



The Holiday Villager

August 2021



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Barb Maimone



I would like to announce that the BOT has filled the seat vacated by Marie Campbell. I would like to welcome Ruth Wian as a Trustee. Thank you, Ruth, for volunteering for the position.

Some important information about our Clubhouse opening: Since the start of COVID 19 our lawyer has advised us that our liability Insurance will not cover the Association or Board Members if a resident can prove that they caught Covid 19 from being in the Clubhouse or any other amenity or BOT-approved activity. That means that the Association and each Board member can be sued if the resident can convince a court. I strongly feel that any such lawsuits would be thrown out of court, but HVCSA and each member of the BOT would become defendants and would have to retain a lawyer at substantial expense until a decision is reached. While some residents say they would not sue us, if someone should pass away from Covid after using an association amenity, their family has the right to sue HVCSA and the BOT. The members of the BOT are volunteers! We should not have to risk losing substantial assets if a suit is brought.

UPDATE!!!!

We have been watching two bills, Assembly Bill A4979 and Senate Bill S3584 that will not allow such lawsuits. Well I have GOOD NEWS and BAD NEWS!

- First the GOOD NEWS: The two bills were signed into law and went into effect July 1, 2021!

- Now for the BAD NEWS. **These two bills will expire on January 1, 2022.** If nothing happens to extend these two bills by January 1, 2022, we may have to close our amenities again!

Start writing letters to your Senator, Assemblymen and the Governor to extend these bills.

The Board will be meeting to discuss what needs to be done to ensure that HVCSA and BOT members are not liable and will be in compliance with the terms of the bills.. We will advise residents of our plan to open amenities in the near future. AGAIN...THESE BILLS EXPIRE ON JANUARY 1, 2022!

Transparency:

* The Board continues to discuss opening of the Clubhouse and amenities. Now that the bills mentioned above have been signed, we will advise the community of the opening dates. *Continued on Page 4*

**THE NATIONAL SHORTAGE OF LIFEGUARDS CONTINUES.
THE POOL WILL STILL BE OPEN AND THE COVID POINT OF CONTACT
WILL BE ON DUTY.**

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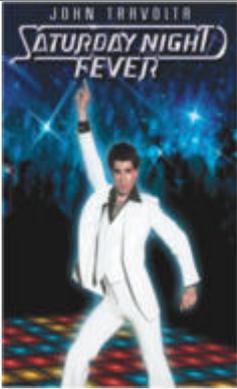
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BLAST TO THE PAST

by Joe Sykes



Well you can tell by the way I use my walk I'm a woman's man no time to talk.
Music loud and women warm, I've been kicked around since I was born.
Ah,ha,ha,ha, Stayin' alive, Stayin' alive.

Those lyrics are from the opening scene of **Saturday Night Fever** with John Travolta coolly strolling down the street to the **Bee Gees** disco hit song. The film that catapulted him to international stardom in 1977 along with the 1978 big box office blockbuster hit, **Grease**. Who knew the man could dance like that? A long way from his role of **Vinnie Barbarino** in **Welcome Back Kotter**. The prominence of Disco music became a social and cultural force in the late 1970s. Top artists and bands during that era were **Donna Summer, ABBA, Chic, K.C. and the Sunshine Band, Kool and the Gang, Earth, Wind & Fire, Gloria Gaynor** and **Philly's own, The Traamps**. Their hit song **Hold Back the Night** is still a big favorite on dance floors.

Stayin' Alive wasn't exactly the mantra for the Disco fad of the late seventies. The fad that took the nation by storm in 1977 was declared dead three years later. As the 1970s came to an end, the age of Disco was also nearing its finale as music tastes were changing in the eighties. Disco was not **Stayin' Alive**.

If you were a parent of young kids or teenagers growing up in the seventies you probably swore you would never use the same phrases or words your parents used (**But you Do**)

"Money doesn't grow on trees you know" **"Close the door; were you raised in a barn?"** **"Stop crying before I give you something to cry about!"** (always worked) **"I'll wash your mouth out with soap"** **"Elbows off the table!"** **And the dreaded phrase that had me cowering in my room, "Wait till your father gets home!"**

It was truly petrifying to wait for Dad to get home to discharge discipline for your day of bad behavior. Waiting and wondering what your fate would be I think was worse than the discipline.

Remember these ? Chances are your kid had one of these cruising the neighborhood sidewalks in the seventies. In my neighborhood so many of the kids had them it looked like a mini motorcycle gang. Five or six of them riding on concrete made a heck of a racket.



Kids' toy choices were changing in the seventies with the arrival of the digital age. The hot presents of the prior decade included dolls, balls, toy kitchen appliances and soldiers. As electronic pop music began to creep its way on to radio and with androids populating TV shows like **The Six Million Dollar Man** and **The Bionic Women**, kids turned to the future with their video games, robots and space men. Atari came out with the **Pong** video game in 1972. It started a whole generation of kids hooked on video and computer games. Instead of playing street games like we did, they were glued to a TV screen playing games. In 1977, Atari introduced the 2600 video computer system and kids and adults were hooked on gaming for better or worse.



This Photo by Unknown

I'm glad I grew up in an era before technology took over. We used to play outside, ride our bikes from one neighborhood to another. Climb trees, take risks, get dirty and it was great fun. We'd challenge each other to do silly things, all the time learning our boundaries while forming lifelong friendships.



Last words for this month.....

Did you ever notice the last person to arrive late for a doctor appointment is the doctor. My ability to remember song lyrics from the '50s, '60s, and '70s far exceeds my ability to remember **why I walked into the kitchen?**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, Continued

* We are still discussing upgrading our kitchen. The kitchen is over 30 years old and is falling apart. With the price of everything, especially building materials, going up due to COVID, it isn't cost effective to wait. It could cost two to three times more if we wait for another year! This WILL NOT INCREASE ASSOCIATION FEES. The money is in a reserve fund and has been budgeted for as the kitchen has reached the end of its useful life. Things that cause our Association Fees to go up are when prices go up: cost of living, gas, electricity, water, maintenance, pool, and other unforeseen expenses.



One such unforeseen cost is legal expenses. The BOT has noted an alarming increase in legal expenses precipitated by residents calling, emailing and writing to our attorney, as well as unruly residents who break code of conduct rules necessitating our attorney's involvement. Only the BOT has authorization to incur charges to the association for legal expenses. Remember, every resident pays for this expense through our monthly assessments. It isn't fair when a handful of residents cost the association thousands of dollars whenever they contact our attorney. If a resident has concerns about the community, please put it writing and send it to the BOT or request to be put on the Board's agenda for the next meeting. We will do our best to help resolve the issue or answer your questions.

* Checking the club house roof. It was put on in 1987 and it's time we have an inspection to make sure we are all safe when we open.

* A suggestion came up about putting a bathroom outside for residents to use with their key fob. I will bring it up for discussion.

I would like to thank Sally Mullen from HomeSmart First Advantage Realty for the free Mr. Softee cones on the 4th of July. This is always a hit with our community!

Please be safe and get your COVID VACCINE.

BURLINGTON COUNTY RECYCLING AND MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP TRASH PICKUP

by *Gil McDonald*



No more trashy email blasts for a while, hopefully. Burlington County says their recycle operations are now running on schedule – meaning our pickup will settle on every other Tuesday. Mount Laurel says their trash service is on schedule – also on Tuesday. So maybe we can settle into a routine, just maybe.

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

Before planning to perform ANY work on the outside of your home, please take the time to read the Architectural Guidelines at holidayvillage55.com/documents & forms/Architectural Review Board. All work, other than maintenance items requires prior approval of an ARB Application.

Emergencies are no exception and a message should be left when the office is closed. If you have a concern at any time please contact the office at 856-866-1753. You can also email deborah.taraska@associa.us, kerri.perez@associa.us or mikedcko@hotmail.com.

A JERSEY SUMMER COLLAGE . . .

By Susan Powell



HELLO Jersey Tomatoes!

Our state produced about 112 million pounds of tomatoes in 2017.

New Jersey remains *The Garden State*, despite all the construction you see locally, and is one of the top 10 producers of blueberries, cranberries, peaches, tomatoes, bell peppers, eggplant, cucumbers, apples, spinach, squash, and asparagus.

Whether you grow your own, pick your own, visit a farm stand, frequent a local farmers market, or buy Jersey Fresh at the grocery store - there is nothing like summertime Jersey produce.

NJ is still home to about 9,000 farms!



A favorite way to cool off, Rita's Water Ice has 105 locations in New Jersey!

The Boys of Summer . . .

Did you know that the very first officially recognized baseball game in our country's history took place on June 19, 1846, in Hoboken, New Jersey? The "New York Nine" defeated the Knickerbockers, 23-1, in four innings.



Lucy

There were originally three elephant buildings built along the east coast, two being in NJ: *Light of Asia* in Cape May, *Colossus* in Coney Island, and *Lucy* in Margate.

Only Margate's Lucy remains & is the oldest surviving roadside tourist attraction in the USA.



A treasured summer boardwalk food memory of mine while a child at the Jersey shore is getting a **pork-roll**, egg and cheese sandwich at the RanchHouse in Atlantic City. A Jersey icon, pork-roll was created by John Taylor in Trenton, New Jersey.

Walk the Boards . . .

Atlantic City's Boardwalk is the oldest boardwalk in America & the longest in the world.

The Drive In . . .

Ah, remember summer evenings at the local Drive in Theatre? And remember sneaking friends in for free in the car's trunk?

The first-ever drive-in movie theater was in 1933 and located on Crescent Boulevard in Camden, NJ.

NJ is well known for its many beaches. Gunnison Beach, however, is our state's sole legal nude beach.



Shoobies!

Another Jersey Shore expression, "Shoobies" refers to day-trippers, who in the 1800s often packed their lunch in a shoebox.

HEALTH & WELFARE HAPPENINGS

by Joan Fingerman



The Health & Welfare Committee sends best wishes for a great rest-of-the-Summer around the pool

Mr. Softee paid his visit on the Fourth of July as promised.

More on H&W plans for the Fall in the next Villager



HV EXPRESS TRIP COMMITTEE

Pat Clear and I have continued to explore a possible local outing. The AMC Theaters have reopened, and are advertising "Private Theater Rental" for groups up to 20 people.



We would like to offer a "movie & either lunch or dinner" event. Those who wish to attend would provide their own transportation. This too would require Board approval. In the meantime, enjoy our warm weather! Happy Summer!

Sincerely, Phyllis & Pat

Phyllis Fleming & Pat Clear

Interested in this outing?

Please email either Pat: jimpatclear@gmail.com. Or Phyllis: phyllisfleming@comcast.net

Or call: Pat Clear @ 215-858-5272 or Phyllis Fleming @ 856-520-5033

HVCSA Management Corner

I would like to give a big Thank You to the Pool Committee (Barbara, Marcia & Harvey) for their dedication daily to the pool so far this summer by helping to make sure the pool is taken care of and that our contract is being adhered to.

The Pool Committee and Management would like to thank all the pool goers who have been understanding and patient when problems have arisen at the pool so far.

This pool season is unlike any other here at Holiday Village and unfortunately with the national employee shortage this has not made it any easier. Per the NJ Department of Health and our pool company, we are required to have a COVID pool attendant daily when the pool is open. In the interest of safety, a decision was made by the Board of Trustees to have a lifeguard provided if one is available through United Pools. An exemption was also filed with the Burlington County Health Department so that if no lifeguard was available the pool could still be open, and no one would miss swimming that day. Due to liability issues, if neither lifeguard nor COVID pool attendant is available any day, unfortunately the pool MUST CLOSE.

Holiday Village has been lucky so far and has only had to close the pool one day and opened late another, unlike other associations that reduced days/hours or only opened on weekends. Also, some others if they had no lifeguard have had to close.

There have been some conversations about Holiday Village missing a month of the pool season this year. Every year the pool officially opens on Memorial Day, but please remember it's only OPEN WEEKENDS until around June 26th or when teenagers get done school. With Memorial Day being a washout this year, there were only four days of the pool season missed.

Hope all residents enjoy the pool and stay cool this Summer!!!!

Kerri Perez

THEY'RE BACK!

by Ima Plant, working underground for the Common Grounds Committee



Those freshly excavated unsightly mounds of sandy soil that you'll notice now through September, erupting primarily along the edges of sidewalks and concrete slabs, on athletic fields, near golf course sand traps, in sandy picnic areas, and less often in flower beds, are sure signs that the female Eastern Cicada Killer Wasps are hard at work digging their burrows to lay their eggs. If that doesn't convince you that they are back, then the dive-bombing males certainly will.

But wait!

Before you head inside to hide for the rest of the summer, it's important to know that these wasps, also known as Ground Digger Wasps, really do not care about us humans, just as long as we leave them alone and avoid stepping on their dirt mound nests.

All you need to know:

The Cicada Killer Wasps, or Ground Digger Wasps, are big by wasp standards, reaching well over an inch long, sometimes close to two inches. They are NOT large hornets or yellow jackets, two species which should definitely be avoided! Despite their intimidating size, threatening behavior, and "killer" name, Cicada Killer Wasps rarely come in contact with people. In fact, the males, whose role is to fly around looking fierce, on constant patrol defending their nests, do not have stingers. Their dive-bombing action is just a bluff, and for most of us, it works!

The females, who are way too busy digging to be bothered with us, do have stingers, but their sting is weak, and primarily used to paralyze their only prey – cicadas. The females rarely use their stinger for defense, unless trapped in clothing or disturbed by lawn equipment. Cicadas can kill trees, and the Cicada Killer Wasps are beneficial to the environment by controlling the cicada population.

Other facts which may be of interest:

The coloration of the Cicada Killer Wasp is similar to yellow jackets: black body striped with yellow, the head is a dull red, and all six legs are bright orangish-red. All four yellowish, transparent wings are held straight out when at rest, unlike most other wasps which fold their wings along their body.

Cicada Killer Wasps feed on tree sap and flower nectar as adults. They hunt for cicadas for food for the next generation. The female wasps stun the cicadas, paralyze them after they drop to the ground, and eventually drag them to their burrows, down the foot-long underground tunnels to their nesting chambers, where the cicada will become the food source for the wasp larvae. The larvae spend the winter in an underground cocoon, and emerge from the ground as adults the following July. The new generation will again dig tunnels, capture cicadas, and live two to three months, from July through September.



Cicadas vs Locusts:

In case you were wondering, cicadas and locusts are not the same, although they do share some similarities. Cicadas are much smaller than locusts and are similar to aphids, although much larger than aphids. Locusts are a type of grasshopper. Locusts feed on leaves and other plant materials, while the less destructive cicadas drink the liquid from inside stems, roots, and branches of trees and plants. Damage to trees from cicadas comes mostly from their egg-laying process. We are most familiar with the drama created by the periodic cicadas that emerge in cycles of 13 or 17 years, but there is also a species that emerges annually. Both cicadas and locusts make annoying sounds, but nothing compares to the ear-splitting noise created by large numbers of cicadas, droning together in chorus.



Condo President's Memo



by Janice Weiner

Bag your Trash - Don't place loose trash in the dumpsters. Loose trash falls out onto the parking lot when waste management trucks upend dumpsters to empty them. Food debris, chicken bones, etc. attract bugs and vermin. These are *not* creatures any of us want to encounter when we approach a dumpster. *Please securely bag your trash!*

Handbook Update - The revised handbook is in the process of being printed, and will be delivered by hand to condo units, and mailed to owners who rent. It is the owners' responsibility to be sure their renters know the rules.

Flower Beds - Be mindful of what you plant in flower beds. Before planting anything (bushes, flowers, annuals or perennials, etc.) contact management first. Management will then inform the board.

Light Pole Update - PSE&G has recently marked the area outside building #5 to replace the light pole that was knocked over during a storm on December 25, 2020. Residents' and Management's repeated letters and phone calls to PSE&G are finally resulting in this problem being resolved.

Landscapers - Our landscapers will be trimming the shrubs and there are also plans for fall plantings in the entrance beds.

Stay safe - Janice

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



CHICKEN VEGETABLE DISH

by Rita Sykes



Ingredients

- 4 skinless breast halves with bone in
- 15 oz can crushed tomatoes
- 10 oz. pkg. frozen green beans
- 2 cups water or chicken broth
- 1 cup brown rice uncooked
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 2 carrots, chopped One onion chopped
- ½ teaspoon minced garlic ½ teaspoon herb-blend seasoning
- ¼ teaspoon dried tarragon

Preparation

1. combine all ingredients in slow cooker.
 2. cover; cook on high 2 hours and then on low 3-5 hours
- Makes 4 servings

WHAT DO PARENTS DO WHEN GROWN CHILDREN ARE SEVERELY ILL? HOW ONE FATHER MARVELS AT MOTHER-DAUGHTER BRAVEHEARTS

by Lou Antosh



It is 7:03 a.m., three hours after wake-up, and I duck into the restroom to see if a splash of water might somehow erase both sleep hunger and a sore back from the two-hour drive to Baltimore. Heading back to the waiting area, my focus zooms in on the plastic sandwich bag in her hand and the dozen or so multi-colored pills inside. Instantly, the indescribably bad thing grips my soul. Piercing sadness, maybe? Emptiness? Helplessness?

She is here as a Johns Hopkins inpatient for the day and these are her pills for now. Not tonight's handful of pills, but just for now. My heart screams against the scene, but I cannot let her see my fleeting fear. Shake it off. She looks at me with a half-smile. "They're almost ready to take me."

"They" have "taken" her for 20 years now. Doctors. Hospitals. Clinics. There is a hole in her chest where today's treatment goes. Apheresis that may, perhaps, help her rescue the new kidney. A tube still in her abdomen where until recently she endured 14 hours of overnight peritoneal dialysis seven days a week. Scars from the previous transplanted kidney that stopped working four years ago. She is 37. Her beautiful blossoming veered off-course at 16, when a thief with a long medical name and short alias (FSGS) crept in to begin its scarring work on the nephrons, the one million filtering units found in each human kidney.

Like many residents in a senior community, Joanne and I have battled with our measure of sadness. The always **on-recall passing** of our parents. And her brother. And my best and dearest friend. And as years go by, the stinging loss of more and more loving faces. But to witness serious damage to your grown child is an even more damnable place. Some who read this know it, perhaps more fully than anyone else can.

As we contemplate the health troubles of our youngest daughter, it's a whirling collage, a blurred, out-of-focus slideshow with dozens of multistate ER centers, hospital rooms, doctors smiling, then frowning, painful procedures and sleepless, worry-crammed nights. And then, smack in the middle of the Season of Covid, the evil one, cancer, strikes both mother and daughter, sliding them into a Philadelphia operating room within a week of each other. Major surgery last May. By the same surgeon.

And here is the irony as they both recover from a year of hell: Excepting a few months post-surgery, they both "look great," says family and friends. And here is the upbeat back story to this tale: They both are unsinkable, unwilling to accept defeat-by-illness, and energetic in their quest for self-determination. My wife's cancer was a sequel to breast cancer 30 years ago, when she decided that chemo and radiation would not deter her from raising this blonde-haired youngest child. How so much like her is this same child who I now accompany during the Baltimore hospital visit. Whose face is swollen today by the steroids "they" hope will cajole the new kidney into functioning.

It is not uncommon for parents of a seriously sick child to try the bargain with God: "Please make them well; let us take on their burden." The haunting fact of life, our own decent health, could be riddled with guilt that might easily make us cower and shun any possible pleasures or joy. What saves is Chrissy's persistent humor and belief in the future. She sends funny videos and texts. She teases. She chides us. *(Continued on Page 10)*

Remaining 2021 Board of Trustees Business Meetings

August 10, 24 September 14, 28 October 12, 26, November 9, 23, December 14, 28

General Meeting: September 21 at 7:30 p.m. **Annual Meeting:** November 16 at 7 p.m.

CHRISSEY'S Story by Lou Antosh, Continued from Page 9

We ride home from another treatment at Johns Hopkins, which called her early in May to say, “we have a kidney, come down quick.” We make idle talk, then Chrissy says to me: “Dad, do you remember when I was little, and you put me into a tire and rolled me down the hill?”

I was puzzled. “What are you talking about, Chrissy? What tire, what hill?” She smiled and said: “Don’t you remember Dad, the tires, the Goodyears.”

I got it. And get all of her jokes. That’s why it never gets too dark in this life. And that’s why I’d like to make a couple points for those who may find themselves where we are. First, it is okay to be worried and sad. But not for too long. Your primary job is to look for and find that positive spirit in your child, whatever their age. It is there, even in the sickest patient seeking a Make-a-Wish event that provides happiness. Find it and give it back, reinforce it; bathe your child with it.

Secondly, do not hide your family’s health problem from others and do not become a hermit. It isn’t just compassionate health care workers who will respond to your family situation. Family, friends and even strangers will offer overwhelming support if you share your situation. Our grown kids encouraged us to use social media such as Facebook. And when we began posting about Chrissy’s kidney transplant and its subsequent problems, a groundswell of prayers and support came her way and ours. Friends who couldn’t promise prayers offered to “keep Chrissy in the light,” which is a Quaker manifestation of spiritual goodwill. Here is a promise: Get over your fear of telling others what is going on, and you will be surprised at what happens.

In one organization I belong to, one particular member and I tend to bump heads. For whatever reason, static fills our relationship. But one night recently as I headed home, he called out to me, approached, and looked me in the eye, saying: “Listen, I don’t respond to things about your daughter on Facebook, just not what I do. But I want you to know that I sincerely am praying for your daughter and your family.”

Wow. And the healing continues.

ATTENTION RETIREES! OPPORTUNITY CALLS

Want a part-time job? Two days a week, 2—4 hours per day. Driving your own vehicle delivering dental lab products to area dentists. Great work environment and friendly workplace. For details, please feel free to email denturesunlimited@yahoo.com or call Kathy at 609-670-5643.

THANKS TO GINNY MARCHIONDO

This THANK YOU is to Virginia Marchiondo for her thoughtfulness in sharing her painting and sketches with several residents. Just recently, she brought a few pieces of her artwork to the pool for anyone to take. In the past, she has also brought work to the Clubhouse for residents to take home. Virginia has given back to our community the love of what she has enjoyed doing for many years. As I said, THANK YOU VIRGINIA.

A very appreciative resident who has two pieces of your work hanging in her home! A Villager



REMEMBER WHEN

Once we had a clubhouse that was open to us all.
We had a Halloween party each and every fall.
The gym was always open to keep us fit and thin;
We even had aerobics if one could fit it in.
Line dancing, games and Healthy Bones took place within our hall,
While works of art by residents, hung proudly on the wall.
Mahjong was the game of choice; Shuffleboard was the best.
We could pick a book or two, if we just needed rest.
There were bus trips to places I longed to explore -
One to Atlantic City – could you ask for anything more?
My memory is fading; my hearing is as well,
So, I'd like to stay active until the final bell.
I remember well the days of old, before Covid took its toll.
I can't wait for the clubhouse to open up again,
So once more I can gather with my neighbors and my friends.

Nadine Garrabrant

CALLING ALL SONGBIRD LOVERS

by Ima Plant

As reported in a recent NBC10 alert, hundreds of young songbirds, including blue jays, robins, common grackles, starlings, cardinals, and finches, have been dying at an alarming rate. Between May and mid-July, a mysterious illness had caused more than 500 avian deaths in PA, mostly in the southeast area; 100 had died from the same illness in Delaware, and more than 80 deaths had been reported in NJ, mostly in the counties closest to the PA border.

Scientists have ruled out a number of possible causes, but they still have not been able to make a diagnosis. Wildlife officials in Delaware and PA are recommending residents temporarily remove bird baths and feeders to stop birds from gathering and potentially spreading the illness. (An attempt at avian social distancing?)

For now, in NJ the recommendation is to clean feeders and baths (10% bleach solution), if you find affected birds on your property. To report any incidence, residents can email Nicole Lewis, a wildlife veterinarian at the NJ Div. of Fish and Wildlife, at nicole.lewis@dep.nj.gov with details including location and photos if possible.

Deceased birds can be disposed of in regular trash – use gloves and double bag!

(There will be a huge outcry of protest in my back yard if baths are banned. A whole group of feathered friends line up at least twice a day with their towels, noodles and keyfobs, eagerly waiting for a dip.)



JERSEY JAWS

By Susan Powell

On a hot summer's day in 1975, I saw the movie *JAWS* at the boardwalk theatre in Ocean City, NJ. Blinking afterwards in the bright sunlight, observing bathers frolicking in the nearby waves, I knew I'd never feel I was totally safe in ocean water again. For years, just hearing the theme music evoked movie scene flashbacks. Little did I know that quite a bit of the plot was based on actual events that occurred along the Jersey shore during a heat wave in July 1916.

Between July 1 and July 12, 1916, there was a series of shark attacks in which four people were killed and one injured.

Charles Vansant, 28, was vacationing with family in Beach Haven. On Saturday, July 1, Vansant was taking a quick swim before dinner when he was attacked by a shark. Although rescued from the water by a lifeguard and a bystander, he bled to death.

The second major attack occurred on Thursday, July 6, 1916, in Spring Lake (45 miles north of Beach Haven). Charles Bruder, 27, worked as a Bell Captain at the Essex & Sussex Hotel. While swimming, Bruder was attacked by a shark that bit him in the abdomen and severed both his legs. The water around him turned red. Two lifeguards rowed out and pulled him from the

water, but he bled to death by the time they reached shore.

As in the movie version, a sea captain (Thomas Cattrell, of Matawan) reported that he'd seen an 8-foot shark swimming upstream under a bridge by a local creek. Townspeople didn't believe him.

On Wednesday, July 12, the 3rd and 4th fatal attacks occurred in Matawan Creek (30 miles north of Spring Lake and inland of Raritan Bay). While playing and swimming with friends, 11-year-old Lester Stilwell was pulled underwater by a shark. When his friends went for help, Watson Stanley Fisher was one of the men who came to their aid. Fisher found Stilwell's body but was himself severely bitten by the shark. He later died at the hospital in Long Branch.

Thirty minutes after Fisher was attacked, Joseph Dunn, 14, from New York City was bitten on his left leg while swimming in the same creek just about a half mile away from the previous attack. After a tug-of-war with the shark, Dunn's brother and a friend managed to free him. Dunn recovered from his injuries and was released from the hospital in mid September.

The attacks resulted in panic among shore visitors and townsfolk alike. Officials initially tried to downplay what had occurred, even suggesting it was an aggressive giant sea turtle or a large mackerel, but on the side they called in experts and asked for government assistance. President Woodrow Wilson scheduled a meeting with his cabinet to discuss the attacks. Shark-hunting parties were conducted in both the ocean and along Matawan Creek using dynamite and guns. Again, as in Hollywood's depiction, some human remains were found inside a great white that was captured (but no license plate as the film suggested).

At the time, it wasn't known or believed that sharks could attack people. Also, such encounters were not quickly broadcast nor accompanied by visuals as they are today. Whether the 1916 attacks resulted from a sole rogue shark or several, scientists still debate. Some think the creek attacks may have been the work of a bull shark, which are now known to travel inland into fresh water and to bite people. *(Continued on Page 13)*



TALKING TRASH TO TREASURE

By Debra Kramer



It's easy to feel hopeless about the environment when confronted with the onslaught of bad news. Climate change, invasive species, endangered species, over-farming, trash and pollution are all real concerns. That is why, when opportunity knocks, it is great to participate in a program that has direct positive results for our environment. Such a program now exists for Mount Laurel residents.

The idea is simple. Instead of throwing your compostable materials into the trash and taking up precious land-fill space with food scraps, you separate them and place them in a 5-gallon pail with lid and liner. The company provides a detailed list of acceptable composting materials. Once a week or twice a month (you decide), the company crew will drive by, pick up your food scraps, deliver them to a local orchard, and add them to a large pile. Nature then does the work of turning the scraps into compost. The compost is spread around the fruit trees to fertilize the trees. Therefore, the food scraps are kept out of the landfill and put to good use.

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My household has participated in this program for the past month. The pail is located in the garage. We place all non-meat food scraps in the pail. The container is placed by the curb the evening before pick-up and returned to the garage after the team removes and replaces the liner. A reminder e-mail is sent the day before each pick-up, and their team has been efficient and consistent with their service.

For more information, and to sign up for the service, check the website www.gardenstatecomposting.com. The thriving and well-fed fruit trees will thank you.

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In the many years since, people have developed a fascination with sharks to the point that they maintain a place in popular culture. Some examples:



Jimmy Buffet's popular song *Fins* (released 1979)



The *Baby Shark* song



Camden's RiverSharks now defunct baseball team w shark mascot Finley (2001-2015). They were a member of the Liberty Division of the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball.



TV and library celebrations of "Shark Week" every summer



Shark movies running the gamut from the serious (i.e. *Open Water*, to the comedic and seemingly un-ending *Sharknado* series)



Children's animated movies - *Finding Nemo*, *Shark Tale*, etc.



SNL's hilarious land-shark reoccurring skits starring Chevy Chase (introduced in fall 1975)



Stuffed children's shark toys, room decor and accessories such as this LLBean's current shark insulated lunchbox



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ACTIVITIES

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 August is: <i>National Golf & National Wellness Month. Be active!</i> 	2 9:00 Tennis/Pickleball	3 Trash Day 9:00 Pickleball & Lessons for new players 6:30 Bocce <i>National Night Out!</i>	4  4:00 Pickleball	5 9:00 Tennis	6 9:00 Tennis/Pickleball  <i>Root Beer Float Day</i>	7 9:00 Pickleball  PURPLE HEART DAY
8 HAPPY INTERNATIONAL CAT DAY 	9 9:00 Tennis/Pickleball  WORLD BOOK LOVERS DAY	10 Recycle & Trash 9:00 Pickleball & Lessons for new players 4:00 BOT Meeting 701-802-5028; Code 6156135 6:30 Bocce	11 4:00 Pickleball	12 9:00 Tennis 11:00 Finance Committee  <i>Vinyl Record Day!</i>	13 9:00 Tennis/Pickleball <i>Happy Left Handers Day!</i>	14 9:00 Pickleball
15 RELAX  <i>National Relaxation Day!</i>	16 9:00 Tennis/Pickleball <i>National Roller Coaster Day!</i> 	17 Trash Day 9:00 Pickleball & Lessons for new players 6:30 Bocce	18 <u>ARB Applications Due</u> 4:00 Pickleball	19 9:00 Tennis  NATIONAL AUCTION DAY	20 9:00 Tennis/Pickleball	21 9:00 Pickleball  <i>World Honeybee Day</i>
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29 <i>More Herbs, Less Salt Day!</i> 	30 9:00 Tennis/Pickleball  <i>National Beach Day!</i>	31 Trash Day 9:00 Pickleball & Lessons for new players 11:00 Communications 6:30 Bocce	Calendar Notes Recycle & Trash dates may change. Check Villager emails/phone messages for updates. Lawn Cut Days: Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Check the Clubhouse sign for any skip weeks. Pickleball: Easy to learn and fun to play! Please contact Don Joseph to schedule a lesson: 856-938-5012; don7532@comcast.net . Contact Katie Dole to be added to Pickleball emails for schedule updates: kitkatdole@comcast.net			

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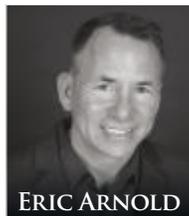


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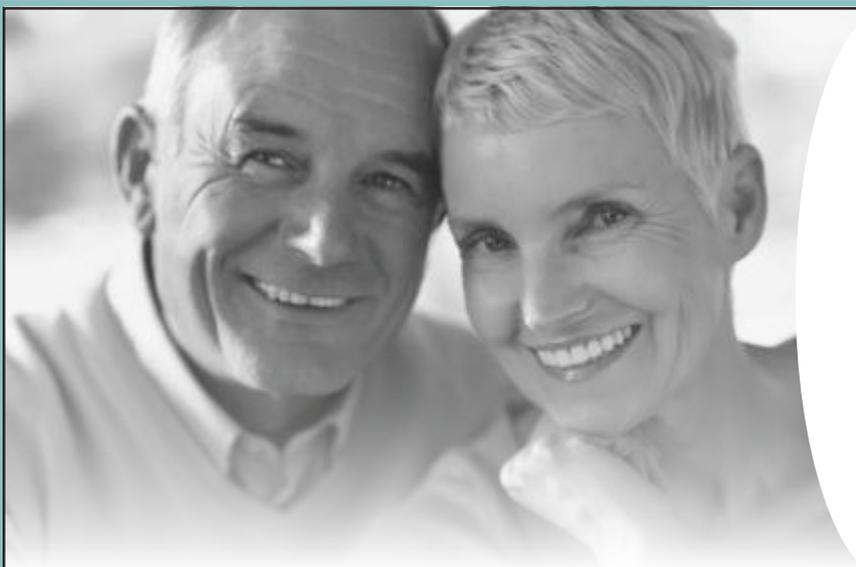
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BATHROOM

- Store all toiletries out of sight
- Patch, caulk or grout as needed
- Display attractive guest towels

FAMILY ROOM

- Rearrange/remove furniture to maximize space
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