



The Holiday Villager

May 2021

BOARD OF TRUSTEES GETS A NEW MEMBER

by Gil McDonald, Villager Editor

When the last ballot in the 2021 Holiday Village Board of Trustees election was counted at 8:24 p.m. on April 20, Bruce Sleister was the only new candidate to be successful. He had pulled out to a comfortable win with 213 votes. That meant he was the choice of 91 per cent of the voters. I don't think you can find a politician in today's world who can boast that kind of support. Congratulations, Bruce and welcome to the Holiday Village Board of Trustees.



The successful candidates for the other three contested seats were Board veterans:



Mike Trust with 191 votes, Joe Sykes with 171 and Barb Maimone with 150. Rounding out the field, Ruth Wian had 146 and Fred Crump had 118. Sykes' place on the BOT ensures Condo representation, as our by-laws strongly suggest but do not mandate.

Eager to contribute in some way, Ruth promptly volunteered to take over the Social Committee, which had gone leaderless for more than a year.

The election did not get off to a particularly good start. Initially, 34 ballots were identified as invalid for a variety of reasons. Then the first two that Community Manager Kerri Perez opened, as 19 Villagers watched on a Zoom link, proved to be invalid as well.

One of the blue ballots – in a trend that repeated painfully often – was in the white envelope but not in the green envelope. Double-enveloping was a key security feature of this election and the directions in the packet had to be followed precisely. When all the white envelopes had been opened, 46 votes had been found invalid. One envelope contained only the original cover letter.



Attesting to the high level of interest in this election was the volume of ballots cast. Although 46 of the 279 ballots that went into the box outside the Clubhouse were invalid, we still had 233, which outnumbers the most active election in recent memory. That was in 2018 when current Board President Gail Moyer polled 176 votes.

The Board will have an internal election at their next meeting to determine the officers for the next year. Thanks to all who participated, and let's have many more next time.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Gail Moyer



By the time you read this message you'll know the results of the Board of Trustees election. Best wishes to those who won.

The election procedure had been changed by the Radburn law. The present Board wasn't involved. There were impartial counters who tallied the votes. You could have seen the tally conducted on live Zoom feed. The Board was aware that several people were upset about the changes to the election procedure. I realize that there was more that could have been done to alert and prepare residents for the change and I regret that.

Opening a pool is not a simple task. Our Board of Trustees must make the decision to open based on whether we have the resources to comply with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, New Jersey mandates and Burlington County health orders. Not to mention estimating associated costs such as signage, staffing, regular cleaning and sanitizing; reviewing insurance coverage; and evaluating how to monitor for compliance. The Board expects the pool to open this year at the end of June. Information about opening other amenities will be forthcoming at a later date.

Please continue to dial in to teleconferenced Board meetings at 1. 701. 802. 5028 —D 6156135#

My Heavenly Mother

By Rita Sykes



You helped me when I was small
Through every little scratch and fall
You helped me through those school day tests
When you always said, just do your best
When I had a problem I knew just what to do
I went to you and you always pulled me through
You guided me the best you could;

You taught me like no other
I'm thankful I was the lucky one
Who got to call you Mother
So on this day in heaven
I'm hoping you'll understand
For all the times I didn't say

I love you Mom, forever and a day



LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

It would be so nice if all the residents of Holiday Village would help picking up trash. We live on a lake and are constantly picking up trash all around the lake. If everyone would pick up trash around their property it would help our community stay clean and beautiful.

Thank you, Debbie Dion.

Will Town's Powerful New Inspection Ordinance

Make Selling Holiday Village Homes Problematic?

By Lou Antosh

A newly adopted ordinance – which drew sustained flak from realtors and others during public hearings -- requires all township homes up for sale to be inspected and approved by Mount Laurel inspectors prior to closing of the property. Of special concern to the HV community is whether homes here – some close to 40 years old - will have to pass the current housing code before they can be sold. At press time, there was no solid answer.

An estimated 1000 township homes are sold annually and until now, inspections of those homes usually have been done by private home inspectors contracted by the proposed buyer, not by the township.

The new housing ordinance is one of various initiatives passed by 5-0 vote from the all-Democrat Council votes from a new Council majority installed after November's election. Within a few months, Council has created a new Environmental Commission that will study all zoning and planning applications, changed numerous contracted consultants and created a new Communications Director position with salary in excess of \$60,000.

Because it has adopted a globally-promoted International Property Maintenance Code (IMPC) that has won favor with more than a dozen other Burlington County townships, the new housing ordinance has exceptional new powers. For example, it allows town officials to designate a "Public Officer" who has the authority to determine if a building is unfit for human habitation or occupancy. That Public Officer and designees will be authorized to make inspections of any dwellings and premises in the township and require that the owner or occupant give officials free access to any part of the building so they may "perform their duty of safeguarding" occupants and the general public.

The Public Officer also may conduct investigations, "administer oaths and affirmations, examine witnesses and receive evidence." Persons convicted as violators of provisions of the code could be subject to a fine up to \$2000 and imprisonment up to 90 days.

The new housing ordinance requires home sellers to allow a township inspection in order to obtain a newly-created document – a Certificate of Continuing Occupancy (CCO), similar to the familiar Certificate of Occupancy (CO) required for new construction. The ordinance, which goes into effect August 1, states:

"The housing inspection is a visual examination of all accessible physical components of the structure to determine continued occupancy. This inspection does not include a complete electrical, plumbing and heating equipment guarantee by the Construction Official."

"If the property does not comply with the requirements, no certificate of occupancy shall be issued. Upon inspection, if the Construction Official or his designee identifies any violations of the IMPC or the Township Code, the property owner shall have 90 days to correct any deficiencies and to schedule a re-inspection of the property."

Until the township explains the precise scope of the inspections and how it will deal with older homes that have been updated over the years, residents of the 38-year old Holiday Village haven't enough information to know how key portions of their home – updated or not – will fare under a CCO inspection. At one of two hearings on the ordinance, town officials seemed – at the time, at least – to offer some comfort to owners of older homes. From the hearing transcript:

Township Manager Meredith Tomczyk: "If you have your original air conditioner, your original heater, we're not coming in saying you have to change it. We're looking at stuff that has changed. If you still have your original bathroom, the original kitchen, that's probably going to be more what the home inspector is looking at that the buyer hires, but not what the township is looking at."

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BLAST TO THE PAST

THE EVOLUTION OF TV MOMS

by Joe Sykes



As we celebrate Mothers' Day this month, I was thinking about how TV moms have evolved so much through the last seven decades. From the black-and-white Stepford wives of the 1950s to the modern present day take-no-crap moms we now see in sitcoms. The idea of what a mother is (and how she is represented on screen) has changed drastically through seventy years of television, but one thing remained; family was number one.

Remember **June Cleaver (Barbara Billingsley)** of **Leave it to Beaver** puttering around the house in pearls and high heels, vacuuming, cooking and cleaning with nary a hair out of place dressed like she was going out for cocktails. My Mom, watching the show after a day of cleaning, cooking and doing laundry commented that the show should be called **Fantasy Housewife**. My Dad asked her why she didn't look like that when he came home, which got him a smack on the head with the **Evening Bulletin** (remember those?).

Some other moms in that era, **Donna Stone (The Donna Reed Show)** **Margaret Anderson (Jane Wyatt)** of **Father Knows Best**: those ladies were the archetypical housewives of the 50s.



The sixties had beautiful **Laura Petrie (Mary Tyler Moore)** **Dick Van Dyke show**. The stay-at-home mom seemed like a typical homemaker, but she was revolutionary in a way that sounds trivial now but was a big deal then: she wore -gasp! -pants, a sly stick it to the era's sexism of the era.

Carol Brady (Florence Henderson) **The Brady Bunch** had an upper middle-class mom with six kids and a big house to take care of. Looked like a lot to deal with, but heck, she had a full-time housekeeper to help with all of it. Tough life. Yeah right.

Moving on to the eighties and nineties **Clair Huxtable (Phylicia Rashad)** **The Cosby Show**, even with her busy career as a lawyer, **Clair** took care of her family with style, love and heart. But she probably sent all of Dr. Huxtable's many iconic sweaters out to be cleaned.

Peg Bundy (Katy Segal), on the other hand, brought a very different mothering style to "**Married with Children.**" Insults and self-indulgence were the norm as she ruled her roost with a unique, stiletto-heeled style that bordered on crass, but somehow we loved her for bringing real life to television. The look on Al's face when she wanted to get romantic calling him "Hey ALLLLL" always had me in stitches.



Speaking of crass, **Roseanne Connor (Roseanne Barr/Arnold)** was really real as a working middle class mom. The matriarch of a typical working-class family, she presided over the house while dealing with work and living paycheck to paycheck. She handled all with caustic put downs and rapier wit. She was the first TV mom with a blue-collar job. She represented a type of down-to-earth working mom never seen before on TV

Debra Barone (Patricia Heaton) **Everybody Loves Raymond**. This overworked stay-at-home mom not only had to contend with her goofy clumsy husband doing approximately zero housework or child rearing, she also had to deal with her in-laws' constant meddling. Did anyone believe that **Ray** could be a sports columnist for a New York newspaper??? He couldn't be a writer for the **Villager**.

WISHING ALL OUR MOMS A VERY HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

by Joan Fingerma



Lenape High School National Honor Society

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Saturday, May 8 Starting at 9 a.m.

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*Students may not accept cash or gifts .

*You do not need to be home. Leave paper towels, trash bags, etc., on your porch.

If students can't be at your home on Saturday, you will be notified late in the day.

Friday, May 7, 1—3 p.m. **Spring Health Fair.** Parking Lot—Gym side of the Clubhouse. There will be vendors to answer questions and give out information. We will have that same great food truck that was here last Fall. As always there will be raffles for some great prizes.

Rain Date May 14, same hours

Saturday, May 8— 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. **Lenape Spring Clean-up.** If you want work done, you need to complete the request form to the right and put it in the green box in the Clubhouse portico The box will be out from April 19 until May 3. Form must be filled out by May 3. Forms are in the April Villager and outside the clubhouse. Complete the form and put it in the green box. Sorry; specific times cannot be guaranteed. Please be patient. Note that we could not schedule a rain date this year.

Friday, May 14—10:00-11:30 a.m. **Blood Pressure Screening** Clubhouse portico

HV EXPRESS TRIP COMMITTEE

We're still not trippin', but watch this space next month for the latest from the Trip Committee.



***** STOP & READ *****

You must submit an ARB application for any change to the outside of your residence. The guidelines are online at holidayvillage55.com. When in doubt, check it out!



UNHAPPY ABOUT ALL THOSE NEW BUILDINGS IN OUR TOWN? TRUTH IS, SAY OFFICIALS, IT'S GROWTH THAT KEEPS TAXES DOWN



by Lou Antosh

You need not go out of your way to notice the continuing appearance of new apartment and commercial buildings in the township. Pulling into Costco in the Centerton Square complex, for example, treats drivers to the looming presence of new, four-story apartment buildings to be reserved for service veterans.

Passing by the many new structures underway that will at least double the apartment units in town, it's also easy to worry that traffic soon will become more annoying than ever. And there are other signs of Mount Laurel's growth. Laurel Acres Park has so many visitors now that cars often take up huge patches of lawn.

If Mount Laurel's homeowners ever begin to experience such annoyance, they can consider one positive effect of the town's multi-year building boom: It is rescuing Mount Laurel real estate taxpayers from the disastrous effects of the Covid pandemic. Without the development that has just occurred or is underway, township property owners might be facing huge tax hikes. Here's why.

Hundreds of Mount Laurel businesses were mugged by the Covid pandemic that left streets, stores and cash registers empty for months at a time.

Seeking relief, businesses asked the State Tax Court to reduce their tax assessments, which are based not on the value of the bricks and mortar but on the revenues they generate. The Westin Mount Laurel Hotel, for example, had its \$16.8 million assessment sliced by \$3.6 million, reducing the amount of taxes flowing to the township.

'We have lost \$25 million in tax assessment appeals,' said Township Manager Meredith Tomczyk in a recent interview. Worse, some 45 new appeals filed by commercial property owners at the East Gate and Centerton Square (Target) shopping centers, office complexes and strip malls have yet to be heard in court.

When mature towns are hit with a massive reduction in tax rates, the effect can be dramatic. For example, the struggling Moorestown Mall asked the tax court for a drastic reduction in its property assessment. The court agreed, and the town had to refund the Mall owners \$4.7 million. How much did it hurt real estate taxpayers? The township asked the average homeowner to shell out \$32 more in property taxes in each of the next five years.

Mount Laurel Tax Assessor Dennis DeKlerk said that despite the tax assessment reductions awarded to businesses hurt by Covid, new development should "absolutely" offset current and coming reductions. "As a matter of fact, this year we are still in the black, we are still close to \$30 million bigger than we were last year even with those (\$25 million) in tax court adjustments," he said. "Due to a lot of great development in 2020, we have a good amount of tax flowing in from the rates."

Manager Tomczyk agrees, saying: "There are a number of projects that are coming on the books next year. Listen, if we didn't have them, then we'd really be in trouble with the appeals."

"Even though we have (assessment) appeals, we always have other stuff going on the books. For instance, The Gables is a new project on Marne Highway. It's about 500 apartment and townhouse units. That assessment isn't on our books yet, but they'll finish this year."

Construction did slow down considerably because of Covid, said Tomczyk, but new and considerable assessments are about to be added. She mentioned the new Davis apartments on Fellowship Road near the Doubletree hotel, the tall Volunteers of America apartments across from Costco, and a planned 170-unit senior complex for independent and assisted living on Church Street near Birchfield.

As a consequence, the manager stated at a recent Council meeting there will be no tax increase necessitated by the municipal budget this year. Privately, she hopes the same will hold next year. (The majority of local property taxes go to the school district, which at press time was to pass a budget increasing by slightly under 2 percent.)



Condo President's Memo

by Janice Weiner



Items Identified - During a recent “walkthrough” with Maintenance, issues to be considered, pending board approval, included: clearing and unclogging downspouts, re-caulking where utility connections are, replacing damaged and chipped concrete facia along the foundation, sidewalk tripping hazards, and sidewalk areas where water accumulates.

Roadway Repaired - The hole in the roadway by Village Court was repaired.

Dead Trees - Landscapers have removed a number of dead trees throughout the complex including along the berm.

No Carpet - No indoor/outdoor carpet is to be used on decks. Such carpet tends to hold moisture and adds to conditions that chip the deck paint and rot deck wood. A doormat is fine.

Plants on Decks - Plant pots on decks should have trays or saucers under them to prevent water from sitting on the deck wood which contributes to paint chipping and wood rot. Also, remember that the folks on the ground floor don't like water dripping on their heads.

Spring Cleaning - Residents are encouraged to clean cobwebs outside their front doors and outside lights, sweep surfaces, etc., as we all start to enjoy being outside more. Maybe help your neighbor if they can't sweep, etc.

Be safe and be well - Janice

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

STAY INFORMED!

By Debra Kramer



The United States Postal Service (USPS) offers a worthwhile program called Informed Delivery. When you sign up for this free service, you can view and manage your scheduled mail and package delivery from the convenience of your computer or mobile device.

If you sign up for this program, you will receive an e-mail each day listing what mail is being delivered to your address. The email includes a picture of the front of each first-class envelope being delivered. There is no e-mail if there is no mail. Packages from USPS are also noted in the e-mail.

To register, visit the website informedelivery.usps.com. You will need to set up an account.

It might take a few days before you start to receive the messages. Take advantage of this convenient free service from our postal system.

CONTAINER GARDENING



by Susan Powell

I like to garden mostly with annuals and a few herbs, and primarily using containers. The routine of the small, almost daily gardening chores is manageable, and even enjoyable. Via trial & error, I've learned what works best for me in my location: poor soil, mostly sun, a lot of heat buildup during the day, with some digging and nesting critters. I like flowers and herbs that bloom all summer, and require no or little dead-heading. (note: I live in a ground floor condo).



SHOP PLANTS:

Check out Produce Junction, Lowes, Home Depot, Walmart, Ramblewood Garden Center, ShopRite, and Aldi. Watch weekly ads and prices.



BIRD PROOF:

Guess what? Turns out birds, like people, don't like sitting on sharp pointy objects. Place wood skewers w pointed ends up in planters - no bird nests!



MY PLANTS:

Geraniums, sunpatiens, portulaca, mandevilla, morning glory, sweet potato vine, vinca vine, rosemary, basil, & mint. While I love the color and scent of petunias, mine always get infested w little white thingies.



DETER SQUIRRELS:

Discourage these diggers - sprinkle pepper on top of the soil in planters (cayenne or red pepper flakes will do the job). Bon Appétit!



HERBS:

Use organic soil in planters containing herbs or anything else you plan on eating (patio tomatoes, etc.).



ENJOY!

Sit outside by yourself or w friends, family, etc. and enjoy the garden ambiance throughout summer and into the fall.



WATERING:

Water almost daily in heat via watering can (no outside spigots w condos). I use all purpose fertilizer 1 x week mixed w water.



OFF SEASON . . .

Review results, consider what worked and what didn't, & plan for next year's garden!

Tip: Wait until Mother's Day before planting outside due to possibility of a frost

REMAINING BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS FOR 2021

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

Annual Meeting, November 16 at 7 p.m.

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

Remaining Regular Business Meetings

May 11, 25

July 13, 27

September 14, 28

November 9, 23

June 8, 22

August 10, 24

October 12, 26

December 14, 28

SLOW WALKING & FAST AS LIGHTNING!

by Ima Plant, working underground for the Common Grounds Committee



Yes, that describes our Holiday Village great blue herons! But more about that later.



General description

The great blue heron is the largest wading bird in North America. They can be found throughout New Jersey year-round, although they do avoid the northwest part of the state during winter months. These blue-gray stately, long-legged, long-necked, freshwater and coastal birds, belong to the Ardeidae family, which includes the smaller, typically white egrets, and shorter, mostly brown, bitterns. Their “cousin”, the great white heron, is unique to south Florida and the Keys.

Hérons are never far from water, but they do not swim. They fly with their long s-shaped neck retracted, which distinguishes them from other long-necked birds such as storks, ibises, spoon-bills, and cranes, who fly with their necks extended straight out in front. Their long legs extend in flight, typical of other waterfowl. Herons make loud sounds like “kraak” or “fraunk”, often heard while in flight.

Adult great blue herons have few natural enemies, although eagles occasionally attack adults. Their eggs and young are more at risk from eagles and other birds of prey, as well as crows, ravens, gulls, and raccoons preying on them. In the past, hunting caused many heron deaths. Today their population is stable, but they are classified in NJ and elsewhere as a “Species of Special Concern,” primarily because of the destruction of their habitats. Like many species, protecting great blue herons is closely tied to protecting our wetlands.

A few statistics

Great blue herons have a lifespan of between 15-20 years. They can grow to over 4 feet in height, with a wingspan of 6 feet. Breeding begins from early March through April, and usually ends in July. Between 2 to 7 eggs are laid per pair, and they hatch within 25-30 days. Both parents care for the eggs and the young. The young ones are usually ready to fly at 60 days, and will leave the nest between 65-90 days.

About their nesting and eating habits

Rather surprisingly, these tall, lanky birds with spindly legs typically build their nests high up in the tops of tall trees. They use sticks to build large platforms, which are sometimes used for more than 1 year. They almost always nest in colonies and are particularly sensitive to disturbances while nesting.

Hérons have a varied and adaptable diet. They eat mostly fish, but also frogs, insects, turtles, snakes, rodents, and even small birds. And, here is where the slow walking and lightning speed come in. Herons usually hunt their prey standing motionless or moving very slowly along the water’s edge. Their specially designed, muscular neck allows them to do a lightning speed downward strike in less than a second, skewering their prey with their daggerlike bill, without getting whiplash.

The great blue herons of Holiday Village

These magnificent birds can be found in and around all our lakes. To spy on them, you’ll need to look carefully and approach slowly, as they blend in along the edge of the lakes, while standing still like statues. During springtime, their nests can often be spotted among the tall trees across from Lake #4. Look carefully for long necks poking up like dead branches in the treetops, and you may catch an awesome sight this spring!



Check out some photos of Great Blue Herons and other Holiday Village critters on pages 12. & 13



The 2021 opening day of the weekly **Burlington County Farmers Market will be Saturday, May 8th**. Open every Saturday, rain or shine, through the end of October, this market features local seasonal produce, honey, cheese, eggs, and meats from farms in the area, as well as other vendors offering prepared foods, a variety of handmade crafts, and garden plants. There is no admission price, parking is free, and all is handicapped accessible.



Directions: Head for Centerton Square Shopping Center but pass all the stores on your right and stay on Centerton Road. Cross over Marne Hwy, and Hartford Rd (note on your right will be Combat System Engineering which looks sorta like a Navy Destroyer parked in a cornfield aka the USS GoNoWhere). Continue straight on Centerton and the Burlington County Agricultural Center with Farmers Market will come up on your right.

Burlington County Farmers Market, 500 Centerton Road | Moorestown
May 8th through the end of October **Saturdays, Rain or Shine, 8:30am - 1:00pm**

MOUNT LAUREL HOME INSPECTION ORDINANCE, Continued

However, Construction Official-*of-that-moment*, Bryant Curry, remarked that unchanged items may not always pass muster, saying “Maybe you didn’t touch your roof, but we go out there and you are missing half the shingles. Well, that is in violation of the envelope of the house. We’re going to say something at that point.”

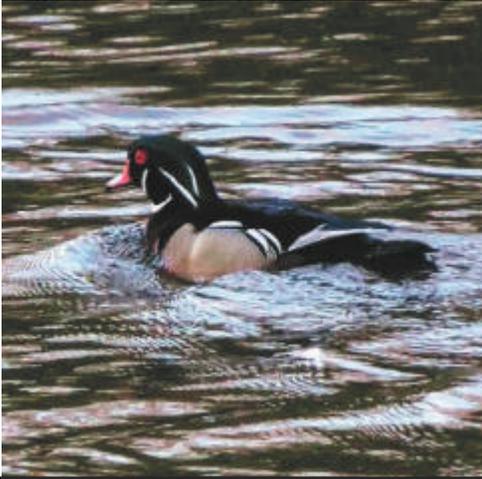
As the township Construction and Code Official up until April, at a budgeted salary of \$100,000, Curry was in line to receive the ordinance’s broad new powers to inspect and rule on unfit homes. He also was a key speaker at the hearing, answering numerous questions from the Zoom audience of residents. But an attempt to reach him at work a few weeks after the hearing failed because, as his office stated: “He no longer is employed by the township.”

Manager Tomczyk said the Construction Official position has been filled by an existing employee, Robert Gates, who also will handle electrical subcode inspections. When asked some specific questions about what the new ordinance will require, she deferred to the Construction Office, saying the new Construction Code official is working on the list of what will be inspected under the new CCO process. She said it would be shared with the Realtor's Association and once all reviews are completed the list will be “good to go public.”

The ordinance requires that the CCO must be obtained within 90 days of the closing date for the sale of the property. A 90-day extension is permitted for good cause. Fees for the inspection range from \$75 for requests 11 or more days before closing, \$100 for requests between four and 10 days prior to closing and \$125 for requests three or less days before closing. Discounts of 50 percent will apply for senior owners and low-income properties.

Local realtors were among the most vocal critics of the ordinance and won a few concessions, including elimination of an earlier requirement for a survey and a separate certification of heating equipment. Mayor Stephen Steglik commented at one meeting that the ordinance is not meant to penalize older homes, that the goal of the new process is safety. Owners of older homes will be in a better position to react to the mayor’s explanation once the key checklist from the new Construction Official appears. Watch for it next month.

PHOTOS AROUND HOLIDAY VILLAGE



Wood Duck

Nature photography is a fascinating hobby, and Villager Susan Halfman has clearly refined it to an art form.

She called one day in March to say that she had some pictures she had taken around the Village and could *The Villager* use them.

Use them, indeed!

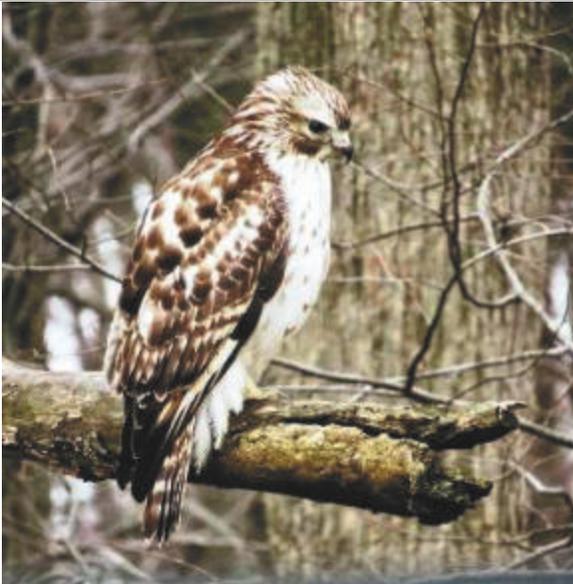
Enjoy Susan's glorious photos!



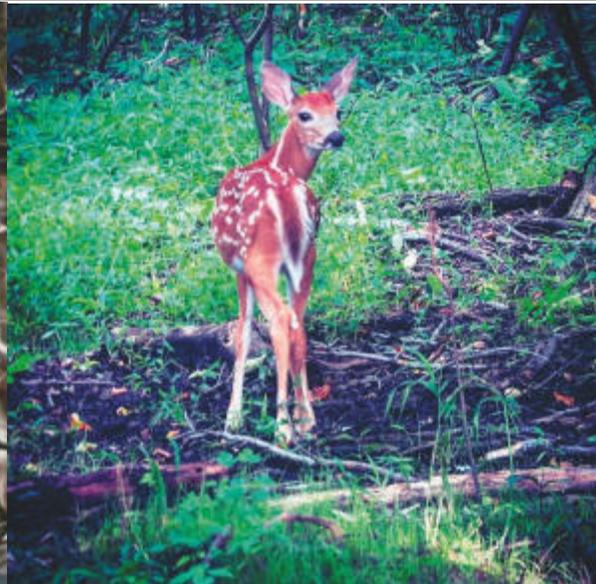
Barn Swallow



Great Blue Herons—the middle one with a fresh-caught fish

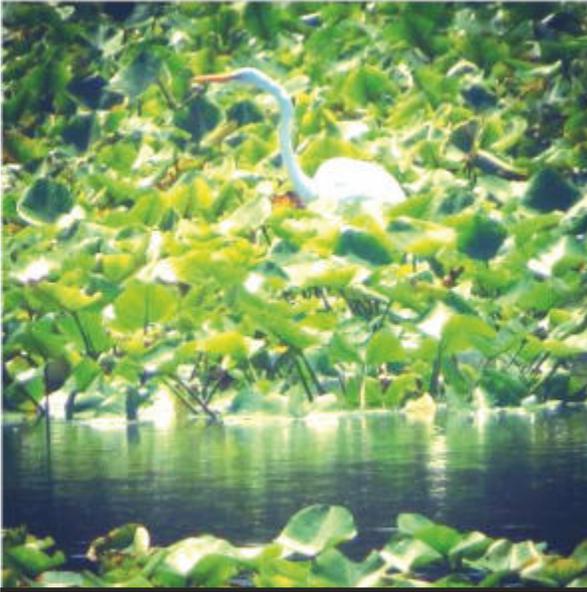


Cooper's Hawk

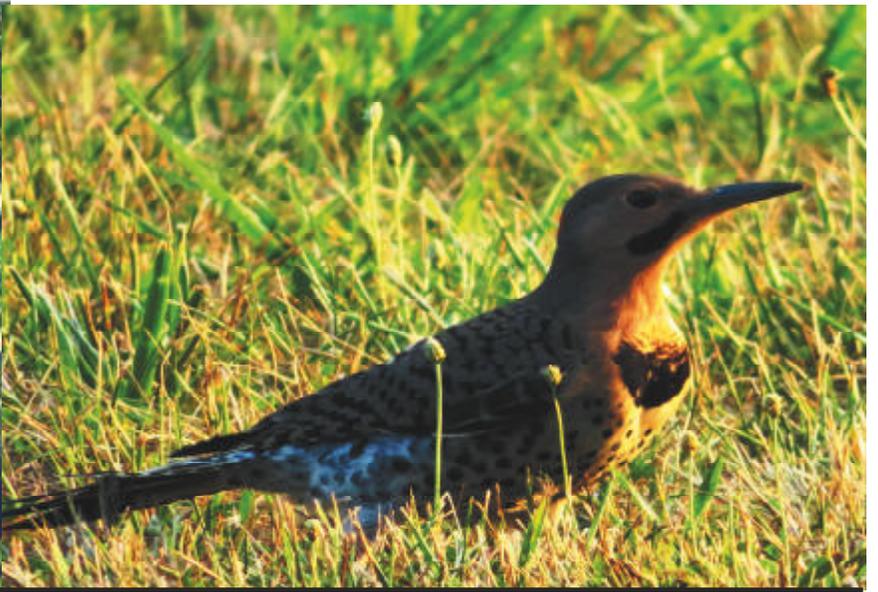


Fawn

Who Knew We Had All These Species in Our Little Village?



Crane



Northern Flicker



Spotted Sandpiper



Redwings—in full spread and at rest



Pond by Condos



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ACTIVITIES

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2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2 May Lawn Cut Days Each week, Tues & Wed</p> <p>Community Note: Burlington Co Farmers Mkt Opening Day - Sat. May 8th 8:30 - 1:00 500 Centerton Rd Moorestown</p>	<p>3 9:00 Tennis 10:00 Pickleball</p> <p>Deadline TODAY, for requesting Lenape H.S. Saturday Clean-up Helpers</p>	<p>4 Recycle 10:00 Pickleball & Lessons for new players</p> <p>National Teachers Day!</p>	<p>5 Cinco de Mayo 3:00 Pickleball</p>	<p>6 9:00 Tennis Happy Nurses Day!</p>	<p>7 9:00 Tennis 10:00 Pickleball</p> <p>HEALTH FAIR</p> <p>1:00-3:00 Spring Health Fair</p>	<p>1 Kentucky Derby Day! Lenape H.S. Spring Clean-up 9:00 - 4:00</p>
<p>9 HAPPY Mother's Day</p>	<p>10 9:00 Tennis 10:00 Pickleball</p>	<p>11 10:00 Pickleball & Lessons for new players 4:00 BOT Meeting 701-802-5028; Code 6156135</p>	<p>12 3:00 Pickleball</p>	<p>13 9:00 Tennis 11:00 Finance Committee</p> <p>National Apple Pie Day!</p>	<p>14 9:00 Tennis 10:00 Pickleball 10:00-11:30 BP Screening</p> <p>1:00-3:00 Rain Date for Spring Health Fair</p>	<p>8 ARMED FORCES DAY</p>
<p>16 Happy Mother's Day</p>	<p>17 9:00 Tennis 10:00 Pickleball</p> <p>Final Tax Deadline IRS & NJ</p>	<p>18 Recycle 10:00 Pickleball & Lessons for new players 7:30 BOT General/Audit Mtg 701-802-5028; Code 6156135</p>	<p>19 ARB Applications Due 3:00 Pickleball</p>	<p>20 9:00 Tennis</p>	<p>21 9:00 Tennis 10:00 Pickleball</p> <p>Endangered Species Day</p>	<p>22 NATIONAL MARITIME DAY</p>
<p>23 Indy 500</p>	<p>24 9:00 Tennis 10:00 Pickleball</p>	<p>25 10:00 Pickleball & Lessons for new players 11:00 Communications 602-580-9771; Code 3251355 4:00 BOT Meeting 701-802-5028; Code 6156135</p>	<p>26 3:00 Pickleball 6:30 ARB Meeting 7:00 Condo Board 702-770-5505; Code 241273</p>	<p>27 9:00 Tennis 10:00 Common Grounds 701-802-5380; Code 8711009</p>	<p>28 9:00 Tennis 10:00 Pickleball</p> <p>National Hamburger Day!</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 Indy 500</p>	<p>31 HVCSA Office Closed</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER AND HONOR</p>	<p>Memorial Day</p>				<p>Smiling Sun</p>

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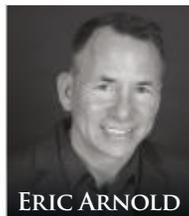


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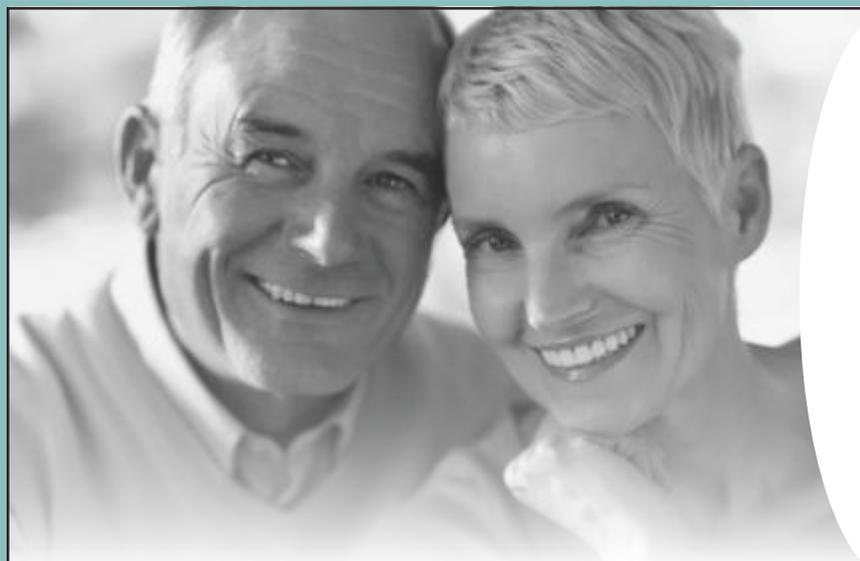
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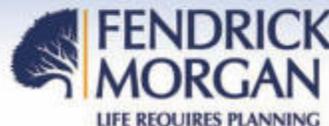
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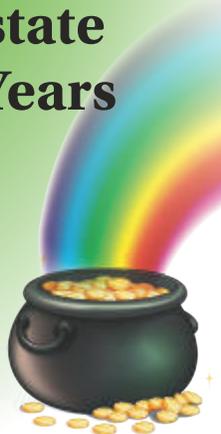


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