



# The Holiday Villager

## February 2021



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Gail Moyer



2020 will be remembered for its social unrest, political conflict, and a pandemic, all of which significantly impacted our lives. Weddings were rescheduled, schools went virtual, and our contact with one another was limited to six feet of social distance. It certainly was a challenging year, but I believe there were some positive aspects too. Communities worked together to support their residents in different ways. We learned of volunteers who ran errands for older residents. We saw birthday parades replace the more traditional in-person party. Health care workers received additional support from communities as they worked tirelessly to help those in need. We saw kindness and compassion on many different fronts as we all faced the turmoil.

I know there were complaints about the snow removal or lack of removal in December. Yes, there were the 5.4 inches of snow, but the township declined to clear our streets due to the rain washing down the snow or other reasons unknown. The Board voted to clear the snow against the recommendation of the contractor. As a result, there was a delay in the clearing of mainly ice...which by the way needed salt as it was nearly impossible to remove the underlying ice...making for a more hazardous condition. We don't use salt anymore. Throw in Covid and immigration issues and voila, unhappy residents. We did our best under the circumstances and our hands were tied by the contractor. We were at their mercy. We as a Board will be meeting with Brightview to discuss this and future expectations for snow clearing and also complaints about lawn cutting.

I hope most of the residents saw the lit menorah in the clubhouse window during Hanukkah. The decorated tree on the clubhouse lawn was a new addition this year to add to the holiday festivities. Kerri and Jean did the decorating aided by Joan Fingerman.

A reminder that the Board of Trustees meets by teleconference according to the schedule below.

You can listen in using the following phone number - 1-701-802-5028 - ID 6156135#

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS FOR 2021

All BOT meetings start at 4 pm and work session is at 3 pm.

Any meeting can be cancelled or changed with 1 week notice to residents.

**Annual Meeting, November 16 at 7 p.m.**

**General Meetings: February 16, May 18, September 21 at 7:30 p.m.**

### Regular Business Meetings

January 26	April 13, 27	July 13, 27	October 12, 26
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# A Love Collage ♥ ♥ ♥

<p>Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. . . ~ Song of Solomon 8:7</p>	<div data-bbox="1192 275 1385 575" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt. ~ Charles M. Schulz</p>	
<p><i>You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because the reality is finally better than your dreams.</i> ~ Dr. Seuss</p>	<p>Folks, I'm telling you, birthing is hard and dying is mean - so get yourself a little loving in between.  ~ Langston Hughes</p>	
<p><i>Love</i> recognizes no barriers. ~ Maya Angelou</p>	<p><i>If you can't be with the one you love, honey, love the one you're with.</i> ~ Stephen Stills</p>	
<p>I honestly think it is better to be a failure at something you love than to be a success at something you hate.  ~ George Burns</p>	<div data-bbox="597 827 1024 1100" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>~ The Beatles</p>	<p><i>The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved; loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves.</i>  ~ Victor Hugo</p>
<p><i>If I had a flower for every time I thought of you, I could walk in my garden forever.</i> ~ Alfred Lord Tennyson</p> <hr/> <p>Money can buy you a fine dog. But only love can make him wag his tail. ~ Kinky Friedman</p>	<p><i>The magic of first love is our ignorance that it can never end.</i> ~ Benjamin Disraeli</p> <hr/> <p>You can't blame gravity for falling in love. ~ Albert Einstein</p>	<div data-bbox="1198 1188 1390 1318" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>To keep your marriage brimming, with love in the wedding cup, whenever you're wrong, admit it; whenever you're right, shut up.  ~ Ogden Nash</p>
<p>I have decided to stick to love; hate is too great a burden to bear. ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.</p>	<p>He that falls in love with himself shall have no rivals. ~ B. Franklin</p>	

*Love is like quicksilver in the hand. Leave the fingers open and it stays. Clutch it, and it darts away.* ~ Dorothy Parker

By Susan Powell



## HVCSA MANAGEMENT CORNER

### REMINDERS REMINDERS

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- KEEP THE OFFICE UPDATED -Please keep your phone numbers and email addresses up to date with the office.
- The snow contractor does not remove ICE so please keep some de-icing product handy.
- If you are still using a coupon to make your monthly association payment, please give yourself at least 10 days for mail delivery & posting.
- Association dues are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. If no payment is received by the 15<sup>th</sup> a late fee is applied on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, Associa charges your account a delinquency processing fee of \$5.25. These fees are charged to the Association and will not be waived.
- ARE YOU SELLING YOUR HOME? – If you are selling your home, please have your real estate agent contact [Kerri.perez@associa.us](mailto:Kerri.perez@associa.us) or call the office.
- If contractors will be working on your property, please be aware of the Mount Laurel noise ordinance - No contractor should be performing work weekdays before 7 or after 6 pm & weekends before 9 or after 6.

### THANKS TO HOLIDAY VILLAGE from SOLES4SOULS

Happy New Year! I hope this note finds you and your families well, especially after a long and intense 2020.

This has been a difficult year filled with many challenges, but I am still in awe over how your community have continued to support Soles4Souls. Thanks to you Soles4Souls New Jersey & Philadelphia collected over 120,000 pairs of shoes in 2020.

The shoes you collected were be repurposed through our **micro-enterprise program**, which teaches people in developing nations how to start their own small business selling gently used shoes and clothing. It's a simple model—but it's a powerful and sustainable way for people to lift themselves and their families out of poverty.

In countries like Haiti and Honduras, **the 504 pairs of shoes you collected can provide food, shelter and education for a family for 9 months.**

Plus, you've helped keep 630 pounds of textiles out of our landfills. You saved approximately 15,120 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions released when new shoes are manufactured.

Most people long to be part of something bigger than themselves—to know they're making a real impact on someone's life and helping to make the world a better place. **By hosting a shoe drive this past year, you have done exactly that.**

**We couldn't do this work without you.** Thank you so much.

**Lizzy Swiderski**, Soles4Souls Director of Operations – New Jersey & Philadelphia



**Close your eyes baby, follow my heart. Call on the memories here in the dark  
We'll let the magic take us away. Back to the feeling we shared when they play...**

**In the Still of the Night. Since I Don't Have You. You Belong to Me.**

Those classic Do wop songs by **The Five Satins, The Skyliners and The Duprees** have stood the test of time over the decades since kids in the fifties were slow dancing with their best girl or guy at the local teen dances.

Who doesn't want to get lost in the fifties? It was a time of great movies TV shows and amazing music. Cool cars, cool haircuts, cool music, wailing saxophones, dancing on Bandstand

**Jerry Lee, Little Richard, Elvis, Fats, Chuck Berry and Buddy Holley. Marilyn Monroe, James Dean and Marlon Brando. Liz and Eddie, Marilyn and Joe, Martin and Lewis, Abbott and Costello.**

TV Dinners, Viceroy cigarettes, hula hoops, S&H Green Stamps, Woolworths, transistor radios, 45 rpms, Archie comics, Hot Shoppes, Ovaltine, Good Humor Man. Drive-In Movies, Plastic inserts to put in your 45s to play on a spindle record player.



**Fifties slang: Daddy-o, Made in the shade. Cruisin' for a Bruisin', Knuckle Sandwich.**

On the political scene, Republican war hero **Dwight Eisenhower** earned an easy victory in the 1952 Presidential race over Democrat **Adlai Stevenson**. I remember seeing people wearing **I Like Ike** buttons during the campaign. The 1956 election saw the same two opponents and the same results. In 1960, **Senator John F. Kennedy** was elected President in a close contest over Ike's Vice President **Richard Nixon**.

TV had variety shows with Uncle Milty **Milton Berle**, also nicknamed **Mr. Television** and the **Thief of Bad Gags. Arthur Godfrey Time:** I remember watching him while he strummed his ukelele and greeted viewers saying **Hawaya, Hawaya. The Steve Allen Show** had great comedy sketches with **Don Knotts, Howard Morris and Louie Nye.**



**Toast of the Town** with **Ed Sullivan** was a weekly variety show showcasing some of the hottest entertainers of the time. **Elvis Presley** did the show while only shown from the waist up. **The Beatles'** first appearance on US television was broadcast on the show. **Your Show of Shows** with **Sid Caesar and Imogene Coca.**



Classic sitcoms of the era: **Amos and Andy, The Honeymooners, I Love Lucy, Make Room for Daddy with Danny Thomas, Leave it to Beaver.** Westerns were big at that time. **Gunsmoke** with **James Arness** as **Matt Dillon, Cheyenne with Clint Walker, Have Gun will Travel** starring **Richard Boone. Maverick, The Adventures of Wyatt Earp,** and **The Rifleman** were some of the favorites. In **The Adventures of Superman, George Reeves** played the title character. One thing I always wondered - when bad guys were shooting at him, he just stood and let the bullets hit him, then when they threw the empty gun at him, he ducked.

For animal lovers there was **Lassie** and the **The Adventures of Rin Tin Tin.**



A little-known fact.... in Miss Kitty's Long Branch Saloon on **Gunsmoke**, the actor who played the bartender, Glenn Strange, also played Frankenstein in three Universal films. I don't think he needed much make up except for the bolts.

I'm glad to have been alive at that time. It was a wonderful time to be growing up. All you had to do was be a kid and experience all the wonders of learning what the world had to offer.





There will not be any COVID-19 vaccines given in our community. CVS is not responsible for setting up appointments. You can get on the website: [Covid19nj.gov/vaccines](https://www.covid19nj.gov/vaccines). There you can pre-register for a vaccine. When the shot is available for you an email will be sent out to you.

Gil then launched senior reporter Lou Antosh on the problem. He found more details. His report is on this page. In the meantime, if you have any questions call 211. Listen to the prompts & be patient. They are very helpful. All I can say is hang in there and let's all hope for the best. Stay safe!!



**HV EXPRESS TRIP COMMITTEE**

*by Phyllis Fleming*

Editor: I gave Phyllis the month off. She promises better news in the future.

**COVID BUZZ QUESTION:**

**DID YOU GET A DATE YET?**

**COVID VACCINATION NEWS AS OF JANUARY 19**

*By Lou Antosh*

Once the State of New Jersey announced it would begin vaccinating residents over 65 on January 14, the word spread like wildfire. Earlier reports had said that only folks 75 and older would be allowed to line up for "The Jab," but then the official word put the age at 65 and up. The older set thought: "Oh, man, they're letting the kids in, we'd better make the call."

Almost immediately, my wife and I stumbled into a vaccination site at ShopRite at Union Mill Road. Folks were getting the shot there. But within days ShopRite posted a notice saying the demand had been overwhelming and there would be no further appointments at that time.

But on the very same day, January 14, fate intervened, via a text message from my wife's friend. "I have a new Virtua vaccination number. My appointment is tomorrow at 9:30!! I just called this morning!!"

Astounding. A next day appointment. Feeling lucky, we called the number and it did not work. Others had the same experience. Texted another friend: "The recording has stopped. I think when the system gets overloaded it just dumps you."

Using our "mychart" portal at Cooper health system, we actually got an appointment, for May 11, at a Camden County College site in Blackwood. Unhappy with the wait, we gave up the hunt, until another friend told us to try again going through Virtua online, at [www.virtua.org/vaccine](https://www.virtua.org/vaccine). Filling out the form led us to a list of dates available at the Burlington County vaccine mega site at the Moorestown Mall.

We scored! February 4 appointment at the mall. Tip: Just use the Virtua site above, not a phone number. If you would rather go the Cooper route, you will find vaccination information at [www.cooperhealth.org](https://www.cooperhealth.org).

The vaccination situation was fluid at press time and more vaccination sites may appear, perhaps at pharmacies and elsewhere. If you don't mind traveling, the Camden County Vaccination page is here <https://www.camdencounty.com/vaccineregistration/>

Pre-registering with the state at [www.covidvaccine.nj.gov](https://www.covidvaccine.nj.gov), did not help us, but try if you want.

## LET'S START A NEW FEBRUARY 2ND TRADITION FROM THE GROUND UP IN BURLINGTON COUNTY



by Lou Antosh

A recent survey of 56,889,735 Americans shows that the only thing they fear more than choking to death on a Slim Jim is . . . .

Mice.

Yet, the same survey shows that more than two million of these same Americans annually travel to a small Pennsylvania town (pop. under 6000) to drink alcohol and watch two guys dressed like Abe Lincoln lift up a rodent six times uglier and 260 times the weight of a mouse. The booze persuades the onlookers that the creature with the face of a squirrel and the flabby body of a hairy sumo wrestler sans the privacy sash is, Ahhhh, really CUTE. (Here, friend, hold my cup while I get a photo.)

No, this is not another warm and fuzzy celebration of what happens in Punxsutawney PA on February 2, once called Candlemas but now revered as Groundhog Day, when the rodent called Phil is placed on the ground by town promoters. Phil looks around for a few seconds, then the hats look into his eyes and decide whether there will be six more weeks of winter. The tradition, based on “folklore,” has been going on since 1886 and it has spawned imitation events throughout North America. Whether Phil’s shadow shows or not, the money flows from the 40,000 annual spectators (okay, scrap two million) into town tills. What a con job. I know PR veterans who both tear up and kneel at the town’s name.



One report says Phil is right 40 percent of the time, proving that you can put lipstick on a groundhog, but it is still a groundhog, or Whistle Pig, or Woodchuck or Large Ground Squirrel (its other aliases). And it sure ain’t no Al Roker, even if the hats make it wear blue-rimmed glasses.

I will spare you the details on groundhogs, other than to say they can ruin vegetable gardens, they hibernate in their burrows, and they can be aggressive and sometimes rabid. (The state reports nine cases of rabies in groundhogs in 2019, compared to none in dogs, 21 in cats and 139 in racoons.) If humans suffer major property damage from groundhogs or coyotes, foxes and other such animals, euthanasia is allowed under certain rules, but drowning is not acceptable.



While extermination of groundhogs is uncommon, some folks think the exploitation of at least one groundhog is unacceptable, those folks primarily being the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). The crowds, the noise and lights, the zoo Phil lives in, all these are stressful, said PETA, adding: “This is no kind of life for these animals.”

PETA wants to retire Phil and replace him with a similar-looking robot controlled by Artificial Intelligence (AI). So, pops up here, finally, after many previous sentences have burrowed woodchuckily below any conceivable point, a [proposal for the creative leaders of Burlington County](#).

Let’s produce a 21<sup>st</sup> century Groundhog Day event, held on February 2 at the county fairgrounds and featuring a county-made animatronic in the likeness of Phil, but called Burleen, and programmed to announce in dulcet tones the truest, most-up-date six-week weather forecast powered by AI. PETA talks about it, but let’s do it, Rowan College at Burlington County. Even if you must seek aid from Princeton (ouch) to finish the job, let’s get Burleen made and ready for 2022.

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# Condo President's Memo

by Janice Weiner



**Lamp Post** - The December 24th storm resulted in a pine tree falling outside building #5 which also took out a lamp post nearby. The tree was cut up the next day and has since been removed. PSE&G disconnected the fallen lamp post, removed it, and are in the process of replacing it.

**Thank You Ann!** - Ann Torre, long term HVCA Board Member, is resigning. The Board thanks Ann for her dedicated service, and for all the other things she's done for the greater HV community (i.e., Election Committee, Blanketeers, Bingo caller and more). Unfortunately, there aren't a lot of "Anns" out there, so we especially appreciate how fortunate we were to have her working with us all this time!



**Handbook Coming** - The Board is in the process of reviewing and revising the Rules. These will be renamed "The Handbook" and, once finalized, mailed to condo owners.

**Dead Trees** - The Board is working on bids to fulfill the plan to take down and remove dead trees around the complex.

**Contractor Debris** - If you are having work done, it is your responsibility to advise contractors *not* to put their debris in HV Condo dumpsters. Contractors are to take work debris off-site and dispose of it elsewhere. Be sure to advise your contractor about this.

**Bulk Item Removal Reminder** - call Management and Lisa will arrange for pickup! **856-996-1646**

*Be safe and be well - Janice*

**The CONDO-area trash Dumpsters are there and paid for by the CONDO Association.  
ONLY CONDO residents may use them.**

 **ANOTHER WEEK OF KINDNESS**   
*by Jill McDonald*

For me February brings to mind hearts, flowers, love and kindness. In these stay at home days of masks and social distancing without hugs and kisses life has some new challenges. I have read and believe that life's most persistent and urgent question is "what are you doing for others?" Thus I am proposing another week of kindness (February 8-13) leading up to Valentine's Day.

For a friend, neighbor, family member, or even a stranger perform at least one act of kindness during the week. **AND MOST OF ALL - BE KIND TO YOURSELF.** It will make you more chipper and those around you will notice - maybe take a nap, read a book or article without feeling guilty, make that special cake you love, soak in the tub, or indulge yourself with a movie.

**RITA'S RECIPES                      SEAFOOD MEDLEY—SLOW COOKER**  
*By Rita Sykes* 

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| 1 Lb. Shrimp, peeled and deveined<br>1 Lb. Crabmeat 1 Lb. Bay Scallops<br>2 10-3/4 oz. cans cream of celery soup<br>2 soup cans with milk 2 Tbsp. butter melted<br>1 Tsp. Old Bay Seasoning<br>1/4 -1/2 Tsp salt 1/4 Tsp. pepper | 1. Layer shrimp, crab and scallops in a slow cooker<br>2. Combine soup and milk, pour over seafood<br>3. Mix together butter and spices and pour over top<br>4. Cover. Cook on low 3-4 hours<br>5. Serve over rice or noodles<br><br>Makes 10-12 servings |
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## TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE...

by *Ima Plant, Working Undercover*  
For the Common Grounds Committee



...the “wild side” of Holiday Village, that is.

While COVID-19 precautions continue to restrict our use of the clubhouse and recreation facilities, this is a great time to get to know our eight unique lakes, with their numerous offerings of nature and wildlife.

### The Lakes by the Numbers:

Lake #1 is at Holiday Village Entrance #1, off Union Mill Road. Lake #2 is at HV Entrance #2, right next to the Clubhouse. It wraps around behind the Clubhouse and is visible from the pool area, and the tennis and pickleball courts. Lake #3 is behind the beginning of Bastian Drive, near the gazebo, and is followed to the east by Lake #4 and then Lake #5, which is the only lake with a tiny “dock” extending into the lake. On the other side of the pedestrian bridge that crosses over the North Branch of Pennsauken Creek, you’ll find Lake #6, near HV Entrance #3, followed by #7, and then Lake #8, which is located just inside HV Entrance #4, off Elbo Lane. Our lakes were created by the Holiday Village builder. The soil was scooped out and then used to add height to the ground where the houses were constructed.



Photo by Janice Weiner

### The Lakes by the Seasons:

In **Winter**, when leaves have fallen and the woods along the creek are bare, we are given the opportunity to look behind the scenes – to see the nests vacated by our resident wildlife, and discover the trees and branches that had fallen deep in the woods over the past year. It is the absolute best time, when our views are unobstructed by leaves and vines, to watch the hawks and eagles soar in the air currents and take turns landing high up in the bare treetops along the creek. Winter also puts a spotlight on the emerging holly and evergreen trees along the lakes, the interesting yuccas on Lake #4, and other perennial plants.



Photo by Ima Plant

In **Spring**, when flora and fauna burst forth rapidly, each week can lead to new discoveries. Trees begin to burst with buds and leaves, early blooming flowers spring forth, and the numerous milkweed plants prepare to attract monarch butterflies. The red-winged black birds begin to put on their shows, flitting back and forth overhead, to distract any explorers who might be getting too close to their nests along the lake edges. Our neighborhood blue herons, who can be



Photo by Gil

spotted in our lakes in any season, start building their nests in the treetops along the creek, and of course, the deer venture more boldly out of the woods, along with the rest of wildlife.

**Summer** provides continued opportunities for new perspectives. You might catch a turtle sunning itself on the cement at the edge of Lake #3, and if you look carefully, you might spot just below the surface, the 11 or more extra-large carp swimming lazily in the same lake. Summer is also a great time to spy on a heron or deer cooling off in the tree-lined, shaded, boggy water enclosure between Lakes #4 and #5.

**Fall** is also a great season for exploring, when the weather cools off, and the trees put on their show of brilliant colors. As the leaves begin to fall, nature begins the slowing down process, including the deer, in preparation for Winter. You’ll begin to see birds that were not around in earlier seasons - some hanging out here for the Winter, and some on their way south, just like some of our two-legged neighbors.

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## DATES GONE WRONG

by Susan Powell



*Preface: I'd originally imagined compiling a mix of both good and bad date stories, yet when I began to solicit them from HV men and women, the only ones they shared were bad dates, i.e. dates gone wrong. These memories obviously left lasting impressions, tended to be humorous, and, over time, seem to make for better stories to share with a laugh. To preserve confidentiality, no one is identified by name! Many thanks to the contributors.*

**The Sour Puss** - (from L) L had noticed this woman sometimes at a diner he frequented. She was always alone and never smiled. He figured she was probably shy. He approached and asked if she'd like to go out to dinner with him. She replied, "I guess." L picked her up at her place. She was extremely quiet in the car, so he started asking some basic conversational questions like where she'd grown up, what high school she'd attended, etc. She kept this sour look on her face and didn't answer. L made a sudden decision: he turned right at the next corner, doubled back, pulled up outside her house, and told her, "Get out."



**The Brazen First Date** - (story from J) Some time after J got divorced, a guy she knew and trusted set her up with a friend of his on a blind date. On this first date, his friend came over to her house. They were sitting on the couch just talking, when suddenly he leaned forward, stuck his index finger into the front neckline of her blouse, pulled it towards him, and looked down inside like he was checking out the merchandise. She immediately stood up, pointed, and said "There's the door!" It was an only date.



**The Cheapskate** - (from S) S was surprised when this guy invited her to dinner at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood & Steaks. He'd always struck her as kind of a cheapskate. When they arrived, S quickly learned that the dinner was actually a free meal sponsored by an investment group. Diners had to listen to an hour-plus commercial presentation before dinner. This same guy later gave S a bouquet of dead flowers the day after she had hip replacement surgery. Never again.

**False Advertisement** - (from R) A couple of years after R's divorce, he tried meeting women using some on-line dating sites. After some email give and take, they'd arrange to meet for coffee. This one time, R walked into the Starbucks and scoured the faces in the place, looking for one that matched the photo in a particular woman's profile. Nobody matched up. Suddenly, a table of kids sitting with an elderly woman (who looked nothing like the photo from the online profile page he was looking for) started waving to R and calling out his name. It was her, way older than her photo, and she'd brought her grandkids along to check him out.



**Holy Moly!** - (also from R) Another time, R was ready to meet with a different on-line matchup. He arrived at the woman's house to meet her in person. She came outside with a small bottle and then shook water all over R from each direction. It was a bottle of Holy Water. He never contacted her again either.

**Check Please!** - (from M) A two-time divorcée, M decided to take a chance on meeting someone at a speed dating event. She met a man who seemed interesting. They traded names and contact information and arranged to meet for coffee at Ponzio's. M got there first and waited. He arrived somewhat late, apologized, and said he'd been browsing at a bookstore and found something he thought M would appreciate. He then handed M a shopping bag and avidly watched as she opened it and retrieved a book . . . of suggestions and explicit drawings on how to "pleasure your partner" . . . and that was the end of that.



**Stood-Up!** - (from C) C was living with her parents in Haddonfield. She was a good cook and enjoyed preparing food. She invited this particular guy over for dinner one night. He accepted. Dinnertime came and dinnertime went. He didn't show, he didn't call, he didn't make any contact. About a year later, C ran into him locally . . . she loudly greeted him by name and told him his dinner was in the oven.

## THE DOMAIN OF THE DEAD

by Don Rosser



Five thousand years ago, a pre-historic people worked with primitive tools such as deer antlers to gouge the ground, shoulder bones of cattle to carry earth, and flint to shape wood. What could they ever hope to build? Well, for one thing, the “domain of the dead,” an enduring enigma that we call Stonehenge.



The Stonehenge saga began about 3,500 B.C. on Salisbury Plain in southern England. Pre-Celtic people called Druids built the ditch and earthen wall, 350 feet in diameter, in **Phase One** of Stonehenge's development.. They also dug postholes to erect a circle of 56 tree trunks, holding rotting boles to this day. As ashes and unburned fragments of human bones have been found in the ditch, anthropologists believe that this ring of timber surrounded a cremation burial ground.

Some 500 years later, in **Phase Two**, the Druid groundskeepers made a significant change. The circle of tree trunks was supplanted by two concentric rings of free-standing stones. The slabs – 80 bluestones from Wales – stand over six-feet high and weigh four tons each. How were these massive blocks transported? The prevailing belief is that human beings dragged them, over hill and dale, the 160 miles from the quarry.

**Phase Three** arrived after another half-millennium. Beyond the bluestones, 10 paired sandstone pillars, topped by stone lintels, were planted in horseshoe shape. These pillars, weighing 25 tons each, most still standing, are the Stonehenge we know today. How they were moved from the quarry 20 miles away remains a matter of speculation. One theory is that they arrived by raft on the River Avon, which borders the site. Another is that King Arthur sent Merlin to do the job – by magic. This theory also claims that Uther Pendragon, Arthur's father, is buried at Stonehenge.



But if Arthur actually existed, it was eons after Stonehenge was completed. Construction at Stonehenge halted about 1,600 B.C.; the Arthurian legends come almost 2,000 years later. And, if there is a **Phase Four**, it began in recent times with the arrival of tourism, gift shops, and ice cream stands.

During the Roman occupation of Britannia, the Legion established Vespasian's Camp on high ground on the other side of the Avon. This explains why Roman coins have been found at Stonehenge.

Beyond its burial function, generations of visitors have wondered how and why Stonehenge was built. Astronomers have noted that the view through the eastern entrance exactly matches the mid-summer sunrise and, six months later in the other direction, the mid-winter sunset. So it has a calendar function. Other educated guesses of its purpose include: a Bronze Age planetarium; a pre-historic healing space; or merely a paleolithic burial ground. There's even the suggestion that it was an arena for rock concerts.

The rock music possibility arises from the tonal quality of its bluestones. They come from the Presli Hills in Wales near a town called Maenclochog, meaning "ringing rocks." They're Bluestone Bongos; they clang like bells. Are those indentations evidence that the bluestones were hammered by proto-musicians?

Stonehenge is exceptional, but not unique. Stone rings have been found in other places of Druidic habitation – Brittany, in France, for example. And ancient burial mounds abound in the south of England. But it's mysterious Stonehenge that most challenges science, especially its purpose. As the Druids left no written record, everybody is entitled to an opinion, even those who invoke visitors from outer space.

## NOTHIN' BUT THE TRUTH—CAR 54

By Lee Galese (a guest writer)



Those of you with a few grey hairs will recall the days of black and white TV and a popular series entitled, “Car 54 Where Are You?” Starring Fred Gwynne and Joe Ross. Al Lewis played Officer Leo Schnauser. Gwynne later went on to star in “The Munsters” as Herman, and Lewis played Grandpa. The show “Car 54” chronicled the misadventures of a pair of New York City cops and their patrol car, both of which were often out of communication with the dispatcher, and perpetually moving from one mishap to another in a car prominently emblazoned with the number 54.



Years later, as an attorney, I handled a number of files for a local and somewhat rural township in Salem County, New Jersey. The Chief of Police and his entire department were such a pleasure to work with, I often felt like I had stepped back in time to a place called Mayberry!

On one of my earliest visits to meet with the Chief, I happened to notice several marked cars in the lot behind the police department. The styling of the cars immediately struck me as somewhat outdated, and I realized that each car had a large number stamped on its side. There was car 57, car 56 and car 55. I couldn't help myself, but I looked all over the lot for car 54. Not finding it, I asked the Chief. He laughed, and said there was none; it's an inside department joke, a play on the old TV series, with everyone asking, “Car 54 where are you?”

## SPECIAL NOTES ON HOLIDAY VILLAGE LAKES—Ima Plant

\*\* When you venture out to explore, be mindful of the private properties located near the lakes. Properties do NOT extend right up to the water's edge. Common grounds continue around the perimeter of each lake, approximately 10 feet from the edge. This allows access for residents to enjoy a walk all the way around the lake.

\*\*If walking is not your best option, the gazebo near the end of the Clubhouse parking lot is a great place to hang out, to watch for the beaver who frequently takes a dip in Lake #3, and to gaze over to the field next to Lake #4, where you can often see deer romping and grazing during warm summer evenings.



## BURLINGTON COUNTY GROUNDHOG—Lou Antosh

Yes, food tents and little music groups and then on the big stage, Burleen, wowing the crowd in her Dolly Parton-like voice with “Baby, It's Cold Outside,” accompanied by every high school band in the county. Big party. Booze, yes, but not just booze. Let's commission a gastrophysics genius to create a bombastic new drink – The Groundhugger – which offers a psycho-sensory rollercoaster ride, with an earthy whiff of sweet mushrooms and Rancocas-raised ginger, followed with a buzzwave of Pineland Julep. Two of these and the ground never looked so inviting.

Banks will front this gala, realtors will sign up Groundhugger-lubricated home seekers, 50 percent of event proceeds will enable the new Senior Tax Free (not Freeze) Law that emancipates any mature citizens who have supported school taxes for 40 years or more. And PETA will be out in force to salute and honor the major VIPs.

County official VIPs? No, Burlco Baby, not humans. It's those wily groundhogs popping up from a safe zone to see what in blazes is going on.

## BIG CHEEKS

*Internet Capture*

Big cheeks. A grandson of slaves, a boy was born in a poor neighborhood of New Orleans known as the "Back of Town." His father abandoned the family when the child was an infant. His mother became a prostitute; the boy and his sister had to live with their grandmother.

Early in life he proved to be gifted for music and with three other kids he sang in the streets of New Orleans. His first gains were coins that were thrown to them.

A Jewish family, Karnofsky, who had emigrated from Lithuania to the USA, had pity for the 7-year-old boy and brought him into their home, initially giving 'work' in the house, to feed this hungry child. There he remained and slept in this Jewish family's home where, for the first time in his life, he was treated with kindness and tenderness.



When he went to bed, Mrs. Karnovsky sang him a Russian lullaby that he would sing with her. Later, he learned to sing and play several Russian and Jewish songs.

Over time, this boy became the adopted son of this family. The Karnofskys gave him money to buy his first musical instrument; as was the custom in the Jewish families.



They sincerely admired his musical talent. Later, when he became a professional musician and composer, he used these Jewish melodies in compositions, such as St. James Infirmary and Go Down Moses.

The little boy grew up and wrote a book about this Jewish family who had adopted him in 1907. In memory of this family and until the end of his life, he wore a Star of David and said that in this family, he had learned "how to live real life and determination."

You might recognize his name. This little boy was called: Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong. Louis Armstrong proudly spoke fluent Yiddish! And "Satchmo" is Yiddish for "Big Cheeks"

## NOTHING CHANGES IF NOTHING CHANGES

*By Carmela Mayerson*

An often-repeated inspirational quote says, "Nothing Changes if Nothing Changes." The frequently cited Serenity Prayer says "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, **courage to change the things I can**, and wisdom to know the difference.

Well, we have four available seats on the Holiday Village Board of Trustees this year and I know there are lots of new people in our community.

Most Villagers have at least 20 to 40 years of experience in their fields and can be a wonderful asset to the community. Many had their own businesses, are or were accountants, bankers, paralegals, administrative assistants, and have technical and contract review skills that can join the table. So, please consider "the Courage to Change the Things You Can," and may four people step up to the task.

Read the By-Laws now and you can request a seminar from Associa's main office once you are elected. You will receive Community Association Institute updates with updated legislation and be guided by the office. You learn as you would learn any job, as you go along, bringing your expertise.

The most important thing to remember is that Business is Business and ego gets checked at the door.

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February

ACTIVITIES

2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>February is: American Heart Month &amp; Black History Month</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 Pickleball Happy Ground Hog Day!</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>We're half-way to Spring today!</p>  <p>3:00 Pickleball</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Thank a Mail Carrier Day!</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 Pickleball</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 Pickleball Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day!</p> 	
<p>7</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 Pickleball</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Recycle</p> <p>10:00 Pickleball</p> <p>4:00 BOT Meeting 701-802-5028; Code 6156135</p>	<p>10</p> <p>3:00 Pickleball</p>	<p>11</p> <p>National Inventors Day!</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 Pickleball</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00 Pickleball</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Happy Valentine's Day</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>10:00 Pickleball</p>  <p>PRESIDENT'S DAY!</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 Pickleball Do a Grouch a Favor Day!</p> <p>7:30 General Meeting 701-802-5028; Code 6156135 Mardi Gras / Fat Tuesday</p>	<p>17</p> <p>ARB Applications Due</p> <p>3:00 Pickleball</p> <p>Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>18</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 Pickleball</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 Pickleball Love Your Pet Day!</p> 
<p>21</p> <p>HAPPY FEBRUARY</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>10:00 Pickleball Be Humble Day!</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Recycle</p> <p>10:00 Pickleball 11:00 Communications 602-580-9771; Code 3251355 4:00 BOT Meeting 701-802-5028; Code 6156135</p>	<p>24</p> <p>3:00 Pickleball 6:30 ARB Review Mtg 7:00 Condo Board Mtg</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Embrace Winter!</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 Pickleball</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00 Pickleball International Polar Bear Day!</p> 
<p>28</p> 	<p>COVID-19 updates pertinent to the Holiday Village community will continue to be shared as available, through emails to residents and "robo calls" from the HVCSA office. If you are not receiving these, please contact Kerri, Community Manager, <a href="mailto:kerri.perez@associa.us">kerri.perez@associa.us</a>; Deb, Administrative Assistant, <a href="mailto:deborah.taraska@associa.us">deborah.taraska@associa.us</a>; 856-866-1753; and Gil McDonald, Communications, <a href="mailto:gmcd59@aol.com">gmcd59@aol.com</a></p>					
<p>Pickleball dates &amp; times are dependent on weather &amp; a minimum of 3-4 players. All residents are welcome. To RSVP and for questions, contact Katie Dole: 856-906-0894, or <a href="mailto:kittkatdole@comcast.net">kittkatdole@comcast.net</a></p>						

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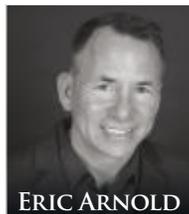


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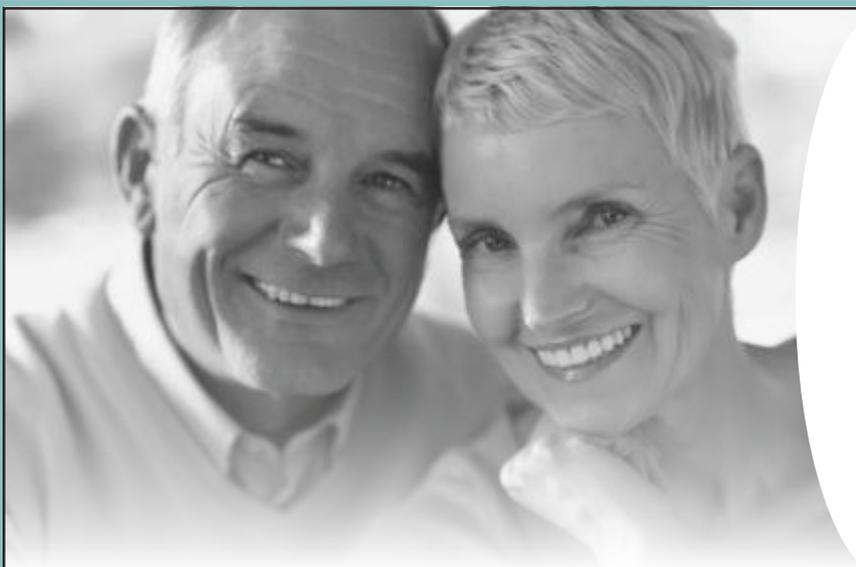
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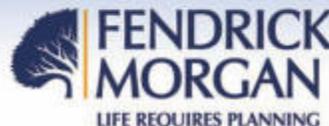
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80 Bastian Dr	\$265,000	14 Taconia Ct	\$245,000
121 Berwin Way W	\$155,000	65 Center Ln	\$138,000
6 Madison Ct	\$272,500	5 Village Ct	\$165,000
70 Falmouth Dr	\$264,900	77 Center Ln	\$150,000
15 Fairfax Dr	\$239,900	24 Danville Ct	\$254,000
25 Eddystone Way	\$285,000	4 Gretna Ct	\$265,000
10 Owens Ct	\$294,500	11 Eddystone Way	\$300,000
76 Center Ln	\$158,500	66 Falmouth Dr	\$265,000
59 Center Ln	\$159,900	97 Center Ln	\$140,000
18 Raleigh Dr	\$282,000	2 Avandale Ct	\$265,000
73 Falmouth Dr	\$216,000	8 Avandale Ct	\$242,500
111 Bastian Dr	\$305,000	23 Eddystone Way	\$259,900
11 Taconia Ct	\$281,250	30 Sheppards Ln	\$252,500
54 Eddystone Way	\$268,000	46 Village Ln #46	\$123,000
5 Adner Dr	\$245,000	7 Lilian Ct	\$285,000
6 E Cortland Ct	\$242,000	9 Peppergrass Dr N	\$267,000



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