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**June 2025 Issue**

**all copy**

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**at the Leisure Times Office**

**by April 30, 2025**



## Letter from the President May 2025

We've finally put winter behind us and I'm looking forward to warm evenings, mosquitoes, and sunny days by the pool. The grounds crew has been busy, getting our Village ready for summer and I admit, it's all looking good!

### NJ 305.6

No, this is not on your FM dial! This is the new "Mulch Law" that prohibits combustible material being placed within 18" of your foundation. This fire prevention measure went into effect on April 15, 2025 and all residents/homeowners must comply. If you choose not to comply, LVE will clear the border for you at a cost of \$300.

### Elections for Board Of Trustee Positions

Be sure to read Judy Rapolla's article on the upcoming elections for Board of Trustees. It's always interesting to see what new members bring to the boardroom. Be sure! to vote.

### Outdoor Activities

Our summer clubs are now in full swing. With Men's and Ladies' Golf, Bocce, Outdoor Shuffleboard, and Corn Hole you should be able to find at least one activity to, get you outside and moving.

### Early Pool Opening

After years of teeth gnashing and endless discussion, we've agreed to open the pool one week earlier. The pool will open on Saturday, May 24 for the three-day, Memorial Day weekend! The Hot Dog cart (selling the infamous, LVE Dirty Water Dawg) will be open and on Sunday, May 25, the Entertainment Committee will add Hamburgers and Sausage Sandwiches to the menu for a special, one-day splurge.

### Siding, Roof, and Gutter Replacement

Bids were submitted in March and work is now underway. Replacement work is being done in sections; houses with the oldest roofs are being done first. Wider gutters will replace existing ones.

### Barton Hall Roof Replacement

While units are getting new roofs, the roof on Barton Hall is also being replaced. Hopefully, the new material exceeds our expectations, and we won't need to worry about this for the next decade.

### Six-Foot+/ Expandable Leashes Are Not Permitted In LVE

Please remember that your dog must always be leashed, and that leashes may not exceed six feet. An unfortunate dog attack a few months ago led to the death of someone's beloved pet. Had the leash rule been followed and enforced, this would have been prevented.

### Lakewood MUA Sonar Inspection

The Lakewood MUA (Municipal Utilities Authority) has promised to conduct a detailed sonar scan of our underground water pipes and shut-off valves. They will be looking for leaks in old pipes that can waste thousands of gallons of water each month. With the recent increase in the price of water, we need to ensure that we're not wasting a drop. However, the MUA is backlogged, and we do not have a firm date for them to perform this inspection.

*Howard Brown, Board of Trustees, President*



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## Round Table and Area Rep

First, I want to wish moms, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers, sisters and everyone who has shared in the joy of just being around a child providing love and support. A very big and warm Mothers Day to all. This is a day to remember our own moms too, and for me, how grateful I am for all the knowledge and love she gave me. I am who I am because of her incredible strength and values she instilled in me.

May has always been my favorite month, trees have sprouted those tiny green leaves, flowers showing vibrant colors, birds are busy building their nests and making such a racket so early in the morning even before the sun comes up. Mild temperatures so good for a nice easy walk, playing a round of golf or just sitting on one of our benches along side the lakes or golf course. Yes, May holds the excitement of the summer coming. All the outside activities are about to begin, shuffleboard, bocce, corn hole and of course the end of May the pool. Yes, May holds great excitement with so much to do.

In March we had our first new residents round table. Our new residents shared where they came from and how happy they were already living here at LVE. I would like to express my thanks to all the clubs and activities representatives that came out to share what they are all about and to provide information of the upcoming events. Our next quarter new resident round table is scheduled June 11th. Each new resident receives a packet with all important information when they move in. The round table provides all the club and activities information. If you missed any of the round tables, please come, we would love to meet you. I also want to thank our area reps for being there too. You bring a warm welcome and a face that, in the event a question comes up they may feel more comfortable calling giving a more personal touch.

We had a pool committee meeting in February and went over the rules and regulations from last year. We came up with a different format which will be more easy to understand putting them in a category rather than numbered. They are, at this time of my writing at the attorney for review. Once approved, we will be able to distribute to all the residents and to publish them in the Leisure Times.

A budget round table will be announced in the near future so stay tuned for updates.

May every day bring you joy and hope for a bright and beautiful year.

As always,

See you around our beautiful village

*Judy Rapolla*

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

*There will be no changes in any articles once they are submitted to the LVE Times. Proofing will only correct spelling or grammar errors.*

*Leisure Times Editorial Staff*

### **CASH for Old/Vintage Clothing:**

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APRIL 15, 2025**

**An 18 Inch Non-Combustible Border is Required**

*2018 International Fire Code, New Jersey Edition*

*N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 305.6-7*

**Sections of N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 305.6-7 are summarized as follows:**

**305.6** The use of combustible landscape materials, such as wood-based mulch products, is prohibited in any of the following conditions:

1. Within 18 inches of any building or structure
2. Within 18 inches of a deck, porch, balcony, or any other portion of the building constructed of combustible material
3. Within 18 inches of any designated smoking area

**305.7** All occupancies subject to this code shall remove all combustible landscape materials that are located within 18 inches of the foundation of any building or structure.

You may replace this material with fire-resistant mulch (recycled rubber mulch, topsoil, etc...) and/or live plant material such as shrubs, flowers, and trees provided that they are not beneath a combustible overhang with less than 6 feet of clearance. This material may also be replaced with stone 1" or greater in diameter (Stone size is a Leisure Village East rule).

If you are unwilling or unable to comply, Leisure Village East will remove combustible material at the established fee of \$300 for maintenance work performed in your three-foot area.

One Call Now  
Program Update  
March 21, 2025  
Wayne Tutzauer

## Key Learnings

On March 7, we implemented significant changes to the One Call Now alerting system. Using the features available to us in One Call Now software, we are now able to send text, email, and computer-generated voice alerts. There have been some “Ah-Ha” learnings.

## Pros

1. **Four Hours vs Fifteen Minute Delivery.** With the previous voice recorded alert, delivery time was measured in hours. This meant that critical or time-bound alerts could take as long as four hours to be delivered. Under the new program, all alerts are delivered within fifteen minutes. This is especially important for pool-closure alerts.
2. **Sub-Groups for Pool, Golf, and Club Alerts.** Subgroups have been established to allow alerts to be sent to ONLY residents who have signed up for pool and golf course alerts. Clubs may also use this feature to target their club members with meeting notices, updates, etc... I am currently using this for the Entertainment Committee
3. **Embedded URLs in Text and Email Alerts.** When an alert is sent via text or email, it is possible to insert a website URL. This opens new set possibilities for notifying residents of valuable AARP/other lectures and Demonstrations. It also sets the stage for on-line RSVP and Payments for club events. – maybe later this year.

## Cons

1. **Computer generated voice is difficult to understand.** Many residents have complained that the computer-generated voice is difficult to understand. There is a learning curve for the person typing text-to-speech messages. Certain word combinations baffle the computer, upper case letters and abbreviations get interpreted in bizarre ways, and the “voice” is not always easy to understand.
2. **Voice or Text Only.** When the survey was sent out in November, I mistakenly offered the option to receive Voice AND Text. One Call Now will send voice OR text to the same phone number, not both. As a result, there has been some confusion and residents are scrambling to get their choices modified. We are fielding these complaints on a one-by-one basis.



3. **Residents having difficulty “Opting-In” for text messages.** One Call Now has a pre-recorded message that instructs residents how to opt-in to receive text messages. Opt-In is an FCC requirement, and ONLY residents can take action to receive text. It’s painless and easy, but many residents are not familiar with texting.

**To Opt-In:**

**Text the word      ALERT**

**TO:                      22300**

4. **Truncated Text Messages and voice messages; One Call Now is an Alerting system, not social media.** This requires a paradigm change in how One Call Now is being used. Increasingly, clubs are using One Call Now as their advertising and marketing tool. In addition to basic information, dates, time, and prices, these alerts attempt to relay superfluous information (menus, band names, marketing, etc..) that is better conveyed via handouts and posters in Barton Hall. Every club has a bulletin board and interested residents should be referring to the bulleting boards.

## Problem Resolution

1. **Computer generated voice is difficult to understand.** As of Friday, March 21, Barton Hall will make **two** One Call Now alerts:

For residents who selected VOICE alerts, Karen has reverted to her recorded voice message, like everyone received prior to March 7. A four-hour delivery time is expected.

Karen will also create a separate EMAIL and TEXT version of the Same Alert – edited for length. Residents who chose email and text will receive these alerts. Expect a fifteen-minute delivery time.

Pool and Golf course updates (closures/re-open) will receive computer voice, email and text alerts within the fifteen-minute delivery window. Note: Pool closure alerts will be made by pool monitors using canned messages. The fifteen-minute delivery time is crucial for weather alerts at the pool. There is no option for a human voice.

2. **Truncated Text Messages.** I am working with Barton Hall to establish text message guidelines – keeping text messages at a manageable length. We ask clubs to rely on their bulletin boards and posters to convey detailed event information.

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3. **Difficulty "Opting-In".** I host a One Call Now Trouble Desk at many Barton Hall events (coffee house, open meeting, etc..) where residents can talk to me directly to have their One Call Now issues resolved.

## Summary

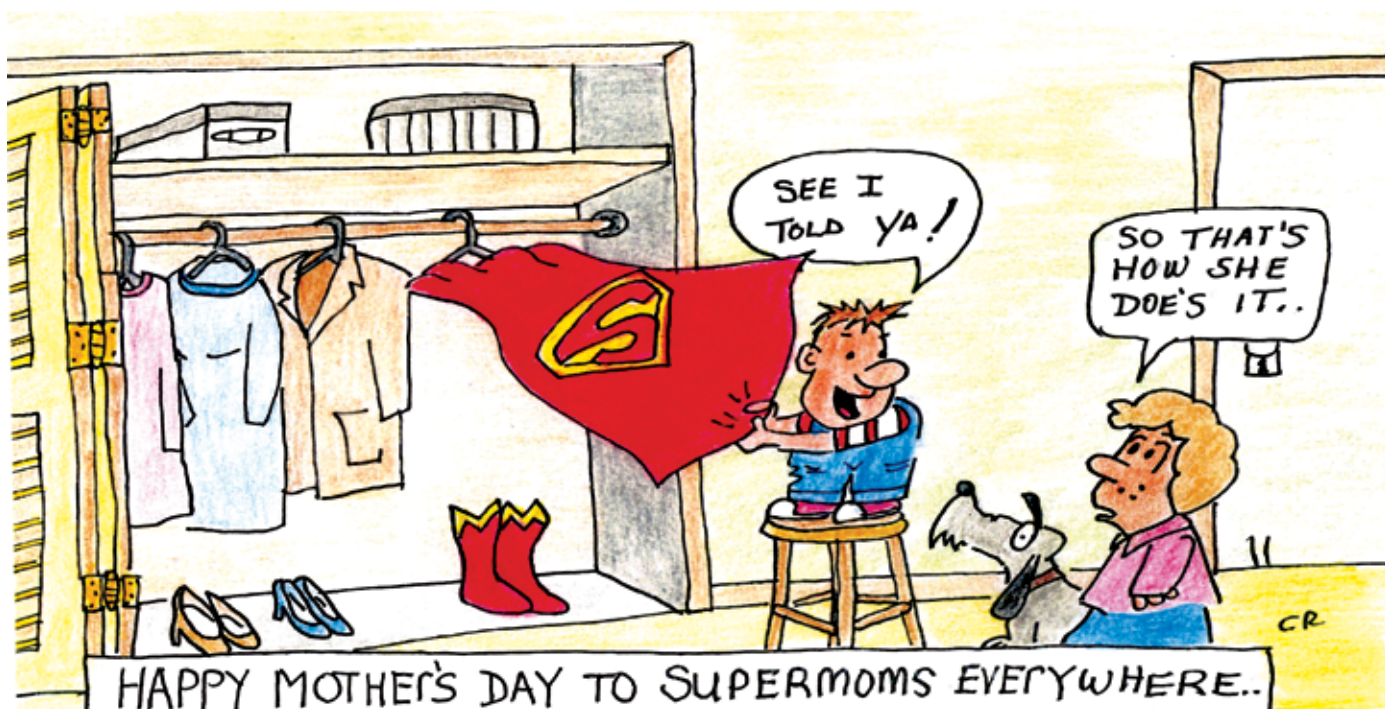
Moving to the new One Call Now process for 1400+ residents was a daunting task. We expected bumps in the road, and we are working diligently to ensure that we meet everyone's needs.

It would have been easy to leave it alone. But, while meeting the needs of our current residents, Leisure Village East needs to move forward to also meet the needs of many current and future residents.

I apologize if the move to One Call Now has inconvenienced you in any way.

## Purchase Price - March 2025

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1106A Argyll	Baronet	\$215,000.00
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1269A Argyll	Winfield	\$245,000.00
1163B Argyll	Regency	\$315,000.00



## *Karen's Korner*



### **MEET THE CANDIDATES**

*Coming in June*

#### ***May Trustees Meeting***

*Wed, May 21, 2025 @ 7:00 PM in  
Barton Hall Auditorium*

*The Board of Trustees will be holding their  
Open Meeting, refreshments will be served.*

### **BINGO**

***May 6 & 20, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
BH Aud. Doors Open 6 PM***



## **MAY 2025**

*There will be **NO**  
Ocean Ride or  
Trash Pickup on  
**May 26** in observance of  
Memorial Day*

*Administration & Recreation  
Offices will be closed **May 26**  
in observance of Memorial Day.*



### ***Upcoming Events***

***Sunday, May 11-Mother's Day***

***May 16 – Singles's Mingle on  
Pool Deck 6:30-8:30***

***May 17 -Sky's the Limit  
Doo Wop Show \$15 BYOB &  
BYOF Dessert & Beverages  
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***Pool Opens May 24<sup>th</sup>  
May 25<sup>th</sup> Pool Opening Party  
BYOB/BYOF  
Also, there will be food for sale.***

***Memorial Day- May 26***

***June 10-- Primary Election  
Voting in Barton Hall***



# Welcome To LVE

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Susan Mallory ..... Beach Vibes (L)  
Augustine Sedgewick..... Coffee Land (L)  
Kristan Higgins ..... Pack Up the Moon (R)  
Henny Youngman..... 10,000 One-Liners (R)  
Jonathan Kellerman ..... Open Season (L)  
JD Robb ..... Bonded in Death (L)  
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## AREA REPRESENTATIVES 2025

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BIBLE STUDY:	Mondays 5PM – Residents Lounge	
BINGO	May 6 & 20 – doors open 6PM – starts 7PM	
BOOK CLUB	May 27 - 10:30AM -Noon – Resident’s Lounge	
CERAMICS	Wednesdays 1-3PM, B/C Room - \$5/week	
CHAIR PILATES	Every Thursday, 6:30PM - \$/class	
CHORISTERS	New season rehearsals started April 1, 2025 - 9:15AM – 11:30AM; Auditorium– Dues \$5. – All Welcome	
CORN HOLE:	Play starts at 6:30 PM – Winter session ends – Outdoor Cornhole season starts Tuesday, May 13 – 6PM check in – Play 6:30PM – Dues \$5.	
DANCE CLUB	Next Dance Friday June 13 - 6:30PM – 10PM – \$10 non-members ,Members FREE –POOLSIDE	
ENTERTAINMENT:	May 17 – “Sky’s the Limit” Doo Wop Show - \$15/ticket	
HERITAGE CLUB	Bake Sale – May 10 – <u>Save the Date</u> – Price is Right September 20	
TABLE SHUFFLEBOARD	Play on Fridays @ 6:30 – Game Room – Season ends May 9	
ITALIAN AMER. CLUB	June 17- Musical Bingo - 6:30PM - \$2. Entry plus cost of extra bingo cards	
JEWISH-AMERICAN CLUB	May 8 – 1PM – presentation by Gene Tutzauer – The French Resistance – free event	
KNITTERS/CRAFTERS	Meets every Thursday	
LADIES GOLF:	Season starts Thursday May 1 & every Thursday until September	
LINE DANCERS:	1 session – Mondays 7PM – 9PM – Barton Hall.	
MENS GOLF:	Kickoff meeting Wed. May 7 10AM – play starts Friday May 9	
MOVIE CLUB	Next movie will be “Fall Guy” – May 1 – 1PM	
NUTRITION CLUB	May 21 – 12:00 – Tony Peliggi (singer) – light lunch ” - \$5/pp	
PINE CONE CLUB	Monday May 19 – 12:30PM – Bingo & Sundae party - \$8/pp	
QUILTERS	Meets every Friday - start time 12:30PM	
RAINBOW CLUB	May 3,4PM - Ethnic Pot Luck Dinner	
SINGLE’S MINGLE:	New group – starts May 16 – 6:30-8:30PM – Pool Deck	
TRUSTEES:	Next Meeting May 21 – 7PM	
WOODWORKING CLUB	Dues \$5.00 – Many items available for purchase	
BODY BY TRACE:	Exercise class on Mondays – 1:30 – 2:30PM - \$5.00/week	
COFFEE HOUSE:	To be determined	
OUTDOOR SHUFFLEBOARD	Play starts June 2 until August 25 – Dues \$5.	



# Different Strokes Art Club News

Congratulations to Art Club member Norene Stanish Kaplan who is also a member of The Laurelton Art Society (LAS). Norene's painting, *Jazz Sweet*, is featured throughout the month of April until May 3rd in the LAS juried Festival of Art show held at the Brick Library on Chambers Bridge Road. On May 3rd there is a reception at the library for all the participating artists from 12:30-3:00 PM. The reception is open to the public. Stop by and view this vibrant painting and offer Congratulations to Norene! Hope to see you there!



## Are you interested in taking an acrylic painting class?

Peggy Greener, OLV Art Club Vice President, will be conducting a five week class here in the Barton Hall B/C Room. The class runs from May 6th to June 3rd. Time: 6:30-8:30 PM. Cost for five lessons is \$50 payable to Peggy Greener. to reserve a spot, submit your payment along with your name and cell phone number in Mailbox 15. Thank you!

*Sandy Medina, Photography Group*



## Photography Group



**“Each One Teach One”**

***The LVE Different Strokes Photography Group -  
learning and sharing new experiences through out lenses.***

The Photography Group is meeting regularly on alternate Saturdays each month. May's meeting dates are May 3rd, 17th, and 31st at 11:30 AM in the Barton Hall Game Room. stop by any meeting and see what's happening. If you decide to join, the annual fee is \$5 which gives you membership in both the LVE Art Club and Photography Group. Below is the YouTube website that Sandy has created. You will find informative videos, playlists, and posts. Check it out! It's fabulous.

<https://www.youtube.com/@LVEPhotoGroup>

The month of May is filled with beautiful flowers blooming all around us. Holidays are abundant to share with friends, family, and loved ones. Enjoy!

*Club Reporters, Joan Baier, Art Club Secretary Sandy M Holub, Photography Group Facilitator*





## Religious Memories or How I Survived Hebrew School

There weren't many Jewish families living in Kearny. In fact, in public school we recited the Lord's Prayer. In assembly, we learned hymns such as Holy, Holy, Holy and Faith of our Fathers. We also helped with Christmas decorations.

When I started Hebrew school at the age of 8, I found Hebrew to be an extremely difficult language to learn. I also probably made the Rabbi's life hell with all my questions. For example I thought Jonah being swallowed by a whale was a bit far fetched. I also asked the Rabbi why we don't believe in Jesus. He almost fell off the chair. He thought for a moment, said that Jesus was a good man and taught good lessons, but Jews don't believe he was the son of God. We are still waiting for the Messiah. Personally, I respect everyone's beliefs. There's no right or wrong. Our Hebrew teachers were Holocaust survivors. They still had numbers tattooed on their arms.

We also learned about our customs and traditions. Most important we learned about our history. We also learned a lot in the home. I remember my mother lighting the Sabbath candles on Friday nights.

On Friday nights, we had to attend services. None of us wanted to be there. I didn't want to miss I dream of Jeannie. We went to services to prepare for our Bar of Bat Mitzvah. You needed to know the prayers, songs and readings. You also had to recite a portion of the Torah. In order to do this this, you received a booklet and record. I was able to use the record to memorize my Torah portion, but didn't understand a word of what I was saying.

My mother advised me to perform it, and perform I did. That was the only I could get through it.

As soon as the Rabbi gave the benediction, we also said Shabbat shalom let's go home.

*Evelyn Shore*

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## Religion Humor

I have memories of many funny religious experiences but this recollection tops them all:

My maternal Italian grandmother was a devoted Catholic. She would walk to our Italian parish on many days. Right up to the altar she would go, often taking me along when I was a small child. There would be a very tall statue of St. Anthony there about 6 feet tall. Down on her knees she would pray devoutly to him with me by her side. No one ever could tell her St. Anthony was not born in Italy. (In reality it was Lisbon, Spain.)

There came a time when due to age the statue's paint started to peel. St. Anthony was sent out to be refurbished and in his place temporarily was a much smaller version, maybe a foot high. Grandma came to church, looked at him and said in all sincerity, "Dov'e tuo padre?" Where's your father? I have never forgotten that or the look of genuine certainty on her face. Everyone I've told this to bursts into laughter but she wholeheartedly meant it !

Total, true devotion and belief.

*Irene M Wells*

Quote my Grandma would say to her problem son:  
"When my eyes close, yours will open." ..... *Caroline caputo Valle*

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## Religious Memories

*By Flora Roche, March 2025*

I grew up in the northeast Bronx, NY, not far from the Westchester border. It was a lovely area, much sought after at the time. Although I lived in a huge apartment complex, also much sought after, I might add; directly across the street there was an empty lot filled with trees, and another lot of flat land. To the left of the lots, there were two single-family houses, to the right, a fire station. We had endless fun, summer and winter across the street from our home.

One weekend day, a priest came to visit my father. I was very young; around 7 years old. When the priest left, I asked my mother why he had come to our home. She told me he came to see my father because the archdiocese wanted to build on the land across the street. My father was a surveyor. Would he survey the property for them. The actual church was going to be built some blocks away. It would take time. Meanwhile, they needed to establish a congregation. The plan was to erect a building on the flat land across the street for that purpose.

And so, the Catholic Men's Club was erected, and a small parish was established. The church itself was built down the hill on Boston Road and 212th Street; St. Philip and James Catholic Church. With the large apartment complex and all the single-family homes

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in the area, it became quite successful. I received my first communion across the street, and my confirmation at the church. I was married in that church; my children were baptized in that church. The building wasn't steepled. It was one huge building that housed a school as well as a church. And so, my children graduated from the church school.

I was one of those parishioners who volunteered for everything. Everyone knew me; church, school, and of course, bingo! The clergy was there for me when I needed them most, and I in turn was there for them. I am forever grateful for the help they gave me with my children's education. Between us, we sent two extremely intelligent, well behaved, honorable men into this world.

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### College Memories

"Live your truth. Express your love. Share your enthusiasm. Take action towards your dreams. Walk your talk. Dance and sing to your music. Embrace your blessings. Make today worth remembering."

*Steve Maraboli*

These are words to live by. I learned them at Holy Family College in Philadelphia, an all-girls college, now a co-ed university. Believe it or not, tuition and room and board were less than two thousand dollars. I had a small scholarship, a National Defense Loan and had to borrow about four hundred dollars each semester, which I paid off by working in the library. The National Defense loan was paid off by me working in the public schools of Philadelphia.

Those days were so innocent. I lived in the dorm and we had restrictions, being in at a certain time and lights out by ten.

Ciotka, (Chuch) our Polish aunt, made sure we followed the rules during the day. At night, there was a nun who lived on each floor of the dorm who enforced the rules. There were rooms in the basement to study and type after hours. Surprisingly, there was also a room we called the smoker where girls could smoke and hang out. They were the cool kids. I tried smoking, but it wasn't for me. And, by the way, we were not allowed to wear pants, only in extreme weather. Our class changed all of that. Pants could be worn by the time we graduated.

We did have a kitchen available to us. Things would disappear from the refrigerator and sparks would fly.

For meals we went to another building where we were served by Postulants (high school girls who were probationary candidates to become nuns). We had to sign up for each meal.

During the day, we went to classes which were in the one college building. There was a cafeteria there where you met up with friends. At night we studied and then had fun. As I said, lights were supposed to be out by ten and we were supposed to be in our own rooms. As you can imagine, after hours, we of course gathered in one room, played records, ate snacks from the vending machines, and had fun. The knock on the door came, everyone went into the closets and under the beds. My room mate and I would smile sweetly when the nun opened the door and found us quietly studying. One time there was a flashing metal saw horse on the property. We decided that the resident nun might appreciate it outside of her door. We quietly carried it up to her room only to hear a very angry nun, never opening the door, saying, "Get that thing out of here." We figured she saw us coming.

My absolute favorite thing to do was to sing in the Glee Club. We had a wonderful director, Mr. Fiss. We wore black, bare shoulder tops and long black skirts, with long white gloves. We sang at home and away at the boy's colleges. I loved it when my parents came to our concerts, to see the pride on their faces.

I loved going into the city and walk through the major department stores. I also, had to learn how to use public transportation. It was new to me having grown up in Wall Township.

If we were walking back to the campus at night after going to the Goalie for pizza, scared of our own shadow, I had a friend who would shout, "Me first mugger."

You were allowed to go away for the weekend. But it had to be approved as to where you were going. Also, if you broke the rules, like coming in after hours your punishment was staying on campus for the weekend.

To our chagrin, pre-cell phones, there was only one phone on each floor, usually hogged by the girls who had boyfriends.

These are just a few of my non-sequitur, treasured memories.

Here in the sheltered college run by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, I made wonderful friends (both dormies and day hops). I not only had an excellent education but I learned some of the ropes of the real world to prepare me for life. I wouldn't change a minute of the time I spent there.

*Elaine Carty*





## Pass the Tissues Please ....

Growing up in an Italian family during the early 1960's, I can tell you from my own experience, that Italians almost always add passion and drama to every situation. Especially when it comes to some of our Catholic beliefs and experiences.

I remember as a small child visiting St. Lucy's Church in Jersey City. My Grandma Grace always had trouble with her eyesight and as we all know, St. Lucy is the Patron Saint of people who are suffering any sort of vision problem. So on the weekday mornings that we visited my grandmother, she would walk me, and my sister, to St. Lucy's to make a novena. Upon entering the vestibule of the church, my grandma would take a tissue from her pocketbook and carefully separate the two layers of tissue. Then she would take out a few bobby pins and pin one layer of the tissue to each of our heads. And even though my sister and I couldn't have been more than four or five years old, we knew this was a very embarrassing situation. But in those days women were not allowed to enter a church with an uncovered head. So in we went with a tissue bobby pinned to the top of our heads. Once inside the church, we became aware of the eerie echo our footsteps caused when hitting the marbled floors. As we looked around we could see various statues on pedestals. Some small and some very large. Some saints would be holding spears, some would have snakes wrapping around them. Or what about the nightmare inducing statue of St. Catherine holding her own severed head! Small clusters of women would gather at the base of one of these saints depending on their need, or the particular "favor" they were requesting. They would pray, and ask the saint to intercede before God on their behalf. They considered these saints their Patron Saints. The women would be dressed in all black. Dresses, stockings, shoes, and coat. And instead of a tissue pinned to their hair, they had what looked like an intricately designed black doily pinned to their hair! I couldn't wait till I graduated to wearing a black doily. It would be a rite of passage. And as the three of us silently walked hand in hand, we listened to the whispered prayers of these devoted women as they prayed. While I could not understand Italian, even as a small child I understood how much those words meant. I could feel them. There was a passion behind these foreign words. As we stopped to stare at the scene before us, my grandma would take me, and my sister, by the hand and walk with determination to her particular Patron, St. Lucy. To say I was not prepared for what I was about to see would be an understatement. There before us was one of the tallest statues I have ever seen. As I looked up, I saw St. Lucy

staring down at me. She was holding a palm branch in one hand, and in the other hand was a huge plate holding two of the largest eyeballs I had ever seen! Eyeballs staring down at me - on a plate. I guess that would make sense knowing she was the Patron Saint for people with vision problems, but I was only five years old! This was a visual that to this day I can not unsee. I turned to my grandma for comfort, but she was deep in prayer. So all my sister and I could do was hide behind her, covering our face with the bottom of her dress. I felt those eyeballs staring at me for what seemed to be hours.

A few years passed, and it was time to enter grade school. As a child I attended St. Anthony's School in Union City. In those days only nuns taught in our classrooms. Filippini nuns to be exact. They wore a black habit that reached to the floor. Their long black "veil" covered every bit of hair they might have had. The best part of their outfit was the very large set of rosary beads that was attached to their waist. I loved to watch the large crucifix at the bottom bounce up and down against their leg as they passed by. In fact, the more intense their mission, the bigger the bounce! And if you notice, I fail to use the word "walk". That's because for the first few years of attending school we all thought the nuns moved on wheels! An honest mistake given the fact that we never saw their feet, and they never seemed to actually "walk". They glided in a one smooth motion. And while the nuns would portray themselves in angelic terms, as students who spent all day in their presence, we got to witness another side. Like their ability to hit their intended mark with a four foot wooden stick, with a rubber tip, from as far away as six feet. One swift swoosh! No warning, no noise when their shoes hit the floor to give themselves away (reinforcing the wheel theory). Witnessing this, you thought twice before picking up that pencil with your left hand, or whispering to the kid next to you when you should have been quietly reading. Certainly made you develop a respect for the rules, but at the same time it could also cause you to develop quite the nervous tick! On special occasions, we would visit the church next door as a special treat, or to celebrate a holy day of obligation. However, this visit could also turn in to a valued learning experience. As we all silently walked into church with our heads bowed, and our hands in a prayer position, we looked like little angels. The children of God. We slipped into our assigned pews, but not before genuflecting before the giant crucifix hanging behind the altar. As we sat

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there waiting for the entire school to enter, we would understandably start to fidget. And some kids would start a quiet conversation with the student sitting next to them. Wrong! That's where we learned of the nuns super human strength. That nun was instantly behind that unsuspecting student, and with one swift motion, she would lift that poor kid up by part shirt, and part hair, and heave them right out of their set and over that pew! It brought new meaning to the words "here one minute, gone the next"! Worse yet, that unlucky student received the honor of being Mother Superior's buddy for the rest of the mass.

As more years passed, my family developed a strong devotion to St. Ann, the mother of the Blessed Mother Mary, and of course Jesus's grandma. She is the patron saint of mothers and grandmothers. We prayed to St. Ann to intercede on our behalf to bring my daughter healthy children, and in turn giving us the blessing of becoming grandparents. We went to Hoboken weekly to visit St. Ann's Church. A beautiful church filled with all of our Italian traditions. Large statues of saints along the walls. The marble floors echoing our footsteps. The women dressed in black whispering their prayers with deep devotion. But the one area of the church that touches me deep into my soul is the tiny room off the vestibule as you walk into the church. There inside the room is the most beautiful eight foot statue of St. Ann sitting upon a pedestal. On this pedestal surrounding St. Ann you will find prayer cards, birth announcements, baby shoes, and many pictures of beautiful babies. All left in thanks by moms and grandmas who have witnessed God's gift of a new baby with the help and intercession of St. Ann on their behalf. To witness the depths of their gratitude is humbling. All the women of the parish, however, show their honor and devotion on St. Ann's feast day - July 26th. While her feast is celebrated all week with music, food, and their famous zepoles, July 26th is a solid day of devotion. And while this day is the most beautiful of traditions, I will save this beautiful memory for another day ....

*Marie Alfano*



## Mah Jongg

Get in on the fun and learn how to play the hottest game around!

Instruction by a certified Mah Jongg teacher. Mah Jongg lessons will be available for beginners or if you need a refresher course on Tuesdays starting May 6 in the BC Room.

The cost is \$40.00 for 4 weeks, plus \$15.00 for the cost of the Mah Jongg card which is necessary to play the game.

Sign up with Karen in the Recreation office. For further information contact Trina Colford at 732-610-0440.



## Quilters Corner

"Blessed are the Quilters for they are the piece-makers."

Spring is in the air, as we are enjoying being outside and taking in the beauty of our Village. Would you consider joining our Quilting Club? It's only about 2-2 1/2 hours per week in Barton Hall @12:30 on Fridays.

We are a very informal group and would love to have you join!

No experience required, we will show you the easy steps in quilting. Each table is set up in one of the steps in the process of making our lap quilts.

All of these are donated to Ascend Hospice.

We can always use donations (cotton fabric).

For questions or more information please contact Norma Jacobsen @732-477-5682.

*Quilting together, Sue Peterson*

## Cornhole



Thank you to everyone who got involved in our LVE Indoor Cornhole league. It will have ended on April 15th. Awards were given out on April 29th in Barton Hall.

We will begin our Outside Cornhole Games on May 13th (Tuesday). Check in at 6PM - starts at 6:30PM. Dues are \$5.00.

Hope to see some new faces, along with our regulars, for a fun night of cornhole under the lights. Signup - Box 24 in Barton Hall.

*See you soon, Pat Pasqualetto*

## In the Know

May is noted for blooming flowers, milder weather, spring, Memorial Day, the start of summer.

Mothers Day May 11

Open Meeting May 28. 7:00 PM

Pool Opens May 24

Make sure the re-cycle papers are secure on those windy days, boxes and debris will flyaway.

Time to check your smoke detector battery. If the smoke detector is over 10 years old it should be replaced.

There will be a \$5.00 charge per day as per resolution for non compliance dog DNA testing.

You are required to have \$500,000.00 personal homeowners liability coverage as stated in our by-laws. Insurance can be purchased for you and it will be charged to your unit.

Electric bills increase will again go up 19.1 % on June 1st.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 305.7 combustible materials are to be removed 18 inches of the foundation of any building. The mulch around you home must be fire retardants ie: river stones.

Pool badges can be purchased at Barton Hall for \$15.00 per badge, limit 6 badges for guests.

Ground crews will continue clean ups and mowing will start.

Remember now that there are no speed bumps and the warmer weather is here be very careful of the walkers. They have the right of way: speed limit is 23 mph.

LPD is now patrolling our village.

Dogs must have a 6ft length leash and pick up after your furry friend has done his/her business.

Only residents in good standing that do not have any outstanding open balance over 60 days will be allowed access to the pool, bar code, amenities and work orders.

The Fire Marshal will be educating our maintenance dept. so that they can perform a walk through of the homes to inspect the smoke/C02 alarms and fire extinguishers.

Census letters were sent out to all residents, we are required to conduct a census every 2 years in compliance with Housing for Older Person Act (H.O.P.A).

### May Quote:

"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope," Jean Hersey.

*Judy Rapolla*



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**Auditorium**  
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<b>SPECIAL NIGHTS</b> Dinners are served w/ Potato & Veg, Complimentary Beverage, Soup & Salad & Dessert * <b>Tuesday</b> BBQ Ribs...19.99 * <b>Wednesday</b> Prime Rib...21.99 * <b>Thursday</b> Lobster Tail ...21.99 * <b>Friday</b> Br. Shrimp & Br. Flounder...21.99 * <b>Saturday</b> N.Y. Steak & Coconut Shrimp...22.99 * <b>Sunday</b> Br. Shrimp & Br. Sea Scallops...21.99	<b>THINGS TO PICK ONE</b> <b>\$6.99</b> Tues-Fri 8am-3pm CHEESE BURGER W/ FRIES CHICKEN SANDWICH W/ FRIES 2 EGGS W/ PANCAKES Sandwich & Burger Platter, served w/ French Fries coleslaw & Pickle!	
<b>B.Y.O.</b> Early Birds Tuesday-Sunday 3pm-6pm <b>16.99</b> (Complimentary: Beverage Soup & Salad & Dessert)	<b>NEW BREAKFAST SPECIALS</b> Starting <b>6.99</b> Tues-Fri 8am - 11am Coffee & Juice included <b>EARLY BIRD DINNERS!</b> <b>16.99</b> (Complimentary: Beverage Soup & Salad & Dessert)	
<b>Lunch Specials</b> Tues-Fri 11am-3pm Included: Beverage, Soup & Dessert <b>Dinner for Lunch</b> 2 Dinners \$30.00 (or 1 for \$15.00) Tuesday-Friday 11am-3pm		





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<b>11</b>  <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>	<b>12</b> 12:00-4:00 pm Art Session - B/C Room 1:30 pm Exercise w/Tracey 5:00 pm Bible Study - Residents Lounge 7:00 pm Line Dancing - Aud.  <b>TRASH PICK-UP</b>	<b>13</b> 9:15 am Choristers 6:30 pm Cornhole - Starts Outside	<b>14</b> 1:00 pm Ceramics -  <b>RECYCLABLE</b>
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SDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 10:00 am Writers Circle 1:00 pm Movie Club 4:00-5:00 pm Knitters 6:30 pm Pilates - Aud. Ladies Golf - Season Starts  <b>TRASH PICK-UP</b>	<b>2</b> 12:30 pm Quilters 6:30 pm Indoor Shuffleboard	<b>3</b>  <b>KENTUCKY DERBY</b>  <b>RAINBOW CLUB</b> <b>POT LUCK DINNER</b> <b>4 PM</b>
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## Alive & Kicking

By the time you read this, winter will be behind us (I hope), which means that local hot spots, restaurants, bars & other venues will be gearing up for line dancing.

Grab some friends or make new ones and visit these venues and dance...

"We dance because"

There's no greater

Feeling in the world

Then moving to a

Piece of music and

Letting the rest of

The world, disappear ....

*Cowboy Rick*



## We are looking for golfers!!

We will welcome anyone to join, regardless of playing skills, if you are just starting or if you haven't played in a long time. We will help you to get into the game. It is a time for fun and friendship as well as playing golf.

We will have our kickoff meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 in Barton Hall at 10 AM. The season will start on May 9, 2025 (Friday).

The membership dues will remain \$15.00 and the weekly green fees are \$4.00. The 50/50 \$1.00 and the optional Hole in One Prize is \$1.00.

We will have our monthly picnics and at the end of the season, the awards and prizes at our last picnic.

So come on down - see you all in May.

*Frank J. Sette, President*

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# The Price of Freedom

April 19 marked the 250th anniversary of the beginning of the American Revolution with the Battles of Lexington and Concord. General Thomas Gage, royal governor of Mass., ordered his 700 British troops to seize the colonists' military stores in Concord. They were met at the Lexington green by 77 local minutemen. This encounter left 8 colonists dead with 10 wounded and resistance quickly faded. The British moved on to Concord. A British covering party at the North Bridge was confronted by 320-400 American patriots and forced to withdraw. Their march back to Boston proved to be an ordeal, with Americans sniping at them from behind roadside buildings, trees and stone walls. Total losses were British 273, Americans 95. When these battles took place, the colonies did not have an Army. Each colony relied on a militia composed of part-time civilian-soldiers. On June 14, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the enlistment of expert riflemen to the United Colonies for one year. This Continental Army became the first truly national institution and an experiment in nationhood. Led by General Washington, the Continental Army won our war for independence.

Since May is the home for one of our most sacred national holidays, I thought it fitting to tell the stories of 3 men who gave their all during WWII - all Medal of Honor recipients from New Jersey. Joseph John Sadowski (Dec. 8, 1917-Sep. 14, 1944) joined the Army from his birth city of Perth Amboy in 1941. As a commander with the lead tanks of Combat Command A, his tank was hit and disabled by an intense barrage of enemy fire from the streets and buildings in Vahey, France. The suddenness of the attack caused confusion among the remaining tanks. As his crew evacuated, the tank burst into flames. However, Joseph realized that one crew member was still in the tank. He returned to the tank and tried to open the jammed hatch but was cut down by machine gun fire. His sacrifice so inspired the remaining tank crews that they ferociously destroyed the enemy force without further loss of American lives. He was 26.

John W. Dutko (Oct. 24, 1916 - May 23, 1944) joined the Army from Riverside, NJ. Private Dutko was serving in the 30th Infantry Regiment near Ponte Rotto, Italy. He single-handedly destroyed 3 German machine gun nests and their gunners as well as one 88mm artillery gun. Though wounded twice, he kept going, and after disabling the 3rd machine gun he died, his body falling across the dead German crew. He was posthumously promoted to first sergeant and awarded the Medal of Honor (as well as a Purple Heart). He was 27.

Horace Marvin "Buddy" Thorne (Sep. 29, 1918-Dec. 21, 1944) was born in Keansburg, NJ, and grew up on a farm in North Middletown. He joined the Army from Keyport. On March 3, 1944, while on leave, Buddy married Leah Pinson the sister of someone in his unit. On December 21, he was the leader of a combat patrol near Grufflingen, Belgium. Their mission was to drive German forces from their dug-in positions. A German tank suddenly appeared. It was quickly disabled, and Buddy left his cover to take out the tank crew. He then voluntarily took up an exposed position on top of the tank and killed or wounded 8 Germans. He scattered the confused crews of 2 enemy machine gun nests but his gun jammed and he was killed. He was 26. He was originally buried in a Belgium forest but his remains were later returned home. His brother-in-law, being in the same unit, witnessed his death. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, a Purple Heart and the Croix de guerre (Belgium). His last name was familiar to me and I was able to determine that a relative of Buddy Thorne lives in LVE. Yvonne Thorne confirmed that Buddy was a cousin of her father-in-law. She also added that Thorne Middle School in Middletown, NJ, was named in his honor.

This Memorial Day, remember to honor our veterans.

*Sandy Figurelli*



## Shuffleboard Club

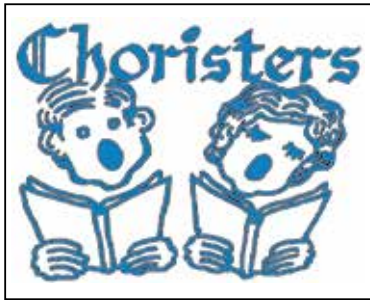
Outdoor Shuffleboard season starts Monday, June 2. New members are accepted all season. Arrive at the courts, at 6:15 m. We assign you a lane. We will start playing at 6:30.

The dues for the whole season are only \$5. You can pay your dues when you arrive for your first game.

We welcome new players. Experienced players will teach you how to play the game. We also have 50/50s each week. It is voluntary, but the odds are really good.

The season is every Monday from June 2nd till the end of August. The courts are to the right of the pool and the bocce courts.

*Bernard Sharkey*



### **“We’ve Only Just Begun” The Carpenters**

We have finally broken free of the cold weather and are getting out more to enjoy the spring. Important events are coming up for us to enjoy with family and friends, such as Memorial Day, weddings, anniversaries, graduations, etc. Consider joining the Choristers as another fun thing to do.

The Choristers are well underway learning new songs for the 2025 concerts in November. We have several enthusiastic new members who have joined. April was a great month for getting to know each other.

We are still looking for new members so don't be shy, give us a try. Just come and sit in to see if the Choristers are for you. There are no auditions and you do not have to audition or know how to read music.

You will not regret it. Steve Berger, our director, makes Tuesday morning so much fun.

Meetings: Tuesdays 9:15 to 11:30 in Barton Hall Auditorium (April - June and Sept. - November)

Dues: \$5.00 for the year

Attendance: Try your best to make all of the weekly meetings.

You need to be a resident and be 55 years old or more to join and be willing to follow Steve's directions.

The Main Requirements: **ENJOY SINGING IN A GROUP AND BE WILLING TO HAVE FUN!**

**The Choristers wish all Moms  
a very happy Mother's Day!**

*Singing with you and for you, Elaine Carty*

## **Indoor Shuffleboard**



Our spring session is winding down and we had a great turnout. It's too early to tell who the winners will be this year but the ladies are again doing very well. Thank you to Derick Pisapia for keeping our shuffleboard table at its very best every week. Hope everyone is enjoying themselves and will be back this fall. Stay healthy and have a great summer.

*Jerry Duffield*

## **Pine Cone Garden Club**



We hope all those who attended our St. Patrick's Day luncheon had a great time. The Pine Cone board would like to thank all those who helped make our luncheon such a festive event. The month of May will hopefully bring us some warm spring weather. The club is planning a fun time for Monday, May 19 - an afternoon of bingo and a "make-your-own sundae" party. Games will start at 1 pm - doors will open at 12:30. The cost is \$8.00 and will include one bingo card as well as ice cream with all the trimmings. Extra cards will be available for \$1.00. Put your name and number, along with your payment, in the Pine Cone Club mailbox no later than May 16. We hope to see you all there. Who knows, you might be the one who yells "Bingo!"

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there. Have a wonderful day. You deserve it. From the Pine Cone club to all our veterans on this Memorial Day -

We thank you for your service!"

*Audrey Brennert, president*

*Sandy Figurelli, secretary*



The Jewish American Club welcomes Gene Tutzhauser who will speak about the roll of the French Resistance during the invasion of Normandy in June 1944.

Date: May 8, 2025

Time: 1 :00 PM

Place: Barton Hall

The event is free. Snacks, dessert and beverages will be served. Doors open at 12:30.

All are welcome. If you wish to attend, please put your name in mail 33.

Hope to see you there.

## Movie Club

The Movie for May, Fall Guy, is an action packed comedy. The hero of a movie being filmed has disappeared. In order to save the production the stunt man must find him. This will be on Thursday, May 1st, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.



Remember the 3 elderly couples who left their Leisure Village retirement home in the movie, Cocoon? In June we will see how they fared on their voyage in Cocoon The Return.

*Bernard Sharkey*



## Hello Village People!

“Dancing in the moonlight. Everybody feeling warm and bright. It’s such a fine and natural sight, everybody dancing in the moonlight.”

Who remembers that song from the early 70’s?

We will be dancing in the moonlight to the music of DJ Charley Hassell from 6:30 to 10PM on Friday, June 13th. Poolside - YES. That’s poolside outside in the moonlight!

This dance is a give back dance for our loyal members - free for our members! (non-members cost is \$10.00). So, dress casually - but no flip flops because you’ll be dancing the night away!

(Please no glass by the pool and no jumping into the pool).

Rain date is June 14th (Saturday).

Please put your name in our mailbox #26.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday August 16th

Dance to the Two Tones (C. Farley & John)

Live Entertainment

**Here’s Dancing with you, Renee Budenas, President, and The Dance Club Committee**



Ladies Golf wishes to thank the clubs and residents that have demonstrated support for the Craft Show by purchasing tables to display their creations. At the time of this writing, members are working towards another successful collaboration with the Art Club on this year’s Bake Sale/Craft Show/Art Show.

Ladies golf members are also looking forward to warmer weather that makes golf practice more enjoyable. Each time we’re on the golf course, we appreciate the beautiful grounds that surround us and the maintenance that’s been done.

The golf season will start on Thursday, May 1, and continue every Thursday morning (weather permitting) until mid-September.

As has been stated often, Ladies Golf would love for newcomers to join in the fun, laughs and exercise. Equipment and instruction will be gladly provided.

*Nancy Quinlan, Treasurer LVE Ladies Golf*

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Ciao Everyone,

We had so much fun last Musical Bingo we are bringing it to you again!

MUSICAL BINGO, Tuesday, June 17th

Doors Open 6:30PM.

The Bingo entry fee is \$2.00, a \$5.00 packet is a winner, along with specials for musical games at \$1.00 each. All prizes awarded will depend on attendee's support of each game. There will be 10 exciting games played. Games start at 7PM. Tied winners divide prize equally.

We will serve dessert during intermission. BYOB- No alcohol please. Guests are welcome. Please RSVP by Friday, June 13 to Box #18. Open seating.

Please note: This Bingo event is on the off week of the regular LVE Bingo night regularly sponsored by the Recreation Department.

Check out the Italian American Bulletin Board at Barton Hall and find all the details on our artistic poster.

Thanks for joining us and singing your hearts out for the Karaoke event. Your support at our events is very appreciated. Such a talented group!

Yearly membership for 2025 of \$5.00 is due. Please drop payment in Box #18. Please include name, address, and telephone number and email if available.

*Grazia,*

*Mackie Rossi President, Sue Wietecha VP,*

*Annette Fidler Treasurer,*

*Barbara Finn Secretary, CMCA*

*Italian American Committee*



May's selection is The Vanishing Half, a work of historical fiction by Brit Bennett. The author tells the story of light-skinned black twins whose lives take different paths when they choose opposing racial identities. Looking well beyond issues of race, this novel considers the lasting influence of the past as it shapes a person's decisions, desires and expectations.

Our discussion will take place on Tuesday, May 27th from 10:30AM to 12 in the B/C Room.

*Happy reading, Kathy Benedict*



## Ceramics

It's officially spring after a very long windy and cold winter. Summer is fast approaching and we are spending more time outside on our patios and in the garden. It's time to put your creative juices to work and make some new and exciting items to brighten up your outside areas. This is a great activity for relaxing and having some fun. Please visit us on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the B/C Room in Barton Hall. The cost is \$5.00 per week which includes paints, brushes, etc. (You might want to bring your own brushes.) There is an additional cost for the purchase of the piece you choose. Sue Lotito, heads our group and is an experienced ceramics instructor who provides guidance on colors and techniques. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Karen in Recreation at 732-477-7900 extension 113.



## Nutrition Club

Wishing all of the Mothers and Grandmothers a very Happy Mother's Day!

Our next event is on May 21st at 12:00 Noon. Tony Pileggi will entertain us (sings & plays the guitar with older country songs). A light lunch will be served.

The cost is \$5.00/pp. Please put name & check in Box 13. Cutoff date is May 15th in order to get a count for the food.

TIP: May gives us an emotional lift with the many beautiful flowers.

*See you soon!!!*

*Mary Ann Bauman*



## Fire Safety

1. Kerosene, wood or coal heating devices or stoves, and the fuel for their use, are prohibited on LVE property.
2. Outdoor grills must be propane. They must be at a distance of no less than five (5) feet from any structure when in use. When not in use the grill must be kept outside and the propane tank must be shut off or disconnected from the grill. Also, make sure it does not interfere with lawn cutting when not in use. Empty propane tanks may, if necessary, be stored in the garage only. These tanks must be empty and the tank valve must be open. Please use sensible care and follow all manufacturer's directions for care, use and storage.
3. Fire Tables are permitted but must obey the following guidelines:
  - Must be propane, natural gas or gel only.
  - Must have a tempered wind guard of at least six (6) inches in height.
  - A unit owner/resident must be present at all times to monitor the area when an open-flame device is in use, and is responsible for any damage to structures, patios, fences and landscaping. Any damage caused by an open-flame device that requires repair or replacement will be billed to the unit owner.
  - Must follow the same rules as required for propane grills.

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## USE OF PROPANE GRILLS

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- Propane grills and tanks must be kept outdoors at the rear of the unit when not in use.
- Empty tanks, if necessary, may be stored in the garage. The tank must be empty and the tank valve must be open.
- Please use sensible care and follow all to the manufacturer's directions for care, use and storage.

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## Heritage Club Annual Bake Sale

Our Bake Sale will be held Saturday, May 10th from 10-2pm. Bring a delicious treat for dinner, to enjoy with Mom! Due to popular demand, the "Cafe" will be open. Sit and visit with friends and neighbors swapping rumors and munching on a goodie while enjoying a free cup of coffee.

We are asked by residents, "how can we help?" At this time, we would greatly appreciate you signing up to donate a baked cake, pie, cookies, or brownies for this event. Look for the sign-up sheet at the window of Karerfs office in Barton Hall.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11th - It is a very special day you celebrate Mom and thank her for her love, kindness and for all she has done for you!

Cinco de Mayo is Monday, May 5th. Mexico celebrates the victory over the French Empire in 1862. Enjoy a margarita or two!

Armed Forces Day recognizes all our military on May 17th. Memorial Day recognizes those who gave their lives for our freedom on May 26th. The American Legion honors all the fallen and veterans with Poppy flowers as a symbol of both Remembrance and Hope for the future.

### SAVE the DATE:

The PRICE IS RIGHT, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20. Details to follow.

Membership is \$5,00 and due now. Please drop off your payment to Box #14 in Barton Hall. Always include your name and telephone number. We could not accomplish all the fun events and gatherings without your loyal support.

*Tony Medina President, Mackie Rossi VP,  
Bob Scherer Treasurer, Barbara Finn Secretary,  
CMCA, Heritage Club Committee*



**ETHNIC POT LUCK DINNER**, May 3 at 4 PM in Barton Hall Auditorium. Bring your favorite dish for the group to sample. Please bring your dish in a disposable, aluminum, half size deep steam pan if possible (available from Amazon and supermarkets). Any meat should be cut into bite-sized pieces. Please reserve your spot and include the recipe card in Mail Slot #16. Cookbook will be compiled from recipes provided by April 22. The event is free with a dish or pay \$4.

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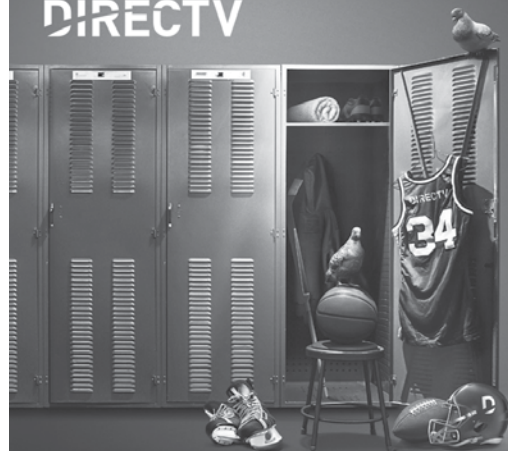
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Owner/Resident's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes:

\*\*\*This form can be emailed to Heather F. at [hfernica@lvenj.com](mailto:hfernica@lvenj.com) or  
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## Lithium-ion Batteries May Cause Fire Hazard

The number of fires stemming from the lithium-ion batteries commonly found in electronic bikes (e-bikes) and mobility scooters is rapidly rising, according to the National Fire Protection Association. In 2022, at least 19 people died in the United States because of fires or overheating incidents related to battery-powered products. In New York City alone, the batteries caused 216 fires, resulting in 147 injuries and six deaths in 2022.

### Regulations

While there are currently not many regulations concerning e-bikes and mobility scooters, lawmakers and federal regulators in the United States are taking note of the risk lithium-ion batteries pose.

### Prevention

The following can help prevent an e-bike/mobility scooter fires from occurring:

**Never use an off-brand or after-market replacement battery or charger.** Cheap, high-voltage options are the cause of many fires.

**Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.**

When charging, storing and maintaining an e-bike/scooter battery, the manufacturer's instructions should be adhered to before taking any action or making any decisions.

**Don't store e-bike/mobility scooter batteries with a full charge.** The more charged a battery is, the more fuel there is for the chemical reaction that causes fire.

**Charge e-bike/mobility scooter batteries away from flammable materials.** E-bike/mobility scooter batteries should be charged away from furniture and should not be charged or stored in a location that blocks access to exits.

**Contact the manufacturer directly with any issues.**

Most companies will replace faulty batteries as long as they haven't been tampered with. Take pictures or videos to send to the company's support team.

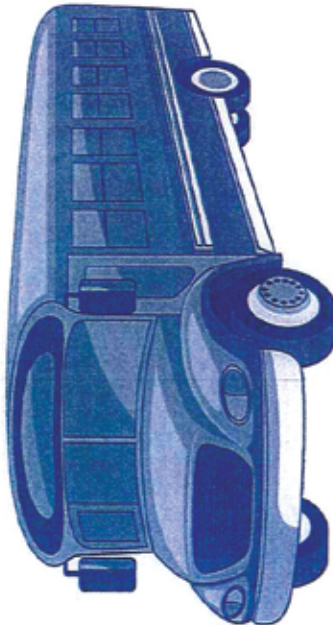
**Don't mess with the battery.** Only someone with specific e-bike/mobility scooter battery training should be servicing and replacing batteries.

### Conclusion

As owning and operating an e-bike/mobility scooters becomes more popular, taking precautions is important to remain safe, especially because we live in attached houses here at Leisure Village East.

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**2:32 PM: BUS ARRIVES BACK AT BARTON**

# LEISURE VILLAGE EAST ASSOCIATION

## SPECIAL NEEDS 2025

Dear Resident:

On a yearly basis, the Association revisits the Special Needs List.

**Only Dialysis and Chemo/Radiation patients will receive priority for snow removal. Please have your treatment center send confirmation of your scheduled appointments.**

**We need to know the days and times of your appointments for chemo/radiation and dialysis.**

Please complete this form in full and return it to the Administration Office.

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