the pool. This can be done at home or by using the outdoor shower in the pool area.

Foot coverings must be worn when using the restroom and the outdoor shower

Please wash your hands after using the facilities.

Emergency Evacuation Procedure

In case of emergency and the facility or the water needs to be evacuated, patrons will be required to leave the entire facility and return to their residence.

In case of inclement weather, such as thunderstorms or high winds, residents MAY NOT remain in the pool area. Everyone must leave the facility.

Bathers utilize the pool and pool area at their own risk
Thank you, and enjoy your beautiful Riviera outdoor pool!

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- May 23 – Outdoor pool opening
- May 25 – Management office closed in observance of Memorial Day

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* Phone App: We are utilizing a phone app called “TeamReach” for scheduling walks and communicating with each other. With this app, we have a calendar for repeating specific days and times, but you can also chat within the group with other members to set up other days and times. Times and days can be flexible depending on residents’ needs, weather, and the seasons.

You need to download the app from your phone’s Playstore:  TeamReach.

The Team Reach group code is rivwalk1 (all lowercase)

We use this app for pickleball, and it is very easy and extremely useful. Much better than texting in a large group setting. We will go over this at the meeting.

*We are keeping a roster of all of those in the group so that if someone is not able or comfortable using TeamReach they can be contacted by phone or email.

Sherry Ferrick

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COVER STORY

April Showers Bring “U-Pick” Flowers

Who doesn't like fresh flowers in the home? With a few exceptions, most people would say they do. There are different ways to obtain freshly cut flowers to enjoy in your home. If you have a green thumb and garden space, you can grow them yourself. For those with the gardening gene, this is an enjoyable and satisfying activity.....until the deer and rabbits discover your tasty delights and visit often for a late night snack. As you know, freshly cut flower bouquets can be purchased from retail stores and florist shops. If you are lucky and happen to be flower shopping on a day fresh flowers are being delivered to your grocery store, you can get beautiful fresh flowers that last for a reasonable amount of time. On the other hand, store bought bouquets can be deceiving, looking fine until you unwrap them at home and find dead leaves and dried out stems that will drop petals rather quickly. Of course, you can find beautiful freshly cut blooms in florist shops but be prepared to pay the higher prices. There is a third option for obtaining fresh flowers during the growing seasons of spring, summer and fall.....visit a working flower farm that offers “U-Pick” flower fields.

New Jersey is known for many amazing attractions, including beautiful beaches and boardwalks, great music venues, diverse cuisines and cultures, and proximity to Philadelphia and New York City. But at its core, New Jersey is recognized for great crops and local farms.....a true Garden State. During our growing seasons, you can visit “U-Pick” flower farms located all across the state. The best of these offer fields of seasonal blooms for your picking pleasure over many months. Some offer the use of cutting shears and buckets, while others require you to bring your own. Blooming times vary for the different types of flowers planted and most farms have online calendars for you to reference and plan your picking trips accordingly. Most flower farms charge a set price per stem and sometimes collect an additional fee to enter the fields. Some flower farms also cut fresh flowers every day and display in large containers for customers to select and arrange their own bouquets.

I first discovered flower farms in Virginia when planning our daughter's wedding held in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The day before the wedding, we visited a local wild flower farm where the bride and her bridesmaids cut flowers and arranged them into beautiful bouquets, each one uniquely different. I later enjoyed harvesting flowers in Colorado and Virginia with my grandchildren. Visiting flower farms with children is especially enjoyable. Their faces light up with big smiles when they realize they can pick any flowers they want. While I am not aware of any flower farms in the immediate Freehold area, there are several within an hour's drive to explore. Always call first to confirm that there are flowers ready for picking. Also, if you are afraid of bees or have a bee allergy, ask about the presence of these pollinators before planning an outing.

Kathy Warner



COVER STORY—CONTINUED



Flower Farms in New Jersey: Terhune Orchards, Princeton; Lews Farm Market, Moorestown; Silverton Farms, Toms River; Holland Ridge Farms, Cream Ridge; Happy Day Farm, Manalapan; Soel Farm, Millstone; Moonshot Farm, East Windsor; Melick's Town Farm; Oldwick John-sons Corner Farm, Medford.



MEN'S CLUB

Food Drive

A big thank you from Riviera Men's Club and especially from Freehold Area Open Door and their patrons, who will benefit from your generosity, to all who participated in this year's food drive. On April 16, 17 Men's Club volunteers canvased our development and collected six SUVs filled with food and other necessities purchased and donated by our residents. An additional \$ 1,215 in checks was donated and will be used to purchase much more of what is needed. This is our sixth food drive, and over the years, in total, Riviera has donated approximately 9,900 pounds of food and necessities and has collected \$6,660 for those in need.

I say it every year, as it is always true, what a warm and giving community Riviera is to call home. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity. I would also like to thank Susan and Monica for helping me with communications to the community and to the Men's Club volunteers who gave their time and effort to pick up the donations and deliver them to Open Door.

Ed Lista, Vice-President



CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE



COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE



The Activities Committee sponsors FREE social events for the entire community, all year long...bringing folks together to socialize, spend quality time with friends and neighbors, and share food and make great memories. We have had such warm, wonderful, and appreciative comments from our residents for the opportunity to unwind together in the convenience of our own "backyard." Don't be surprised to see guitars and the karaoke machine come out!

ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME and strongly encouraged to come!

All events are free and BYO (BRING YOUR OWN... food, drinks, paper goods, etc.) as there are no dues collected. Feel free to bring whatever games you like, as well.

NEXT BYO GATHERINGS:

-MAY 12, 5:30-9:00 pm. If the Clubhouse is ready. (If not, and weather permitting, we can gather on the pool "VERANDA," BUT *NOT THE POOL DECK.*)

-MAY 23, 1:00 PM-whenver: COMMUNITY BYO POOL OPENING PARTY on pool deck and veranda. All residents and guests are welcome. Rain date Sunday, May 24.

-JUNE 11, 5:00 PM POOLSIDE AND VERANDA. (IF IT IS INCLEMENT WEATHER, WE WILL GO INTO THE CLUBHOUSE.)

-JUNE 30 5:00 PM POOLSIDE AND VERANDA. (IF IT IS INCLEMENT WEATHER, WE WILL GO INTO THE CLUBHOUSE.)

(FYI: Gatherings may be cancelled for bad weather or low participation. Be sure to listen to your one-calls and watch your email for information.)

REMINDER: No need to walk alone! The Walking Group is officially "open for business." Please see the flyer in this issue and in the clubhouse for details.

We are always looking for good, free ideas for the community to participate in. Please feel free to contact me with any free activity suggestions.

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Sherry Ferrick, Chairperson

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

COMMITTEE



The Architectural Review Committee is at your service to make certain that Riviera at Freehold remains the beautiful community we currently enjoy. Consequently, any changes made to the exterior of your home require the homeowner to complete a modification application that needs to be approved by ARC. To clarify, please read on.

Things you can do to your home without modification:

1. Paint the entire interior of your home black
2. Build a swing set in your dining room
3. Install a porthole between rooms
2. Dig a swimming pool in your bedroom

Things that require modification:

Anything on the outside of your home.

For example:

1. Add or remove shrubs to your planting beds or common area
2. Add, remove or change the color of anything on the exterior of your home. If you are not sure of what anything means, ask Susan or Monica at the Clubhouse, and/or fill out a Modification form and get feedback
3. Add a vent pipe or skylight
4. Remove a street tree or a common area tree
5. Add a generator or A/C unit
6. Replace or modify a walkway or patio

Please note: These are just some examples and most of these changes are permitted; however, they must be detailed in the modification paperwork and approved to ensure compliance with the original Toll Brothers Rules and Regulations.

To be safe, before embarking on a project on the outside of your home, speak to Susan or Monica at the Clubhouse who will happily answer any questions and guide you through the process.

Len Menconi, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORTS—CONTINUED

AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE



I am happy to report that the Ambassador Committee has been helping new residents transition into our adult active community. We have 10 Ambassadors ready to assist new residents whenever assistance is needed, whether it be questions about the rules and regulations or our social events and clubs.

Please feel free to call Larry Conti at 732-682-9539 if assistance is needed, and we will be happy to assign an ambassador to you.

Welcome to Riviera.

Larry Conti, Chairperson

B&G COMMITTEE



The Buildings and Grounds Committee is committed to enhancing the visual appeal for both residents and visitors. The pansies that provided color all spring were reblooms of last year's planting; they survived under the many inches of snow that provided an insulating blanket and protection from the deer. Recently, the Committee met with our Property Manager to discuss plans for this year's seasonal flower displays. Depending on the availability of the growers and our budget, we believe that this year's planting will result in a bright and exciting display for everyone's enjoyment.

It is common to observe certain perennials, such as daffodils, deliberately allowed to "brown off" following their flowering period. This practice supports the nourishment of the underground bulb, which remains dormant until next spring. Occasionally, bulbs may divide and multiply, resulting in a more robust floral display in future years. We wish to inform you that this temporary appearance is essential for ensuring vibrant blooms in the upcoming growing season. Your patience during this natural process is appreciated.

Excess water may collect from time to time on our property during spring and summer, especially after heavy rain. Factors like blocked gutters and downspouts on homes can cause rainwater to overflow into garden beds, and several downspouts from nearby houses might

converge at spots where the ground can't absorb the water fast enough. Installing a downspout extension leader (for example, Model# 85010 at Home Depot for \$8.98) can help redirect water away from these trouble spots. Its accordion-fold design lets you bend and extend it several feet as needed. You could also redirect excess water onto driveways during warmer months and adjust placement in winter to avoid ice. Other solutions include dialing back watering schedules or turning off irrigation in areas that stay wet. It's a good idea to talk with neighbors to coordinate watering times and frequency.

Please be advised that we have observed occasional litter issues, particularly on recycling days. To assist in preventing loose materials, kindly ensure that newspapers are securely tied in manageable bundles and placed atop other recyclables. This will help prevent items from being displaced by the wind, which somehow intensifies during recycling collection periods.

As summer approaches, we anticipate an increase in visitors and, consequently, higher traffic volumes throughout our community. I kindly request all residents to observe speed limits and encourage guests to do the same. Additionally, please note that parking is permitted only on one side of our narrow streets; refer to posted signage and adhere to these guidelines to ensure unobstructed passage, particularly for emergency vehicles.

Thank you to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for your continued work to enhance our community. I wish all my RAF friends and neighbors a pleasant and healthy summer season.

Bob Campbell, Chairperson

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COMMITTEE REPORTS—CONTINUED

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE



"May is the most beautiful month of the year, a month alive with warm color. The flowers and trees are in full bloom, and even the sun joins this rhapsody by emitting

warm rays." Lillian Berliner

What's New at the Clubhouse.

- Water-damaged carpeting has been removed from the Card Rooms, Billiards Room, Lobby, and Ballroom (see enclosed photos on page 10). New carpeting for these rooms is scheduled to be installed this month.
- Selection and ordering of carpeting and flooring for the Ballroom have been completed.
- Our residents are enjoying the use of our outdoor activities, including pickleball, tennis, bocce, target green, and social events.
- Hope everyone had a Happy Mother's Day!

Ed Marian/Ed McDonald, Co-Chairpersons

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Hoping everyone is enjoying the beautiful spring weather! It's been wonderful seeing so many residents out and about—walking through the neighborhood, taking photos, and sharing them in the Ramblings and on TeamReach. It truly reminds us of what a special place we call home.

We recently held our Motown event off-site at the Senior Center. While it was a bit of a change from our usual setting, it turned out to be a fantastic evening. The newly renovated facility looked beautiful, and we enjoyed having our event there. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and enthusiasm, and we look forward to returning to our Clubhouse soon.

In the meantime, please mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details on these upcoming events:

July 11 – Breakfast

August 8 – Pool Party

October 10 – Disco Party

December 5 – Brunch with Santa

December 31 – New Year's Eve "Rocking Eve" Party featuring Back in Time.

Full event details will be included in the upcoming Ramblings. We look forward to seeing you at our future gatherings!

Debbie Korn, Chairperson



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CLUB NEWS

ARTS & CRAFTS CLUB

The Cognitive Power of Crafting

Pursuing artistic hobbies throughout my life has helped me remain grounded during times of stress. After spending a few hours in my creative zone, I emerge feeling relaxed and confident. The meditative focus of the process and the feeling of self-expression bring me so much joy; it doesn't matter if the result isn't museum-worthy. Providing our community with opportunities to craft is my way of helping others tap into that same joy and peace.

And neuroscientific research has also shown that crafting provides significant cognitive benefits as we age:

- Studies show that people who remain creatively active have brains that appear three to seven years younger than those who do not.
- Dedicating just 45 minutes to a project induces a "flow state" that reduces cortisol levels and improves mental health.
- Regular participation in creative activities can lower the risk of mild cognitive impairment by up to 45 percent.
- Completing a project triggers a dopamine release that lifts your mood and helps prevent depression.
- Repetitive fine motor movements keep your hands strong and your coordination sharp for daily tasks.

So, when you consider joining us for our next project, remember that you aren't just doing stuff: you are boosting your brain, protecting your memory, and improving your long-term health.

Please refer to these sources for more information:

- Creative experiences and brain clocks. *Nature Communications*, 16(1), Article 8336. (2025)
- Go with the flow: A neuroscientific view on being fully engaged. *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 22, 2687–2707. (2020)
- Leisure activities and the risk of amnesic mild cognitive impairment in the elderly. *Neurology*, 66(6), 821–827. (2006)
- Reduction of cortisol levels and participants' responses following art making. *Art Therapy*, 33(2), 74–80. (2016)
- Risk and protective factors for cognitive impairment in persons aged 85 years and older. *Neurology*, 84(18), 1854–1861. (2015)

*This is for informational purposes only. For medical advice or diagnosis, please consult a professional.

Susanne Weinstein, Coordinator

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB



As we welcome the month of May, we are reminded of the beauty of spring—longer days, blooming flowers, and the perfect opportunity to enjoy time with friends and neighbors. It's a wonderful time of year here in our community, and we hope everyone is taking a moment to soak it all in.

May also brings us one of the most heartfelt celebrations of the year—Mother's Day. To all the mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and those who play that special role in our lives, we extend our warmest wishes. Your love, strength, and dedication are the foundation of family and community, and this month we celebrate you.

As we look ahead, excitement is building for our final event of the 2025–2026 season—our **Prom at Riviera!** This special evening in June promises to be a memorable night filled with music, dancing, delicious food, and plenty of fun. It's the perfect way to close out a fantastic season together, so be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us for this elegant and festive occasion. More details will be shared soon, but one thing is certain—you won't want to miss it!

Thank you to all our members for making this season so enjoyable. We look forward to celebrating together in June and continuing to create wonderful memories as a community. Wishing everyone a beautiful May.

Joseph Noberini, President

BINGO BLOG

We are pleased to introduce your new Bingo Queen, Darlene Kantor!

Darlene is excited to step into this role and looks forward to bringing fun, laughter, and a little friendly competition back to our Bingo events. We know she will do a wonderful job and help make our gatherings even more enjoyable for everyone.

As we await the completion of the Ballroom, Bingo will be scheduled soon. We appreciate your patience and look forward to welcoming everyone back to some great games and good times.

Thank you,

Debbie Korn, Chairperson

CLUB NEWS—CONTINUED

MEN'S CLUB



Riviera looks beautiful this time of year! The lawns look their best as the trees bloom alongside the spring flowers. This is the time when our residents are getting out after a long, cold winter, and our snowbirds are slowly returning to the nest.

Well, our Men's Club is going out too; we have a busy spring and summer with outings and events. Starting in May, we hosted a luncheon at Chen's Asian Bistro and will be hosting a bocce and horseshoe challenge at the Clubhouse. This June, we will be visiting the Source Brewery in Colts Neck. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse in late May.

We had our bi-monthly breakfast at Gus's Diner on April 24 and had a wonderful turnout of 30-plus members. There are many more events planned for 2026, so look for callouts and e-mails to keep informed. So come on out to our events, and I promise you will not be disappointed. I want to thank all the Men's Club Board members for their hard work in keeping our Club running smoothly. Hope to see you soon.

Jim DePatria, President

SHALOM CLUB



It's been so nice lately with the weather getting warmer that we're spending more time outdoors with our Riviera friends, including those who have returned from their winter retreats.

Unfortunately, the Shalom Club has had to cancel its initial meeting of the year, originally scheduled for April, as well as its big Saturday night June event with Brass Illusion, due to the conditions in the Clubhouse. As the date of full access to the Clubhouse has now become clearer, we will revisit our programming schedule for the remainder of the year and will update you as things unfold.

On that note, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Riviera Board, Clubhouse Committee, Susan, Monica, and others involved for their skillful and tireless efforts towards bringing the Clubhouse back to full operation.

Looking ahead to September, we are happy to say that we have been successful in rescheduling the band Brass Illusion for Saturday night, September 26, when it returns to Riviera with its eight-piece ensemble. Please mark this date on your calendar, as you will not want to miss this event.

In the meantime, I hope all the moms celebrated a most happy Mother's Day. Dads, you'll get your turn next month.

Bea Katz, President

WOMEN'S CLUB



The arrival of warmer weather has our thoughts turning to outdoor dining with easy, delicious salads and entrees. At our next Women's Club event, Emma, an

olive oil sommelier of Carter and Cavero, will be there to help with a discussion of the varied uses of olive oil. On Wednesday, June 17, at Nonna's Restaurant, Route 9N, Emma's presentation will highlight the processing of olive oil, the different types and qualities, and their best uses. We will have the opportunity to taste a few different kinds and experience their aromas. Emma will bring a variety of olive oils as well as infused balsamic vinegars. The family-style lunch of appetizers, pasta, entrees, and dessert will encompass those flavors. Please join us for an informative and delicious afternoon. Come July, we are looking forward to being back in the Clubhouse. On July 22, we will have a fun-filled evening of musical delight with a program of Dueling Pianos. Refreshments will include a selection of hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and BYOB. Detailed flyers will be emailed as the event dates get closer, and flyers will be available in the Clubhouse vestibule. We encourage all members to enjoy these activities while providing the opportunity to socialize with your friends and neighbors. If you haven't joined the Women's Club yet, please do. We have many more memorable events planned for this year.

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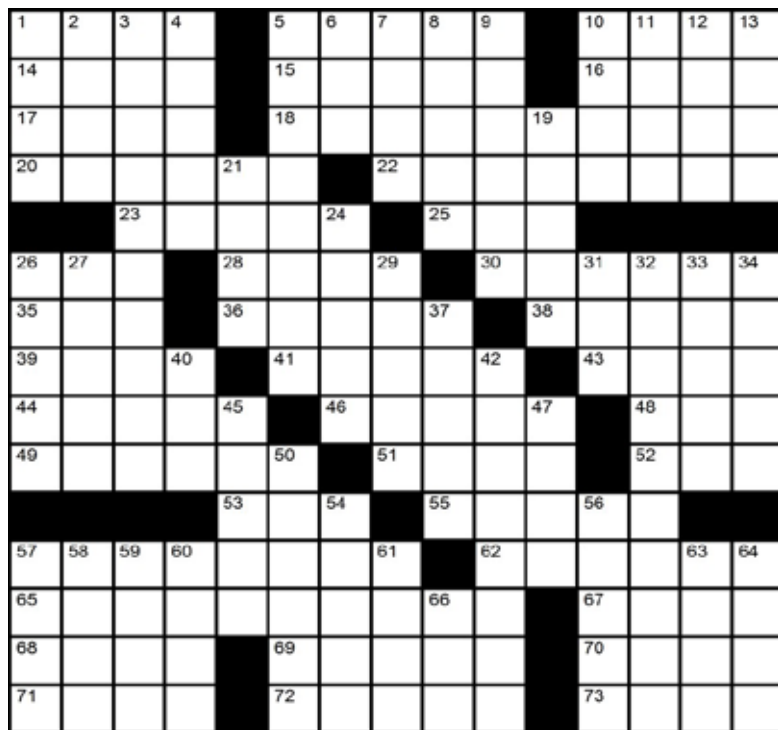
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 35 In favor
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 38 State animal of Maine
 39 The Sultan of Swat
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 27 Temporary peace
 29 Single-masted sailboat
 31 Electrically charged particle
 32 Maritime refugees
 33 Tea-growing Indian state
 34 Inclines
 37 Southern hemisphere constellation
 40 "He'd make a lovely corpse" (Dickens: "Martin Chuzzlewit")
 42 1,000%
 45 Kind of card
 47 Artificially-colored
 50 Went on the lam
 54 Like Mayberry
 56 Travel stamps
 57 "I --- my wit's end"
 58 Projecting part of the brain
 59 Common fertilizer ingredient
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 61 Height of Denver
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PICKLEBALL/RACQUET CLUB

Riviera Pickleball – 2026

If you are planning to join other Riviera residents in pickleball this season - PLEASE READ this brief recap of our PB 2026 kick-off meeting held on April 23. The 2026 season will officially start on Monday, May 4, and the Team Reach calendars for all events will be set up by May 1.

Reserved Community Open Play – reserved courts (all four open). Dates and Times: Tuesday and Friday, 9:30 am start, and Wednesday, 6:00 pm start. All dates will be posted on TR (Team Reach) calendar. PLEASE let us know if you are playing by responding YES on the calendar event.

Community open play is for Riviera residents only. One court will be for beginner/casual play, depending on attendance/demand, and residents can choose which type of play they wish to participate in. General Open Play - two courts open on the right side. All four courts available ONLY if the tennis court on the left side is not being used for tennis. Dates and Times: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:30 am start time. All dates will be posted on TR (Team Reach) calendar. PLEASE let us know if you are playing by responding YES on the calendar event.

General Open Play is open to residents and guests. Guests are limited to four per household, and residents

must be present for the entire time when guests are invited. Please be considerate of the number of guests when residents are playing. Saturday Open Play will be announced each week, pending the use of tennis courts. Tennis is a priority on Saturday mornings.

All participants are encouraged to warm up/stretch before playing PB. Everyone plays at their own risk. Please comply with responding to all events on Team Reach by simply indicating YES if you intend to play on a particular day. No need to reply otherwise! Team Reach is for Riviera residents only.

Personal training for pickleball provided by vendors outside the community MUST be pre-approved by Riviera office before inviting the vendor to Riviera – see Susan or Monica. Personal training should not be conducted during community or general open play times. We will announce other general training or practice sessions as demand warrants for our community. Stay tuned. Residents are welcome to do a “call-out” for a game at any time, as the courts are available for our community’s use.

Ed Baker/Denis Wuestman, Co-Coordintors



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MESSAGE BOARD

Happy Birthday to:

Jerry Pollio	May 16
Laura Conti	May 21
Judith Taub	May 27
Bob Campbell	May 29
Lois Palmisano	May 29
Carol Gottlieb	May 30

Jo DeRise	June 7
Amanda Lagana	June 8
Vincenza Amorelli	June 14
Linda Skowronski	June 14

Happy Anniversary to:

Karen & Michael Palladino	May 16
Arlene & John Chacko	May 28
Susan & Larry Olman	May 28
Vincenza & Joe Amorelli	June 13
Linda & Gene Skowronski	June 13

We would also like to give our best wishes to all who may be celebrating a special occasion during this month.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

We would like to acknowledge birthdays and anniversaries. Please indicate your name and date on this form and return to the Ramblings lock box, at least 3 months prior to date.

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Thank You!

Thanks to all my friends and neighbors for your calls, cards, flowers, and food after my recent knee replacement surgery. Riviera is such a wonderful, caring community, and Paul and I are so grateful to be a part of it over all these years!

Phyllis Gottlieb Chamoff

Condolences.

We offer our condolences to Ed and Ilene Licht and family on the untimely passing of their son Scott.

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POLICIES FOR RESIDENTS AND GUESTS

The Clubhouse is currently open to residents and guests. Residents no longer need to sign in when using the indoor and outdoor facilities. Residents who invite guests must stay with their guests the entire time the guests are at the Clubhouse.

When the outdoor pool is open, residents who invite guests, must stay with their guests the entire time the guests are at the pool. Guests are limited to four (4) per household. Residents who invite children are responsible for the children's behavior. There are no lifeguards on duty. Residents and guests are expected to be courteous and respectful to other pool attendees.

REMINDERS

Clubhouse Corner

1. Clubhouse hours are 6:00 am to 11:00 pm.
2. Please clean up after each time you use the Clubhouse.
3. Please obey all rules of the Clubhouse.
4. Please turn off the lights before you leave.

The Clubhouse Committee would like to ask all residents of Riviera to please treat our beautiful Clubhouse as you would your own home.

If for any reason, you, your club, committee, etc., find it necessary to open windows in ANY of the Clubhouse rooms, please be sure to close them when you leave the room. This is a serious safety concern and could result in damage to the Clubhouse. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter.

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Joseph Noberini, Editor

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OTHER NEWS

SEEKING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There are currently openings on many of the committees. A Committee Volunteer Form (available at the Management Office) should be completed and returned to the office for consideration by the Committee Chairpersons and then final approval by the HOA Board of Directors.



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In the off seasons when using the tennis or pickleball courts, you should bring the defibrillator from the Clubhouse onto the courts. Please remember to return it to the Clubhouse upon leaving the courts.

Riviera Community

BYO Start of Summer Pool Opening Party



*Please join the Activity Committee for an afternoon/evening of
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ALL RESIDENTS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!

Date: Saturday, May 23, 2026*

Time: 1-8pm

Place: Riviera Poolside and Veranda

Cost: FREE EVENT

***RAIN DATE: Sun May 24. In the event of inclement weather again, please
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**Feel free to bring your own lunch dinner appetizers, snacks,
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***Remember: GLASS containers are not allowed around the pool deck,
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-Be sure to clean up your area before you leave.

**Please do not enter the Clubhouse with wet bathing suits.
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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Motown

If I may say so, we had another fantastic time at the Social Committee's Motown event. From the moment the evening began, there was great energy in the room that carried through the night.

We were treated to delicious food from D'Angelo's, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The entertainment was equally impressive—Tommy and Jeanie, "Twice the Spice," truly lived up to their name, keeping us engaged, singing along, and dancing all evening long.

As always, one of the best parts of the night was the opportunity to connect with friends and neighbors. We took plenty of pictures, shared lots of laughs, and enjoyed the kind of easy, lighthearted conversations that make these events so special.

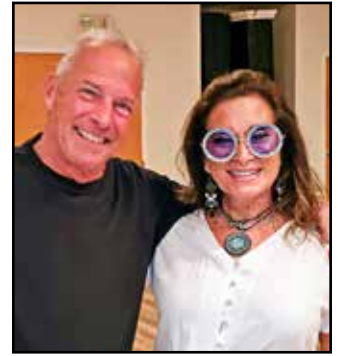
It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and to spend time together in such a fun and relaxed setting. Events like these are a great reminder of the strong sense of community we all share.

Looking forward to many more great times ahead!

Debbie Korn, Chairperson



SOCIAL COMMITTEE-CONTINUED



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Wednesday,
June 17, 2026

12:00PM - 3:00PM

\$45.00 inclusive

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Join us at Nonna's Resturant as we take a journey to the olive fields of Italy. An olive oil sommelier will guide us through the process, varieties, uses and tasting of Olive Oils. We'll enjoy a delicious family style lunch featuring appetizers, salad, pasta, entrees and desserts to highlight these flavors.
Cash bar available.

Let us know when you sign up if you would like a vegetarian entree. The sign up sheet will be in the Clubhouse vestibule. Put your check into the Management box by June 10th.

MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Weekly Classes Mondays – Yoga – 10:00am Tuesdays – Water Aerobics – 9:30am Thursday – Strong Bones – 9:00am Fridays – Water Aerobics – 9:30am Pickleball – Tuesday and Friday – 10:30am					1	2
3	4	5 Shutter Bugs Ballroom 6:30pm Cinco De Mayo	6 Golf Hanover 8:34am	7	8 Men's Club – Lunch at Chen's 12:00pm	9 Recycle Pick-Up
10 Mother's Day	11	12 Activities Gathering 5:30pm – 9:00pm	13 Women's Club Offsite Event Golf Gambler Ridge 8:05am	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Golf CreanRidge 8:06am	21	22	23 Activities Gathering – Pool Opening 1:00pm Recycle Pick-Up
24 Activities Gathering – Pool Opening 1:00pm (Rain Date)	25 Management Office Closed Memorial Day	26	27 Golf Lakewood 8:10am	28	29 Men's Club Bocce & Horseshoes Singles Club 7:00pm	30
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JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Arts and Crafts Ballroom 6:30pm	2	3 Golf Pebble Creek 8:00am	4	5	6 Shalom Club Event in Ballroom Recycle Pick-Up
7	8	9	10 Golf Hanover 8:02am	11 Activities Gathering 5:00pm	12 Men's Club Breakfast Gus's Diner BINGO 6:00pm TBD	13
14 Flag Day	15	16	17 Women's Club Lunch at Nona's 12:00pm Golf Gambler Ridge 8:05am	18	19 Juneteenth	20 Recycle Pick-Up
21 Father's Day	22	23	24 Golf Lakewood 8:10am	25	26 Men's Club Offsite Brewery Singles Club 7:00pm	27 Italian American Club Prom Night Ballroom 7:00pm
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