



# The Holiday Villager

September 2021



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Barb Maimone



Richard Berr, Vice President of our Board of Trustees, has resigned. Rich served over seven years on the BOT as Trustee, President and now Vice President. Thank you, Rich, for all your time and hard work. You certainly were an important part of our BOT and provided a lot of great input for this community. We will all miss you at our meetings! The Board elected Gail Moyer as the new Vice President.

We now have an opening that needs to be filled. If there are any residents in good standing who are interested in filling this position on the HV Board, please call or email Kerri in the office to set up an interview.

I cannot believe the summer is almost over! I know the pool season is ending, but I would like to clear up some issues that came up since the pool opened on June 26th. I heard a lot of complaints about lifeguards, residents not able to use their FOBs, leaving the pool area due to thunder and losing a month of swimming.

1. So let's start with the LIFEGUARDS. Due to COVID 19 (yes that nasty virus), there was a shortage of lifeguards nation-wide. I think most of the shortages were due to exchange students not being able to come over to the U.S. and students not traveling as much, but that's just my opinion. Our pool company advised us of this the week before we opened. To keep the pool open, HVCSA filed with the township a "Request for Lifeguard Exemption," which was approved! Many pools in our area did not file for the exemption. Those pools had to close if the lifeguard did not show. Also, the COVID Attendant had to be there at all times. There were days the COVID Attendant called out sick at the last minute. We did everything possible to get a replacement but unfortunately that did not happen so the pool had to be closed. We had no control over this issue! We received a credit for those days the Lifeguard or Attendant did not show.

There were residents who left extremely nasty phone messages and emails! Honestly, do you think this helped? The office, the Pool Committee and BOT were shocked by some of the comments about the pool closing due to this issue. Please remember the BOT and Pool Committee are just volunteers!

2. KEY FOBs. Starting approximately two months before the pool opened, we advised the residents by phone, emails and the Clubhouse electronic sign that waivers had to be signed before their key fobs could be activated for entrance to the pool. For anyone who was inconvenienced and did not see the many notices I do apologize!

3. THUNDER. When the lifeguards hear thunder, they must ask everyone to leave the pool area for 30 minutes. We had a few new lifeguards and they advised the residents they would have to leave for an hour. There were a few residents who complained. The office rectified the issue with the pool company. Just remember, every time the lifeguard hears thunder the 30-minute clock starts over again!

4. GUESTS. No lifeguard, no guests and no children. That is our rule and is non-negotiable!

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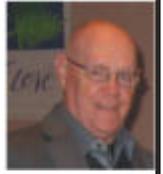
## BLAST TO THE PAST



## THE WAY WE WERE



by Joe Sykes



Watching our boy and girl twins twice a week has saddened me somewhat as they are constantly looking at a computer screen or phone playing games or checking out videos on **TikTok** and **YouTube**.

They will never know the fun of playing street games outside while getting a lot of sunshine and exercise. Learning to interact with kids in the neighborhood and maybe making lifelong friends in the process. Kids today do have some interactions with friends via FaceTime on their phones and computers, but it can't compare to actually getting out and playing in the neighborhood all day like we did as kids. Don't get me wrong I think the technology in today's world is amazing and unbelievable. The way these kids from an early age can navigate a cell phone or Computer keyboard and type with a speed that took me a year to master learning where all the keys were without looking, but still make a lot of typos. It's pretty bad when your go-to person to help fix a problem on your phone is your 11-year-old grandson.

I grew up in a working-class blue-collar neighborhood where Dad was the sole provider and Mom was home taking care of the home and children. As kids we happily spent the day outside roller skating, playing hop-scotch, tag, hide and seek and innumerable other street games. When we were bored with those, we used our imaginations to invent new games. We did all this day and night in the neighborhood under the watchful eyes of the neighbors either sitting out on porches and stoops who would chastise you for misbehaving or worse (gulp) report you to your parents.

There is plenty to love about those carefree days we experienced as kids and there is plenty to feel nostalgic about. While we all may be grateful for the progress we've made since those times, there are also many ways of life that folks of our senior generations still long for. I'm just glad I grew up in those times before technology took over the world.

### Senior Moments

Getting up from the couch has more **snack, crackle and pop than**



You know you're getting older when the party ends at 9 p.m. instead of starting at 9 p.m!

Unfortunately, you are old enough to have to start buying birthday candles by the case.

Getting older has some benefits.... Call it a "Senior Moment" and you can get away with pretty much anything.

Remember you're not getting older you're becoming a classic.



### This and That

**Remember** when we were kids and wanted to grow up? **What were we Thinking?**

I remember when I was a kid you had to win to get a trophy. In other words, you had to earn it.

Remember when the TV went off at mealtime and we sat around the table.

They say with age comes wisdom so therefore I don't have wrinkles I have wisecracks.

You know you are getting old when the clothes you used to wear are now Halloween costumes.

I remember going to the corner store with a dollar and coming back with two bottles of soda, a couple bags of chips and four candy bars. **Now they have cameras everywhere!!**

I saw on the internet that the prices for an **Exorcism** are \$2000 to \$5000. If you don't pay do you get **repossessed??**

Happy Autumn, see you next month.

## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, Continued*

5. TIME LOST AT THE POOL. I heard this statement so much! We did not lose one month at the pool! The pool is only open on weekends from Memorial Day until the end of June, then seven days a week. We opened seven days a week on June 26th. There were three weekends that we did not open as usual. Memorial Day weekend it rained both days. So, we only lost four days until June 26th when the pool opened, not one month! Hopefully next summer will be much better!

A RESIDENT REQUESTED that, for those who do not have computers, the BOT-approved minutes should be posted on the Clubhouse outdoor bulletin board again. It had stopped due to the COVID closure. The approved BOT minutes are now posted on our bulletin board. I do listen to requests!!

DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF AUGUST, we hired an engineer to do a study on all our lakes. The study, which was budgeted for, will advise us which lakes if any need work and approximate cost. The BOT will then develop a plan for the lakes so we can start budgeting for repairs, dredging, water studies, etc.

CLUBHOUSE. The Board voted to open the Gym on August 9th and the Clubhouse on August 23rd. Waivers must be signed to have KeyFobs turned on. Hopefully this has happened as I am writing this article in August! With COVID starting to increase again, we may have to go back to wearing masks or possibly closing down again. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that this doesn't happen.

ASSOCIA EMPLOYEES are back in the office/clubhouse Monday to Friday for business.

We are going to have the CLUBHOUSE ROOF AND THE STRUCTURE ITSELF INSPECTED. I remember when the roof of the clubhouse at Holiday Village East came down! We do not want this to happen here!

CARD ROOM/LIBRARY The new floor has been installed. We are waiting for the new bookcases.

KITCHEN. The work will start soon. Cabinets and flooring have been ordered. During this construction, it may be necessary to close the clubhouse for one or two days. The office will notify the residents if this happens.

**DUE TO THE RISE IN COVID CASES, CHANGES MAY BE NECESSARY IN THE OPENING OF OUR FACILITIES TO COMPLY WITH RECOMMENDATIONS BY LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES. THIS WILL BE DONE FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL OUR RESIDENTS. RESIDENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ANY CHANGES/CLOSURES.**

Please be safe, wear your masks and get your COVID VACCINE!

Here's an internet note that caught my attention; I decided to share it with you:

I don't understand some people's problem with wearing a mask.

I grew up with no shoes, no shirt, no service. Nobody turned that into a civil rights issue as far as I know.

When I go to a fancy restaurant and they require a sport coat I don't spit in their face. I wear a sport coat.

When I go golfing and they require a collar, I don't yell and scream and turn it into something political. I wear a shirt with a collar like I was asked to do.

When I walk into a place of worship if they ask me to wear a head covering, I am polite and wear a head covering. I don't rant about my God given right to not wear a head covering.

Right now, we are being asked to wear a mask to make everyone feel more comfortable about restarting society. I don't understand all of the anger about that. I will wear a mask for the benefit of everyone. It's what I am being asked to do. And just like in the other instances, I will do it because I don't consider it an infringement on any of my basic human rights. It is simply the polite thing to do for the common good.

## SENIORS, PROCEED TO YOUR HEARING AID BATTLE STATIONS FOR ANOTHER GO AT THE RIGGED SYSTEM OF HIGH PRICES

By Lou Antosh



“Right now, when you need a hearing aid, you can’t just walk into a pharmacy and pick one up over the counter, you have to get one from a doctor or specialist.”

Joe Biden, July 2021

President Biden recently issued an executive order saying in effect that consumers soon must be able to buy hearing aids without having to get dressed up for a visit (or three) to a physician or audiologist. The headline over one news piece said: “Sweeping Executive Order Puts Hearing Aids Over the Counter.”

Wow. That quick?

Right. And maybe tomorrow an executive order will put an American on Mars. Of course, if that happens, a billion people will hear what that astronaut has to say from millions of miles away. Except for some of the 48 million hearing-impaired Americans who struggle to hear anything very clearly. I’m one of them. And I know that seniors constitute the majority of those with hearing loss, including some people who pay up to ten grand for hearing aids so unreliable that the wearers still miss out on the sounds of a full and active life.

Consider how America’s alleged compassionate politicians have failed the hearing impaired:

In 2017, Congress passed a proposal to allow over-the-counter sales of hearing aids, a move which *seemed* to foreshadow lower prices. In 2018, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shook the earth by announcing that for the first time a company – the Bose speaker manufacturer -- was allowed to market a “self-fitting” hearing aid that did not require assistance from a health professional.



Fast forward to now, 2021, and see the actual product that sells for \$849.99 -- Bose Sound Control™ hearing aids on the bose.com website. They require the customer to take an online hearing assessment, called a “screening.” Even when the federal bureaucracy gets a tad out of the way, each of the 50 states has the authority to approve or reject FDA-approved hearing aids. Take no comfort, then, in the Biden order saying that in 120 days the FDA must create a whole new regulation for OTC hearing aids. I expect

a few more years of stalling. It takes more than words to fix the way the stack is tilted against the hearing impaired. Why?

Because there are four large companies that supply 84 percent of America’s hearing aids and they require the consumer to undergo a hearing evaluation, usually by an audiologist. Incorporating the cost of doctor or audiologist visits can balloon the hearing aid price to multiple times the cost of manufacture. Consequently, products from the Big Four are priced from several thousand dollars to \$10,000.

In effect, the audiology exam is a brick profit fortress which denies access to millions of Americans with modest incomes, most of them seniors doomed to silent days. Hearing impairment can make a person feel embarrassed, isolated, or less-than-normal socially. The saddest statistic is that only 14 percent of the 48 million hearing impaired are using aids that work.

The irony, of course, is that many thousands of seniors are buying cheap, Chinese-made hearing devices online. Example: A year ago, seeking a backup to my regular devices, I purchased for \$200 via Amazon the devices shown on page 9. They fit in the ear canal and I hear GREAT with them in. But, after four or five hours my ears hurt. Similar hearing devices shown on Amazon cost \$139 and are ranked as the second-best sellers under “hearing amplifier.” Check the reviews. Some love them. Others trash them.

*You can hear more on Page 9*

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE REVIVING LINDA FLANNERY RETURNS AS CHAIR



Linda and Joe Flannery have bought a condo and will be Villagers again. Linda has agreed to reprise her previous stellar performance as Social Committee Chair, and is rounding up her team. Watch this space for the latest as Linda puts Social back in gear.

## HEALTH & WELFARE HAPPENINGS

*by Joan Fingerman*



I hope everyone enjoyed the lazy days of summer. I want to thank Marci King, Harvey Mester and Barbara Maimone for a job well done in running our pool.

Blood pressure screening will be held in the Clubhouse on Friday, September 10 from 10:00-11:30.

I am happy to be able to start planning events inside our beautiful Clubhouse.

## HV EXPRESS TRIP COMMITTEE



The Trip Committee is very happy to announce that the Board has approved our Movie/Dinner event. By the time the September Villager arrives at your door you will have received an email blast with all the details, and the first event will be SOLD OUT!

This first outing is scheduled for Thursday, September 2nd. The movie we will see at the AMC Voorhees is "Stillwater," starring Matt Damon. It has received excellent reviews, including 85% on Rotten Tomatoes. The restaurant we have selected is "Allora," located on Route 73 in the Whole Foods Shopping Center. This is a BYOB restaurant. I'm pretty sure many of you have dined at this restaurant. The food and service have always been excellent.

The price per person is \$50 for movie & dinner which includes all taxes and gratuities. The movie will begin at 3:30 p.m. and dinner will follow at approximately 6:30 p.m. No bus this time; you're on your own for transportation.

Below is the four-course menu we have selected.

House Salad

Rigatoni Genovese

Choice of 3 Entrees (Chicken Parmigiana, Chicken Piccata, or Salmon Allora)

Coffee, Tea, and Dessert (Biscotti & Cannoli)

If you have any dietary restrictions, please advise.

We expect to give 20 additional people the opportunity to enjoy this experience at the end of September/early October. We will be searching for another suitable movie that we might all enjoy.

**Please let us know ASAP if you are interested in attending the second Movie/Dinner night.**

Any questions don't hesitate to call Phyllis 856-520-5033 or Pat 215-858-5272

To sign up please email Phyllis @ [phyllisfleming@comcast.net](mailto:phyllisfleming@comcast.net) or call her @ 856-520-5033

*Phyllis Fleming & Pat Clear*

## TREE OF HEAVEN

by Ima Plant, working underground for the Common Grounds Committee



Let's begin with the Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus Altissima*). Native to Asia, the Tree of Heaven (TOH) was intentionally introduced into Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the US, back in 1784, when the first of this species was planted in Philadelphia's Bartram Botanical Garden. As with many invasive, non-native plants, little was known about them, and they were fancied as unique, ornamental, fast growing shade trees, tolerant of poor conditions. They were widely planted from New York City to Washington, D.C. In our South Jersey area, the TOH is easily noticed on the edges of wooded areas and along roadways. It is especially well-suited to urban environments, and can even take root in sidewalk cracks. The novel, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" features a Tree of Heaven. While each TOH lives only 30-70 years, sprouts from the first tree planted in 1784 were recently identified in Bartram Garden. The Tree of Heaven now grows in 44 states.

**And herein lies the first part of the "match".** The Tree of Heaven is prolific. A single female TOH can produce at least 350,000 seeds annually, in clusters that can easily be dispersed in light breezes. They also reproduce through their extensive root system. Both male and female trees can send out root suckers over 50 feet away that can quickly grow into mature trees. As if that weren't enough, you cannot just cut down a Tree of Heaven. A cut or injured TOH will send up dozens of stump and root sprouts to replace itself. Its suckering ability enables it to clone itself indefinitely.

**The "match made in hell".** The hopping, utterly annoying, invasive Spotted Lantern Flies (SLF) love the Trees of Heaven. The first photo shows masses of live adult SLFs at the base of 2 Trees of Heaven (located in Holiday Village). They are lining up to climb up and down the trees, sucking sap, excreting honeydew that drops down like rain, and laying eggs. No other tree attracts the SLF like the Tree of Heaven does. A couple of sassafras trees a few yards away had just a few single SLFs on them at the same time the photo was taken. Scientists have been studying this strange connection to the Tree of Heaven, ever since the SLF was accidentally introduced into Pennsylvania in 2014.



**Identifying the Tree of Heaven** The Tree of Heaven can reach heights over 50 feet. The bark of an adult tree resembles the skin of a cantaloupe. The particularly distinctive leaves have long stems with leaflets attached on each side, in pairs. At the base of each leaflet are 1-2 bumps called glandular teeth, but the rest of the leaflet edges are smooth. When crushed, the leaves and branches give off an offensive odor, similar to rancid peanut butter. The Tree of Heaven can easily be confused with some of our native trees that have similar leaves, such as staghorn sumac, black walnut, and hickory. But the leaflets of all of these trees have serrated edges, not smooth like the Tree of Heaven, and the rancid odor is unique to the Tree of Heaven. While your property may not be in the path of a Tree of Heaven clone or windblown seed, it still pays to be aware and alert and to spread the word to others you know beyond Holiday Village. If you have had a close encounter with a hopping Spotted Lantern Fly, then a Tree of Heaven can't be far away. AND, if you identify a Tree of Heaven that you wish to remove, consult an expert and the ARB! If you simply cut it down, it may come back to haunt you many times over.



***There are some signs of hope in the battle against the Spotted Lantern Fly! Researchers believe they have identified a fungus that may kill the bugs. Stay tuned!***



# Condo President's Memo



by Janice Weiner

**New Handbooks** - Printed copies of the new handbooks are in and will be delivered to your door. Please do not throw these away. Place them with the rest of your condo documents and pass them on when selling your condo.

**Mulch/Flower Beds** - DO NOT plant any perennials before consulting with the board. Contact management first, and management will then pass on your information to the board. *Thank you to those who keep their outside attractive!*

**Condo Issues** - Please call Condo management (Associa -Lisa Bianchini - at 856-996-1646) regarding Condo issues. DO NOT call the Holiday Village Clubhouse - those employees have nothing to do with the condominiums.

**Cars** - Be advised that NJ State Motor Vehicle Inspections Stations are open. Check that the inspection sticker on your windshield is current. If it's overdue and you don't handle it, we will arrange for towing—at the owner's expense, of course.

**Insurance Reminder** - Be sure your possessions are covered. Check that you have up-to-date homeowners' insurance for your condo. Renters should have current renter's insurance.

*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.**



## HELLO FALL



by Rita Sykes

**Hello to fall and its spectacular display  
Summer is gone, beach time has faded away  
The fall is here with its colorful display.  
Changing foliage and harvest celebrations  
Nature is going thru another transformation  
The leaves turning from green to red, orange and brown  
As they start to silently fall down  
They make a carpet rich and rare  
Beneath the trees without a care  
Other times the leaves wildly fly  
Till it looks like they could reach the sky  
They twist and turn thru the air  
Until eventually the trees are stripped and bare  
The fallen leaves now await to be covered by the falling snow  
Oh sweet summer please don't go!**

## HEARING AIDS by Lou Antosh, Continued

 <p>Noise Cancelling Hearing... Amplifier Mini Invisible CIC <b>Ready to Ship</b> <b>\$14.90 - \$19.90</b> 2 Pieces (MOQ)</p>	 <p>Deaf Care Comfortable Rechargeable Ear-hook BT... <b>\$13.00 - \$14.50</b> 1 Piece (MOQ)</p>	 <p>CIC Mini Rechargeable... Hearing aid Programmable <b>Ready to Ship</b> <b>\$14.90 - \$19.90</b> 2 Pieces (MOQ)</p>	 <p>2021 New Products JZ-... 1088F2 Rechargeable USB <b>Ready to Ship</b> <b>\$6.90 - \$9.60</b> 2 Pieces (MOQ)</p>	 <p>Newest High Quality ZDC-... 901A Hearing Machine A10 <b>Ready to Ship</b> <b>\$14.90 - \$19.90</b> 2 Pieces (MOQ)</p>
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You want to see oodles of hearing aids, visit Alibaba.com, China's Amazon equivalent. Some look sleek. Some look preposterous. One device displays the words ON and OFF so large and visible that an added nose tattoo saying "wipe here" might not seem inappropriate. Many of these are touted as "FDA Approved."

Oh, I've tried expensive devices. Once paid \$2400 for a single device that went into my left ear canal. "President Clinton wears this kind," said the upbeat audiologist. Maybe, but after a few months I voted to impeach the squealing device. At one meeting I heard so poorly I excused myself and removed them. For good.

I'm not saying all the cheaper devices out there do not work. But it could take a mere human many months or longer to try them all. (Many offer a refund if returned during a trial period. Read the deals carefully.) Since my regular so-so devices are old and creaky, I may wind up following my wife to Costco, whose \$2500 hearing aids apparently work well, at least for her.

We will see how the Biden hearing aid promises pan out. I hope things get better. But please do not expect Medicare to ever pay for hearing aids. The quality of life can be quite poor for millions of seniors suffering from hearing loss, but that misery makes no nation-wide headlines. In the national victimhood game, seniors can't compete with much stronger and more vocal forces demanding federal funds.

Push come to shove, of course, there is this option:



## REMEMBERING BINGO

Last month I wrote a short poem for the Villager titled "REMEMBER WHEN." Unfortunately, I forgot to mention one very important activity—"BINGO." So this is for Ann Torre and the Bingo ladies:

I remember playing Bingo, at a cost that wasn't much  
Where coffee and free donuts were served without a fuss.  
If you covered every corner you might have been in luck,  
But if you won the "cover all" you won 100 bucks.

*Nadine Garrabrant*

## BLANKETEERS

by Jill McDonald

The “Blanketeers” is a group of Holiday Village residents who crochet or knit afghans, lap robes, scarves, hats, and mittens for various charitable organizations, as well as needy children and adults in our area. The primary benefactors of the items are Samaritan Hospice, Veterans Haven South, six Mount Laurel Elementary Schools, and Pemberton Early Childhood Development Center, which many military children from Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base attend. We also accept requests to donate blankets to Holiday Village residents who are ill and could use a bit of thoughtfulness from neighbors showing that we care!

The Holiday Village Board of Trustees generously includes a stipend for the group in the annual budget to offset the cost of materials; primarily yarn. If you, family members or friends have 4 ply yarn that they no longer want, we will gladly accept those donations and turn them into beautiful items.

Understanding that the Clubhouse will be open in September, we will begin our monthly meetings on the second Friday, September 10, at 10 a.m. Members enjoy a couple hours of camaraderie while bringing their donations, getting yarn for upcoming projects or collecting supplies of knitting needles or crochet hooks in proper sizes. Light refreshments are served.



### NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

At the present time we are especially in need of hats for pre-school and elementary age children. One lady who has donated about 100 hats for the last several years is no longer able to knit for us. We will also appreciate children’s mittens that many residents donate each year. You can drop them on the porch at 26 Bastian Drive or leave them at the Clubhouse marked for Blanketeers.

For further information or supplies, contact Chairman Jill McDonald, at 856-234-0253 or by email at [jillmcdon@aol.com](mailto:jillmcdon@aol.com).



## SHUFFLEBOARD

**The Shuffleboard table in the Clubhouse is available to all Holiday Village residents.**

**We have a 14-team league**

**that will play Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. after the Clubhouse fully opens**

**The league cannot accommodate any more teams at this time.**

**The table is available weekdays and weekends as well as Tuesday nights three weeks a month and Thursday before and after Line Dancing.**



## 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](mailto:denturesunlimited@yahoo.com) or call Kathy at 609-670-5643.



## WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

*By Ellen Patterson and Debra Kramer*

Honeybees represent one of the world's most widespread and important pollinators. Due to habitat loss, parasites and pesticides, the bee population has been declining. Some of our residents have noticed, and the Common Grounds Committee is taking action by providing a home for several families of honeybees.

Holiday Village will be hosting beehives on common grounds at a BOT-approved location that will give the bees and residents the social distancing needed for each. The chosen site is in the unmowed area along the woods that border the north side of the creek. There is a large empty field between this location and private HV homes. This picture is of hives in a different location.

At the risk of stating the obvious, it is important to maintain a safe distance away from the beehives. They will be in a location away from our amenities, the sidewalks, the lakes, and our homes and will not be visible from Union Mill Road. The honeybees should have peace and quiet there.



A local beekeeper, Eloise "Lou" Naylor, will maintain the hives. Lou is Past President of Mid-State New Jersey Beekeepers and Chair of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America, an international non-profit educational organization founded over seven decades ago. Her company is called Moorestown HoneyWorks. In essence, we are "lending" a location for her to erect and maintain 3 or 4 hives. There is no cost to Holiday Village except a small donation to cover the cost of the queen bees needed to start the hives.

## ...AND NOTHIN' BUT THE TRUTH

9/11

*By Lee Galese*



Like Pearl Harbor and the JFK assassination, most Americans have a vivid and distinct recollection of September 11, 2001 - where they were, what they were doing and who they were with.

In a similar vein, whenever I think of 9/11, I recall a particular case of mine.

The Plaintiff was a lady in her 50s who had sustained injury in a slip and fall on a sidewalk in one of the shore towns of Cape May County. I had taken her deposition, and she came across as a lovely witness. The initial background questions revealed that she was a receptionist on the 100th floor of one of the twin towers at the World Trade Center in New York City.

Discovery was complete, and we had an arbitration date for later in September. Then 9/11 came. Naturally, I was curious as to whether she had been a victim of the terrorist attacks as she worked in one of the towers that came down.

I called my adversary. Seems he had lost contact with her, and the phone number she had was no longer in service. With much trepidation, we both agreed to show up at Cape May Courthouse on the return day for the arbitration and see if she appeared.

As we were standing together in the hallway, anxiously eyeing the entrance, lo and behold, the Plaintiff walked in! We then learned, in a wonderful twist of fate, that she was not feeling well on 9/11 and had called in sick that morning!

## PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS OF 9/11

By Susan Powell



***This September 11th, 2021, marks the twentieth anniversary of the single largest loss of life from a foreign attack on American soil. Never forget.***

***The following are some Villagers' personal memories of that day:***

I was in a Philadelphia parking lot . . . going to get my hair cut. And I heard bits and pieces of people talking, very concerned about something they'd heard on the news in the morning. When I was finally done, I got back into my car, I turned on the radio, and a radio announcer said that another plane had hit the second tower of the twin towers in New York. So I just listened to the newscast until I got home, then I went into the house and turned on the TV and listened to live news coverage of what had happened. When I went to work later for my 3pm - 11:30pm shift, everyone was talking about it and we were flabbergasted. ~ T

I was at Fort Polk, LA, running linguist support to an exercise for a unit that was going to a rotation in the Balkans. The next day, I had to bring a vanload of people with strange-sounding names through the main gate. I expected to - and warned the people that we might - be slapped up against the van and shaken down, but the Military Police waved us right through. I guess I don't look like a terrorist. The plane that hit the Pentagon stopped just a few feet from my old desk. ~ G



My TV was on the morning the planes went into the towers. I thought, how did that happen? When the second plane hit the other tower, I knew this was not an error. OMG, what is happening? I tried to call my son who teaches in Manhattan. I could not reach him. Later, he told me all schools were placed on lockdown when the towers were hit. My reaction to what I saw was shock, sadness, and anger. And tears, tears for senseless deaths that just occurred. Yes, I recall that disaster vividly and will not forget it. ~ J

I was at work at Lynch Exhibits, working in the shop standing in front of my toolbox looking for a tool when a fellow tool-worker ran through the shop stating a plane just hit the World Trade Center. He always had on KYW NewsRadio 1060. We made a joke about a biplane and some nitwit probably hit the WTC. Then about an hour later he had more detailed info . . . a second plane had hit. And then . . . a plane just hit the Pentagon - we're under attack! And another plane crashed in Pennsylvania . . . at lunch the owner had TVs on in the office, so we all went in and watched it on the news. ~ W

. . . it is still very clear in my memory. I was cleaning the kitchen and watching *Good Morning America* when they interrupted the show and Diane Sawyer announced that a plane had struck the Twin Towers. While they were trying to get more information, a second plane struck the other Tower. It was clear then that the first was not an accident. My daughter called at that point from upstate New York and I told her we were under attack. She said she would turn on the TV and call me later. I couldn't turn the TV off and spent the day watching and talking to family and friends. I don't think I will ever forget the horror I saw that day. ~ B

Hard to believe, 20 years ...It's a very different world today. Much scarier too. I was working home that day ... turned on the Today Show and Matt [Lauer] and Katie [Couric] were talking about it, treating it as an unfortunate accident. They had a live camera focused on the towers. You could see one burning. Suddenly I saw another plane slam into the other tower. Immediately I knew this was no accident. Shortly thereafter, they reported and showed video of the Pentagon burning. Later, I called my son Rob, who was in Honolulu at college eight hours behind us. He said every siren at the naval base was blasting all night long and that the President had ordered all ships out to sea immediately, which I later learned was the case with all US naval bases around there world. I was in shock for days. The Courts were closed. I had nightmares of our country being attacked ... and I became increasingly vigilant of my surroundings. I rented the movie *Arlington Road* again. It took on a new and more personal meaning to me. ~ D

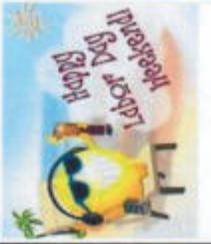
Here is what I remember from that horrible morning: I was getting ready to teach a class in the library when a colleague came in to return a book and asked if I had heard the news about the bombing of the twin towers. I turned on the television and saw the horrific scene. I stumbled through the beautiful late summer day in disbelief, shocked by the event that would change our world. ~ M

Walking through the back door of the salon I heard voices saying oh my God oh my God from my boss and clients. When I walked into the main area of the salon, I found myself saying oh my God when the second plane flew into the building. I was dazed for days, weeks and months along with the whole country. ~ M

I was at work [college] . . . getting organized for first class, when a colleague stopped by and told me. He asked, "Is Jack alright?" . Ed knew that my husband, Jack, worked in NYC ... like many businesspeople in NYC it was common to have meetings at WTC AND he commuted through the Path trains that ran under WTC. When we heard the 2nd plane had hit, it was clear we were being attacked. My thought was "I have been waiting my whole life for this day." As a child who grew up during the Cold War, my classmates and I would routinely have air raid drills where we would either line up in the hallways, kneeling facing the wall or scoot under our desks. For years, when I would hear a low flying plane, I thought we were under attack. And now, it had finally happened. I tried calling Jack, but all phone lines were jammed. Finally caught up with him later, to learn he was OK ... We were fearful of more attacks on the city and just wanted him to get home. . . The days after were so eerie - empty skies with the moratorium on all flights, people stranded all over the country and overseas, anthrax in the mail, one of our son Pat's classmates lost his dad in WTC that day; stories and video of the heroic rescue workers who walked into those buildings as thousands walked out. My kids have told me that they are forever changed by this - videos of people jumping from the towers, seeing the smoke from NJ. Now with the pandemic this generation has been re-traumatized. ~ J

I was at work in Philadelphia in the roll call room. Someone came in and said something happened at the Twin Towers. There was a TV so we proceeded to watch the second tower being hit. Then the Pentagon, and then Shanksville. The mayor of Philadelphia or someone had the whole city evacuate and there was gridlock. You couldn't use your cell phone, there wasn't a plane in the sky, it was a beautiful blue sky, and the silence was eerie. You got home and called your family to see if everyone was ok. ~ J

On a beautiful September 11th day, I went to my job in Philadelphia ... My husband went to school to teach ... my daughter was at American University in DC beginning her freshman year ... [later that morning] I learned that my daughter could see the Pentagon burning from campus ... [also] that a relative of Osama Bin Laden was attending American who drove a sports car around with the license plate "Bin Laden" ... They spirited him out to the Saudi embassy immediately... Then it was time for the journey home. Traffic was bumper to bumper in Philadelphia. You could hear horns honking everywhere. There was no cell phone service... I could see fear in the faces of all the drivers around me as we all listened to radio coverage. ~ L

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>5</b></p>  <p>Labor Day Weekend!</p>	<p><b>6</b> HVCSA Office Closed</p> <p>9:00 Tennis/Pickleball</p>  <p>HAPPY LABOR DAY!</p> <p>Rosh Hashanah</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:00 Pickleball &amp; Lessons for new players</p> <p>6:30 Bocce</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Nat'l No Rhyme Nor Reason Day!</p> <p>4:00 Pickleball</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00 Tennis</p> <p>3:30 <b>Showtime!</b> Dinner &amp; Movie Event (Signup Required)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:00 Tennis/Pickleball</p> <p>College Colors Day!</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:00 Pickleball</p> <p>National Wildlife Day</p> 
<p><b>12</b> Pool Closing</p>  <p>For the Season</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:00 Tennis/Pickleball</p> <p>12:30 Art Group</p>	<p><b>14</b> Trash Day</p> <p>9:00 Pickleball &amp; Lessons for new players</p> <p>4:00 BOT Meeting</p> <p>6:30 Bocce</p>	<p><b>8</b> Recycle &amp; Trash</p> <p>10:00 Healthy Bones</p>  <p>School Days</p> <p>4:00 Pickleball</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:00 Tennis</p> <p>11:00 Finance Committee</p>  <p>Int'l Sudoku Day!</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9:00 Tennis/Pickleball</p> <p>10:00 Blanketeers</p> <p>10:00-11:30 <b>BP Screening</b></p> 	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:00 Pickleball</p>  <p>PATRIOT DAY</p>
<p><b>19</b></p>  <p>Emmy Awards</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:00 Tennis/Pickleball</p> <p>12:30 Art Group</p>	<p><b>21</b> Recycle &amp; Trash</p> <p>9:00 Pickleball &amp; Lessons for new players</p> <p>6:30 Bocce</p> <p>7:30 <b>BOT General Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Autumn Begins!</p> <p>10:00 Healthy Bones</p> <p>4:00 Pickleball</p> <p>6:30 <b>ARB Meeting</b></p> <p>7:00 Condo Board Meeting</p> <p>In Craft Room</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9:00 Tennis</p> <p>10:00 Common Grounds</p> <p>7:00 Line Dancing</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9:00 Tennis/Pickleball</p> <p>Native American Day!</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9:00 Pickleball</p>  <p>Nat'l Comic Book Day!</p>
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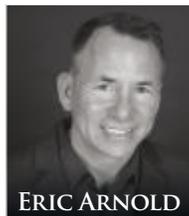
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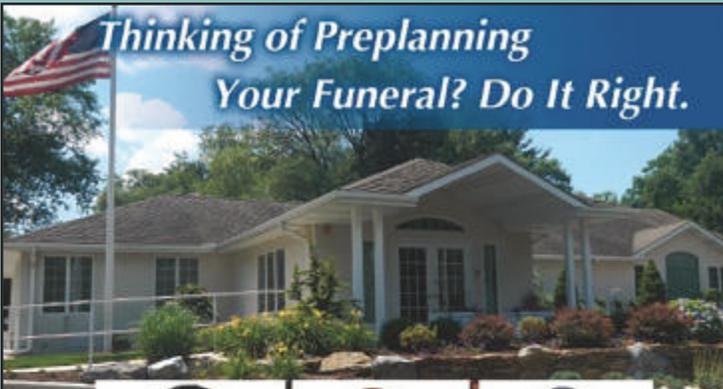
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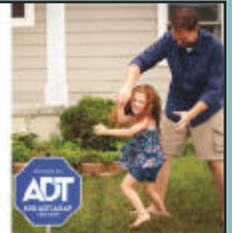
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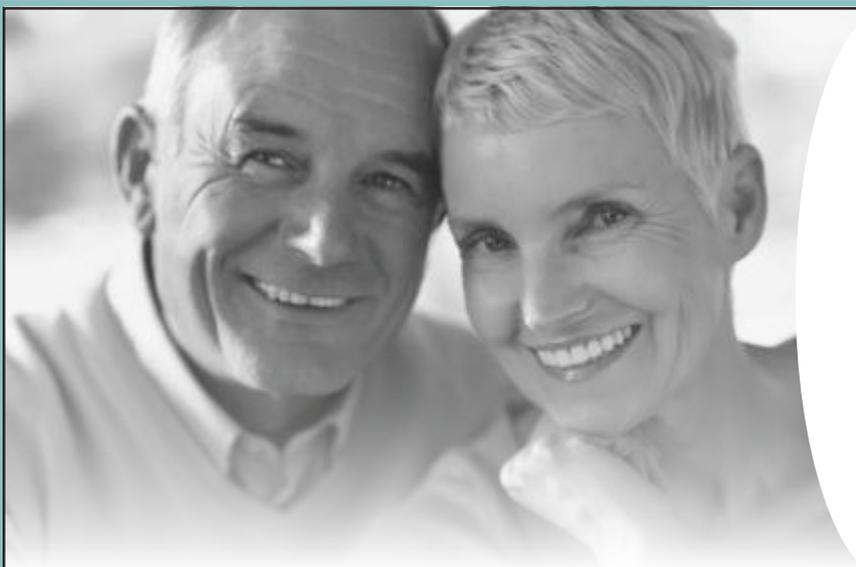
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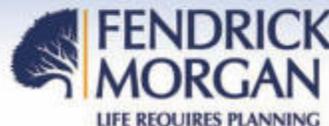
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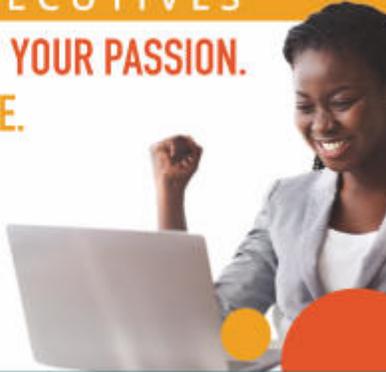
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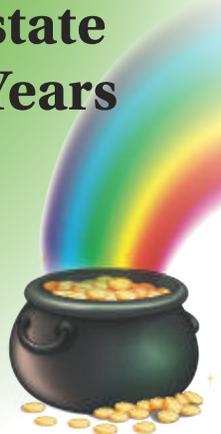


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**KITCHEN**

- Clear away small appliances
- Remove stains; sanitize stove hood
- Remove clutter

**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
- Keep paint neutral
- Open window treatments for more light

**BEDROOM**

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