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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CIRCLE THESE DATES

Website: <https://whitingstationcommunity.org/>
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JUL 21 7:00 PM – HOA FORUM & BOT OPEN MEETING (LIVE at clubhouse only – Doors open 6:30 PM)

AUG 18 7:00 PM – BOT OPEN MEETING (LIVE at clubhouse only – Doors open 6:30 PM)

SEP 21 7:00 PM – BOT OPEN MEETING (LIVE at clubhouse only – Doors open 6:30 PM)

NOTICE: HOA FEE due the first of the month.

(To view the meeting agenda or meeting minutes, go to the Whiting Station website under the **open-bot-meetings-minutes-agendas/** tab.)



RESIDENTS CLUB CIRCLE THESE DATES

Email: wsresidentsclub323@yahoo.com

As of 6/8/26, the following special events are scheduled and/or being planned:

- **July 5 – 250th CELEBRATION, 1 PM – 4 PM**
 - ✓ Come celebrate AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY with us!
 - ✓ RAIN OR SHINE
 - ✓ Sign up for Patriotic Dessert Contest
 - ✓ Absolutely NO LATE RSVPs will be accepted!!!
 - ✓ See flyer on page 10
- **JULY 21 – OPEN RC MEETING, 6:30 PM**
 - ✓ This meeting will precede the monthly HOA meeting, which begins at 7 PM
 - ✓ Refreshments will be served
- **SEPTEMBER 19 (rain date: 9/26/26) – ANNUAL COMMUNITY TRASH TO TREASURE DAY, 9 AM – 3 PM**

SAVE THE DATE – UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, November 7, 9-3, ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR
- Friday, December 11, 6-10 PM, ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

ONGOING EVENTS:

WEEKLY

Mondays, 11 AM – SENIOR FITNESS**

- ✓ Join us as we exercise to streamed Senior Fitness and Walking videos, free
- ✓ This is a fun, very beneficial and bonding hour! Try it- you won't regret it!

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 AM – WATER EXERCISE / AQUA AEROBICS \$**

- ✓ Class taught by Pat Kologe, Certified Aqua Aerobics Instructor
- ✓ \$6/ per class; you will need a wide diameter pool noodle and pool dumbbells (available at pool stores and on Amazon)
- ✓ **NOTE: the Thursday morning Senior Fitness
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class will only be held during the summer if the weather is not suitable for water aerobics or the water aerobics class is cancelled for any reason.

MONTHLY

**BINGO IS ON HOLD FOR THE SUMMER.
WATCH FOR UPDATES**

2nd & 4th TUESDAY, 6:30 PM – CRAFTING CLUB



NEW RESIDENTS

Eugene & Mary Chodkiewicz 701 ORC
William & Martha McCandles 158 MGL
Daniel & Catherine McConnell 71 MGL

SUNSHINE ACTIVITY



Sponsored by the Whiting Station Residents Club

Thank You to Nancy Cannon for taking care of the Sunshine cards for May.

IN MAY

Get Well or Thinking of You cards were sent to:
Pam Colandrea
Marie McTiernan
Ruth Schauder
Marlene Springer
Linda Steele
Joseph Steen
Susan Wagner

Sympathy card was sent to:

The family of **William and Mary Major**

If you learn of a resident passing or know of a resident that is not feeling well, please notify **Jeanne Cascio** at 609-618-4654 or jeannecascio@comcast.net
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WHITING STATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Clubhouse Ballroom – May 19, 2026

(Pending formal Board approval at the next Board of Trustees meeting on June 16, 2026)

Trustees Present: Joe Hearon, President; Lou Ann Breaks, Vice President; Jacki Scampato, Treasurer; Jon Michalski, Secretary; Trustees: Sam Agin, Jim Farley, Ed Oxenham

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Joe Hearon called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

The meeting agenda is posted on the Clubhouse bulletin board and on the Whiting Station website. There were no questions from members in attendance regarding the current agenda.

Joe welcomed those in attendance, reminding folks that these meetings are for everyone in the community, encouraging all residents to take part in what we see as a growing interest in what is happening in Whiting Station, and becoming connected with others in a thriving community environment.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

All Trustees previously reviewed the draft minutes for the April 21 meeting. There being no further discussion, Sam filed a motion to approve the April 21 meeting minutes; Jacki seconded; all 6 voting Trustees present unanimously approved.

Trustees Reports

Treasury: Jacki Scampato

As of the end of April, our budget remains on track with what the community approved last October. However, we are seeing rising costs for many goods and services. We planned for a 20% increase in gas, electricity, and water costs, but this year, the actual increases are closer to 35%. Some of our contractors include a fuel price cap of \$3.99 per gallon, with additional increases at \$4.25 and \$4.50 per gallon, etc. The average price for regular gas in NJ is approximately \$4.51 per gallon. Diesel currently averages over \$5.58. Since prices have surpassed this, we are now paying additional surcharges on gasoline and diesel. Even with contracts in place through 2027, higher costs are already affecting our budget.

All financial updates are published in the Whiting Station *Express* and posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

As of today, we have 8 home sales closed and 1 closing next week; 9 homes are currently listed for sale. As a reminder, all homes requesting a realtor 'open house' must be approved in advance by the office. Please contact Laura in the HOA Office during normal business hours.

Five homes are behind on HOA dues, totaling \$3,500. We sent 8 notices, altering them to late fee fines.

Each Trustee has a 2026 budget, and we are starting to plan for 2027. As our community ages, we need to prepare for bigger projects in the future.

Clubhouse & Pool: Sam Agin

The HOA office move has been completed; Laura is very happy. Additional lighting was added along the ramp from the parking lot to the front door. Bluetooth capability has been added to the Ballroom sound system, so music can be played from any Bluetooth device. Connection instructions are on the table by the audio system.

The pool is ready to open this Saturday.

The contractor completing the power-washing of the pool area last Saturday did an excellent job at a very reasonable

price; Sam would recommend him to residents. Thanks to **Russ Martyniak**, the shade canopy frame has been repainted with a rust inhibiting paint and it looks great. The canopy and lights will be installed tomorrow morning.

Pool hours are tentatively 10 AM to 8 PM; depending on demand, the pool may be open later in the evening on weekends.

Architectural & Common Grounds and Lawncare:

Ed Oxenham

We have recently received quite a few **Architectural Modification Applications** and have been processing them quickly, within a day or two of receipt. Joe reminded folks that if they're unsure about whether the work needs to be HOA approved, they should always complete and submit an application form, rather than risk having to un-do or re-do non-approved work.

Lawncare: no issues so far with the first three mowing services.

Covenants: Jon Michalski

When we talk about 'Covenants', what do we mean? Since it is possible that some residents may not be familiar with the term or its use, we will review and provide context. Covenants centers around our *HOA Governing Documents*, which consist of three separate documents: Bylaws, Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions, and Rules and Regulations. They not only define the community's governing structure, but also define homeowner rights and responsibilities. The Covenants Committee serves to monitor and help reinforce compliance with established homeowner responsibilities when resident violations are observed. The process flow is as follows:

1. Violation Reported – the Covenants Committee observes or receives a resident report via email with details of a potential violation which is then logged on a tracking spreadsheet (NOTE: no details, process updates, or determinations will be communicated to the original inquirer)
2. Verification – a Covenants Committee member is assigned to verify whether it is a violation.
3. Notify Homeowner – if verified, the Covenants Committee prepares and sends the homeowner a 'Friendly Reminder' outlining the observed violation and requesting homeowner action with a defined suspense time limit.
4. Follow-Up Verification – The Covenants Committee verifies whether violation has been corrected within the suspense. If not corrected, forward matter to Board of Trustees.
5. Board of Trustees Action –
 - a. issues a Violation Notice Letter stating the violation remains uncorrected with intent to impose specified daily monetary fines, and
 - b. provides option for ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) hearing.
6. Homeowner Response Options –
 - a. Corrects violation > matter concluded
 - b. Does not correct violation > daily fines begin
 - c. Request ADR Committee hearing > Committee makes recommendation to Trustees

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7. Final Outcomes –

- a. Violation is corrected > matter concluded
- b. Violation is not corrected > fines continue
- c. If unresolved after escalation > legal action may be taken

All process actions are kept updated on the tracking spreadsheet.

The Covenants Committee is currently reconstituting under new leadership.

Some current reminders:

- Exterior maintenance requirements are coming into the spotlight. For a couple of months, we have been encouraging homeowners to inspect their home's exterior for visible mold and algae stains on the siding, trim, porches, patios, decks, walkways, and roofs (besides being unsightly, heavy roof stains and growth accumulation can actually cause damage to the roofing material and diminish roofing lifespan over time if left untreated). We appreciate homeowners taking responsibility to complete this required maintenance through the balance of May and June. Thereafter, the Covenants Committee will send notices of specific violations so, again, please don't wait until that becomes necessary. Our HOA office has contact information for contractors who perform these services, if needed.
- Weeds in flower and shrub beds are another item of growing concern [pun intended] as climate conditions are favorable for all kinds of weeds to emerge and grow into unsightly landscape. We encourage homeowners to look critically at the beds around their property and mitigate any weeds observed. Thank you.

Residents should always direct compliance inquiries via email to covenants@whitingstationhoa.com [and not to the Trustees or the HOA office].

Irrigation: Jim Farley

The irrigation system has been running for a month. Some problems that have arisen have been promptly addressed. If residents observe excessive spray on streets or driveways—or any other needed adjustments—they should not hesitate to fill out and submit an **Irrigation Work Order** so adjustments can be made within a day or two. Although there is an ongoing issue with Well Pump 6 and it is not operating at maximum efficiency, we are continuing to collaborate with contractors to resolve it permanently.

Bus Operations & HOA Updates: Lou Ann Breaks

Bus oil change maintenance service was completed on Wednesday, April 29. Beginning the week of June 15, our bus driver, Lori, will be off on Wednesdays.

Upcoming bus trips in June include:

- 18th – Williamstown Amish Market
- 19th – Blue Claws baseball game (\$19 per person sign-up by 6/12)
- 23rd – River Lady lunch cruise (\$63 per person, sign-up by 6/9)
- 30th – Surflight Theatre – *Guys and Dolls* ((\$66.95 per person, sign-up by 6/16)

Please make all checks payable to 'Whiting Station HOA' and place them in an envelope with the name of the trip and put them in the **All Events** box in the Clubhouse Activities

room at the time of signup. Also, include a full name and phone number (one name per line) on the signup sheets located on the bulletin boards.

Old Business: Joe Hearon

As reported, the HOA office relocation was completed, adding much-needed space and improving efficiency. With the move, we were able to install a new tool which allows office video and audio communication with visitors at the Main Entrance Door and to remotely unlock it for access. The Conference Room was moved to the former office space. Anyone continuing to drop off checks to the HOA should only use the drop box outside the main entrance and NOT use the slot in the hallway.

New Business: Joe Hearon

Joe announced that the Trustees have discussed and will approve residents' display of patriotic garage door decorations in honor of the United States 250th Anniversary for the month of July only. No political or social messages of any kind will be permitted.

The Trustees have been discussing the option of allowing garbage can enclosures. Our *Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions* (DCR) states that garbage cans may not be visible from the street or neighboring homes. Our *Rules and Regulations* (R&R) further states that all such receptacles be stored inside residents' garages on non-collection days. Since any DCR changes require a 2/3 majority affirmative homeowner vote (with related significant cost impacts) to pass, current consideration will only be given to crafting narrow guidelines amending the R&R to allow enclosures that completely obscure containers from view. There are many factors involved so community feedback will be appreciated to help shape the direction of any action on this subject. A suggestion in response is to form a committee of residents to evaluate and develop community standards for such a proposal. **Regina Desvernine** volunteered to lead the committee. [EDITOR NOTE: See page 11 for Committee Report.]

Adjourn:

With no further questions or comments, Sam moved to adjourn the meeting; Lou Ann seconded; all 6 present voting Trustees unanimously approved. The motion was carried and meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Jon Michalski, Secretary



WHITING STATION HOA MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT - SUMMARY

ASSETS	Report Through:	May	2026	Report Date:	6/9/2026
GL#		APY	Mat.	Location	Acct. #
CASH ACCOUNTS		***	***	OFFICE/TD BANK	***
RC ACCOUNTS		***	***	TD Bank	2415
INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS					
1225	DISCRETIONARY FUND - MMK.	0.20%	***	TD Bank	6598
2000	DEFERRED MAINT. FUND - MMK.	0.01%	***	Merrill Lynch	2214
2020	DEFERRED MAINT. SNOW - Savings	0.05%	***	TD Bank	0791
2025/2200	DEPRECIATION FUND	0.72%		Merrill Lynch	2211
2300/2325	REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND	2.33%	***	Merrill Lynch	2182
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS		***	***		
EQUIPMENT DEPRECIATION					
3250	Vehicles (Cost)	***	***		
3300	Equipment (Cost)	***	***		
3350	Vehicle Accumulated Deprec.	***	***		
3400	Equipmt. Accumulated Deprec.	***	***		
Total Assets:					
CASH Availability:					
Liabilities included in above: Prepaid Maintenance Fees:					
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<i>Jaqueline Scampato</i>		Submitted - Board Approved:		6/9/2026	Jacki Scampato



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JULY 2026

As we welcome the month of July, we find ourselves in the heart of summer—a season filled with sunshine, family gatherings, outdoor activities, and opportunities to enjoy everything that makes Whiting Station such a wonderful place to call home. From neighbors meeting poolside to friends gathering at community events, our neighborhood continues to showcase the spirit of friendship and community that makes it truly special.

This year, July holds even greater significance as our nation celebrates its 250th Anniversary. For two and a half centuries, the United States has stood as a symbol of freedom, opportunity, resilience, and community. As we commemorate this historic milestone, it is a wonderful time to reflect on the values that unite us—not only as Americans, but as neighbors. The strength of our country has always been rooted in the strength of its communities, and Whiting Station is a shining example of what can be accomplished when people come together with a shared sense of pride and purpose.

Throughout the summer, our pool and recreation facilities continue to provide residents with opportunities to relax, socialize, and create lasting memories with family and friends. It is always rewarding to see our community spaces being enjoyed by residents of all ages. Whether you're attending a community event, enjoying a walk through the neighborhood, or simply sharing a conversation with a neighbor, these everyday moments help strengthen the bonds that make Whiting Station such an exceptional place to live.

As we celebrate our nation's birthday and this historic 250-year milestone, I encourage everyone to take pride not only in our country but also in our community. The care that residents show for their homes, properties, and common areas helps preserve the beauty and value of Whiting Station for

all who live here. Thank you for your continued efforts in maintaining your properties, following community guidelines, and contributing to the welcoming atmosphere we all enjoy.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank our volunteers, committee members, club leaders, and residents whose dedication and participation help make our community vibrant and successful. Your involvement continues to be the driving force behind many of the activities and improvements that enhance our quality of life.

As you gather with family and friends on this Independence Day, please take a moment to appreciate the freedoms we enjoy, the history we share, and the community we have built together.

We wish everyone a safe, happy, and memorable Fourth of July and look forward to seeing you throughout the summer season.

Happy Independence Day and Happy 250th Birthday, America!

Warm regards,
Joe Hearon



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The **Whiting Station Express Circulation** team is looking for volunteers to distribute the newsletter. This is a **once a month**, fun activity for anyone who enjoys walking the community.

If you are interested or would like more information, contact **Eileen Grahn** at egrhn314@gmail.com.

The **Whiting Station Express Staff** is looking for volunteers to assist in:

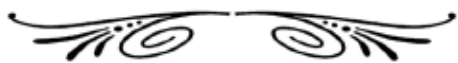
- Writing (as assigned) content relevant or pertinent to the over-55 community
- Supporting our primary interview writer
- Attending Residents Club events, Whiting Station bus trips, and HOA / BOT events and taking pictures; sending photos to the *Express* email address (see below)



Requirements include attending the monthly staff meeting to select the next issue's cover photo, to discuss the future issue content, and to assist in the editing of the monthly proof copy. Being computer and/or graphic literate (semi is good, too) is a bonus.

If you are interested or would like more information, email theexpress@whitingstationhoa.com.

Whiting Station EXPRESS



THANKS

Thank you to the Residents Club for sponsoring the recent *NJ Property Tax Help* (PAS-1 form) sessions by **Ocean County Senior Services**. Special thanks to **Mary Ellen Soprano** for scheduling this most helpful service.

Sincerely

Desi & Regina Desvernine



HEAD'S UP – BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION COMING

Whiting Station will be holding its annual election

for the open trustee positions soon. This year, there are 4 openings available.

Please consider submitting your name for consideration. The August issue of the *Express* will include two articles: one detailing the election process and one explaining the trustee responsibilities. It will also publish the Candidate Form, which must be completed and submitted by August 15.

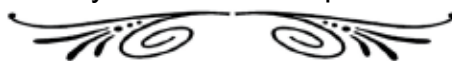
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Election Committee Chair



ABOUT THE WEBSITE

The Whiting Station Web Page is evolving into a one stop place for information about services, amenities, and functions in our community. There is an online contact form that you can use to raise questions and concerns. Your comments will be transmitted directly to the Board of Trustees. There are tabs with drop-down menus for topics and areas of interest: History; Homeowners Association; Real Estate Professionals; Lifestyle and Amenities; Residents Club; Events; Photo Gallery. The Contact Us tab lists the email addresses to the Trustees' area of responsibility. Please take a moment to visit the web page: <https://whitingstationcommunity.org/> Let us know what you think of our updated website.



MAHJONG LESSONS

The Residents Club is offering mahjong lessons to the community. There is a signup sheet on the table in the back of the Ballroom at the Clubhouse. If interested, add your name and phone number to the signup sheet. Once, there is a sufficient number of players, they will be notified of the date and time of the lessons.

Lawn Maintenance Schedule 2026 Whiting Station

Cutting (21 Cuts)	Fertilizing	Edging	Curbline Weeds
July 3, 10, 17, 31		July	July
August 7, 14, 28		August	August
September 4, 11, 25		September	September
October 9, 16, 30	Fall Fertilizer & Weed Control	October	October
November 13, 20, 27 Bed Blow Out	Lime	November	
December 4 Bed Blowout			

****All dates tentative and subject to change.****

THE RESIDENTS CLUB

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NOTICE: PROPOSED CHANGE OF HOA RULES

Report by the Committee to Study Outside Trash Bin Storage Containment

The Board of Trustees is currently considering a possible rule change that would allow residents to store trash containers outside garages within approved enclosures, rather than continuing the long-standing rule of storing containers inside garages.

At this time, no decision has been made. The purpose of this report is to provide residents with factual information regarding the potential advantages and disadvantages that have been identified during committee discussions and review.

Potential Advantages

- Increase garage space for vehicle parking and household storage
- Reduction of odors, spills, insects, and moisture associated with storing trash containers inside garages
- Convenience for some residents who prefer outdoor storage access

Potential Disadvantages

- Outdoor enclosures may create visual clutter and alter the open appearance and clean sightlines currently present throughout the community
- Enclosures may deteriorate over time, including fading, leaning, damage, or poor maintenance, potentially affecting neighborhood appearance
- Additional HOA enforcement may be required regarding enclosure size, placement, appearance, cleanliness, and ongoing compliance
- Visible trash storage areas, even when enclosed, may negatively impact curb appeal and the appearance expected in a deed-restricted community
- Many homes do not currently have walkways leading to potential enclosure areas. This may result in nonconforming paths or walkways being created. During snow or ice events, moving containers across lawns or uneven surfaces may also create potential slip and fall hazards.
- Outdoor trash storage may attract rodents, raccoons, insects, and other animals if containers are not securely maintained.

Health concerns associated with rodent or insect infestation, including diseases such as Hantavirus and Leptospirosis, were also identified during the review.

- Some residents may view outdoor trash storage as a change to long-standing community standards and visual uniformity

Community Considerations

The issue involves balancing resident convenience with preservation of community appearance, maintenance standards, and property appeal. Communities that permit outdoor trash storage often require strict design standards, approved materials, placement restrictions, and ongoing maintenance requirements to minimize visual impact.

Residents are encouraged to review the information carefully as the Board of Trustees continues to evaluate the matter.

Questions? Plan to attend the HOA Forum on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 7 PM

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WHITING STATION BUS SCHEDULE



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July 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
UPCOMING TRIPS 8/1 Monmouth Race Track 8/4 Delicious Orchards 8/6 AC / Resorts 8/11 Shrimp Box			1 PNC ARTS CENTER Signup required by 6/18 LEAVE at 5 PM	2 NO BUS	3 NO BUS	4
5	6 NO BUS	7 LACEY Walmart Shoprite	8 NO BUS	9 RESORTS Signup required by 7/2 \$ LEAVE at 9:30AM from clubhouse	10 LOCAL Stop & Shop KC Marketplace	11
12	13 LACEY Walmart Shoprite	14 'OUT TO LUNCH' CAPTAINS INN Signup required by 7/7 LEAVE at 11:30 AM	15 NO BUS	16 LIVIOTI'S & TRADER JOE'S BRICK Signup required by 7/9	17 LOCAL Stop & Shop KC Marketplace	18
19	20 LACEY Walmart Shoprite	21 HOBBY LOBBY, MARSHALL's, ROSS, GABE's (Lunch) Signup by 7/14	22 NO BUS	23 COLUMBUS FLEA MARKET Signup by 7/16	24 LOCAL Stop & Shop KC Marketplace	25
26	27 LACEY Walmart Shoprite	28 'OUT TO LUNCH' RIVER ROCK Signup required by 7/21 LEAVE at 11:30 AM	29 NO BUS	30 TUCKERTON WALMART (Lunch at Stewarts) Signup by 7/23	31 LOCAL Stop & Shop KC Marketplace	

For more information on any trip or to suggest a trip, contact Joan Forgione at 201-207-6255. Signup sheets (one name and phone number per line) are in the bulletin board at the Clubhouse. Some trips may require more information.

WHITING STATION ACTIVITIES



July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
TENTATIVE POOL HOURS: 10 AM – 8 PM (Residents <u>must</u> accompany guests) Contact LuAnn Class for Pickle Ball information. Contact Marilyn Ribera for Crafting Club information. Contact Bob Collucci for Bocce Ball team information.			1 HOA FEE DUE 6:30 PM Cards	2 10:30 AM Water Aerobics 6:30 PM Mahjong 6:30 PM Cards TRASH	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4  Independence Day **  ** 10 AM Pickleball
5  HAPPY 250TH BBQ 1 – 4 PM	6 11 AM Senior Fitness 6 PM Bocce Ball 6:30 PM Mexican Train TRASH	7 10 AM Pickleball	8 6:30 PM Cards	9 10:30 AM Water Aerobics 6:30 PM Mahjong 6:30 PM Cards TRASH	10 OFFICE CLOSED RECYCLE	11 10 AM Pickleball
12	13 11 AM Senior Fitness 6 PM Bocce Ball 6:30 PM Mexican Train TRASH	14 10 AM Pickleball 6:30 PM Crafting Club	15 6:30 PM Cards	16 10:30 AM Water Aerobics 6:30 PM Mahjong 6:30 PM Cards TRASH	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 10 AM Pickleball
19	20 11 AM Senior Fitness 6 PM Bocce Ball 6:30 PM Mexican Train TRASH	21 10 AM Pickleball 6:15 PM Open RC Meeting 7 PM BOT MEETING (Ballroom)	22 6:30 PM Cards	23 10:30 AM Water Aerobics 6:30 PM Mahjong 6:30 PM Cards TRASH	24 OFFICE CLOSED RECYCLE	25 10 AM Pickleball
26	27 11 AM Senior Fitness 6 PM Bocce Ball 6:30 PM Mexican Train TRASH	28 10 AM Pickleball 6:30 PM Crafting Club	29 6:30 PM Cards	30 10:30 AM Water Aerobics 6:30 PM Mahjong 6:30 PM Cards TRASH	31 OFFICE CLOSED	NOTE: Pool open late Fridays and Saturdays: 10 AM to 9 PM



**  ** indicates that the six Armed Forces flags will fly this day in front of the Clubhouse along with the American Flag.

Please send updates or changes about any current activity or information on new activities to 323express@gmail.com.

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GAIL and KEN McCONNELL – ENERGETIC VOLUNTEERS



Gail and Ken McConnell have been volunteering to help our community almost since day one when they moved here in 2021. Relocating from Dover, NJ in Morris County, they both started helping the Residents Club with projects and events as soon as they settled in.

Gail, current *Assistant Vice President* of the Residents Club, works with the other RC officers on all activities throughout the year: planning, hosting, cooking, entertaining, and much more. Ken also brings his talents to the activities with sign-making and his custom designed T-shirts. “We both love this community,” says Gail, “and by working with others, we treasure the friends that we have made here.”

The hard-working couple met in high school, got jobs, then eventually went to college to further their careers. Each obtained Education degrees from *William Paterson University*. Prior to teaching for 26 years, Ken was a Journeyman Printer. He went on to become a Printing Technology Teacher at *Dover High School*. “I absolutely loved teaching those kids,” Ken emphasizes, “They were mostly from working class, many of them immigrants, who were very eager to learn.”

Meanwhile, Gail, who had started young working at **Shop Rite/Pathmark** while attending college, advanced to administrative positions and stayed with the corporation for 30 years, all while raising her family. “I did like my job, and believe it or not, the pay was better than a teacher’s salary!” Gail laughs. “After my ‘retirement’, for 10 years, I fulfilled my desire to teach by becoming a substitute Teacher for the Dover School district, and then a permanent substitute for Denville schools.”

Family Centered

The McConnells have two grown kids; Danielle, a teacher in Princeton; Kenny, a Corporal with the *Hanahan Police Department* in South Carolina.

Danielle and husband Joe are parents to Joey, 14, Michael 12, and Ashley, 10. “Our lives revolve around our grandkids. They live not far away in Hamilton, NJ, and we spend much time visiting with them, babysitting, and cheering them on in their many, many activities, including baseball, basketball, football, lacrosse, dance competitions, and performances,” Gail proudly offers. Ken adds, “During the pandemic, they were so young, and we all missed each other so much. So, we figured out a way to connect (besides FaceTime). I made decals for our car with messages: *Hello Kids, Happy Birthday, Happy Easter*, etc. We drove by their home back and forth, all waving to each other, and keeping up with family love!” Adds Gail, “If we are not in Whiting Station, you can usually find us with our grandkids.”



Ken uses his graphic talents to make decals, t-shirts, signs, and more for family and friends. He has a state-of-the-art vinyl printer and happily uses his hobby to help the Residents Club. Ken also is an antique auto fan and treasures a vintage Camaro that he keeps in his garage.

The multi-talented Gail works on all the Residents Club activities, and originated **Trivia Night**, a most popular event. Not only does she diligently research and write up all the trivia questions, but she conducts and hosts the evening program.

The McConnells will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary in September and profess to be very happy with life in Whiting Station. “I do have to say that I, personally, was reluctant to move away from the home that we had lived in for 42 years,” Gail admits, “but as soon as we set foot in our driveway, our neighbors made us feel immediately welcome! Folks on this finger, particularly, have always been so friendly. We love this small, beautiful community and, by participating in the many activities, we got to know so many wonderful people here. Life is good!” Gail concludes.

Thank you, Gail and Ken for all that you do for our community.

Everyone Has a Story is a regular *Express* feature. Do you have a story to tell or know of a resident to feature? Contact **Regina Desvernine** at 908-489-2251 or at desregbyram@gmail.com.



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EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

POOL OPENING – MAY 23



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BUS TRIP TO DOCKSIDE – MAY 12



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BUS TRIP TO PEDDLER'S VILLAGE – MAY 19



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BUS TRIP TO POINT PLEASANT AQUARIUM – MAY 20



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BUS TRIP TO SHRIMP BOX – MAY 27



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BUS TRIP TO CAPE MAY – JUNE 2



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BUS TRIP TO KUBEL'S – JUNE 9



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CONTOURS

by John L. Yelavich

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WHITING STATION BOOK LIBRARY NEWS

by the Residents Club Library Committee

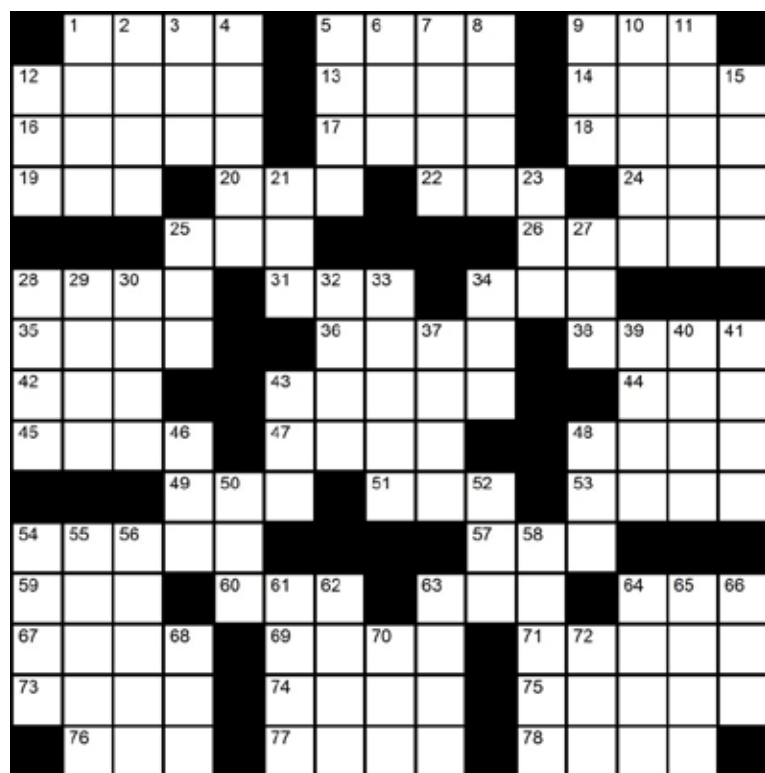
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OUT OF TIME*	HANNON, IRENE
IT COULD BE HER	JEWELL, LISA
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THE ONE DAY YOU WERE MY HUSBAND* ..	WALSH, ROSIE
DEEP WATER.....	WOODS, STUART

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Flexible, electrically
- 5 Crossed ds
- 9 “--- ! What fray was here?”: Romeo
- 12 “You’ve got ---!”
- 13 Irish farewell
- 14 Checker, perhaps
- 16 --- Nova
- 17 Distress signal
- 18 Parasitic arachnid
- 19 Impost on asset values
- 20 Seven, old style
- 22 Volcanic type buried Pompeii
- 24 Born female
- 25 Convert, with “over”
- 26 Carols
- 28 Russian peninsula
- 31 Mozart’s “L--- del Cairo”
- 34 Frequency measure (Abbr.)
- 35 Expressed surprise
- 36 Pitcher --- Hershiser
- 38 Observe
- 42 Not a frequent typo
- 43 Former Portuguese province on the south coast of China
- 44 Code-cracking org.
- 45 Van man who lost his ear
- 47 Repositories for undeliverable mail
- 48 Dead center?
- 49 Like collegiate dicts.
- 51 Undertake, with “out”
- 53 Kind of market
- 54 Habsburg alphabetic device
- 57 Kind of dance mus.

- 59 Ant.’s ant. (Abbr.)
- 60 Accounting major’s deg.
- 63 Be seeing you, on the web
- 64 Big bell in London
- 67 Heavy, durable furniture wood
- 69 Machu Picchu builder
- 71 Speed Racer actor --- Hirsch
- 73 Actress --- Lenska
- 74 Clout
- 75 Spokes
- 76 Polite email wd.
- 77 Catalina, e.g.
- 78 “Frozen” reindeer

DOWN

- 1 “I wouldn’t send --- out in this.”
- 2 --- la guerre
- 3 “--- Boot” (1981 war film)
- 4 Corns
- 5 “La Bamba” actor --- Morales
- 6 Fond treatment (Abbr.)
- 7 Invisible ditch
- 8 Super Mario World console: Abbr.
- 9 Beyond reasonable limits
- 10 Prohibitory law
- 11 Shine
- 12 Simplicity simile
- 15 Big --- (self-important men, in Southern slang)
- 21 Queen of Thebes
- 23 Hydrogen isocyanide formula
- 25 Large amount of money
- 27 City near Tashkent
- 28 King ---
- 29 “--- Be Back With You”: Steve Forbert song
- 30 Carroll of “Spellbound”
- 32 Black diamond
- 33 Bows for strings
- 34 The Dutch Royal Air Force
- 37 “--- on Down the Road”
- 39 Chem. finisher
- 40 Salinger dedicatee
- 41 Yaba --- doo
- 43 Evidence of bugs fighting back? (Abbr.)
- 46 Vietnamese coin
- 48 Airspace control order (Abbr.)
- 50 Address to a fella
- 52 Examine a case
- 54 Carl Sagan’s subj.
- 55 Ogle
- 56 As a whole
- 58 Mets and Marlins, e.g. (Abbr.)
- 61 Israel’s Netanyahu, familiarly
- 62 French cordial flavoring
- 63 --- noir
- 64 Tarry
- 65 Tiger Woods’s ex
- 66 “In the,” in Italy
- 68 Egyptian spirits
- 70 B C Lions’ org.
- 72 Dallas basketball player, for short

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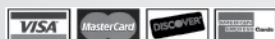
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