

Flemington Fields

Condominium Association

Newsletter

MARCH 2016

Website: flemingtonfields.com

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Association Trustees and interested residents are currently addressing two projects:

Clubhouse Committee

This committee works diligently to keep our clubhouse (inside and outside) in the best possible condition. There are many aspects to this task; just to name a few: usage, supply inventories and aesthetics.

Please consider volunteering for this committee. We've already had two meetings. The more interested community members that are involved will result in keeping the clubhouse a comfortable and beautiful place where we can enjoy our activities.

You can certainly offer a small amount of your time. Join some of your neighbors at the next Clubhouse Committee meeting on Friday, March 11, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. Where? *At **our** clubhouse!*

Handbook Revision

Handbook, Handbook, Handbook – OH, NO! NOT AGAIN!

According to Random House, a handbook is defined as a book of instruction or guidance, a manual, a reference book in a particular field.

Our FFCOA handbook is designed to simplify and clarify some of our rules and regulations. Some of our Association documents are very legalized and difficult to understand. Our legal counsel has deemed that our handbook is a legally enforceable document. In the revised handbook, all legal references will be sited.

I'm asking that community owns responsibility for input into this document. Please give your opinions on the handbook as it stands, what can be improved, added, deleted, strengthened, and, oh yes, kudos recognizing the time and effort already put into it.

Send all communication to me via email (roedall@hotmail.com) or by snail mail (57 Samson Drive). NO PHONE CALLS. Written documentation can be more easily organized.

One thing to remember, the words "I" and "me" should not be used. All comments and revisions will be about "us". Another point to consider is that the handbook is about community compromise. The definition of compromise is a settlement of differences by mutual concessions, an agreement reached by adjustment of conflicting or opposing issues. Compromise is vital for Flemington Fields in order to move forward in a positive direction.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Rosemary D'Allura, FFCOA Secretary

Flemington Fields COA Newsletter

Weekly Clubhouse Activities

Bridge: Every Monday at 10:30.

Canasta: Every Monday at 1:00.

Poker: Every Monday at 6:45.

Cards: Every Tuesday at 1:00.

Cards: Every Wednesday at 10:00.

Social Hour: Every Thursday at 4:00.

Mah Jong: Every Friday at 1:00.

Other Clubhouse Activities:

Bingo: Third Monday of each month at 7:00.

Mah Jong: First and third Tuesday of each month at 1:00.

Bunco: Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00.

Bunco: Second Thursday of each month at 7:00.

Book Club: Second Monday of each month at 7.

FFCOA Helping Hands

Need someone to replace a smoke-detector battery or light bulb, take furniture off your deck, shut off the water, check the fireplace pilot, or other small tasks. Contact one of our volunteers:

George or LoAnn Ditzler, Jim Livezey, Tom or Laurie Pierce, Walter Yarrow, or Jerry Matcho.

Recycling and Trash Collection

Trash: The trucks normally come early **Every Wednesday** for the trash pickup. Place your receptacle at the curb at dusk on Tuesday.

Recycle: The truck comes every other Tuesday for your plastic bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard. Normal collection is about noon.

Marking the can with your house number is a good idea. Strong winds wreak havoc on recycling; please pick up any litter blown into the streets.

Nearby Activities

Flemington Elks: On Route 31.

Bingo: First Thursday of each month at 7:00.

Breakfast: All you can eat. Last Sunday of each month from 8:00 to 11:00. \$8.

Flemington Moose: Barley Sheaf Road.

Breakfast: All you can eat. Second Sunday of the month 8 to 11. \$8.

Hunterdon County Senior Center: Rte. 31.

Mr. Fix-it Program: Get free help with some general maintenance tasks. Call 908 788-1358.

Activities: Discussion groups, Card games, Art, Knitting, Scrapbooking, Woodcarving, Lectures, Language classes, Computer classes, Movies, Dance groups (Line, Tap, Zumba, Jazz), Bowling, Exercise and Fitness, and many more. Call 908 788-1359 for information.

Health & Fitness: Call 908 284-6128 for info.

Link Transportation: Call 800 812-0531.

Flemington Area Food Pantry

Close to 1,000 people in our area are in need of some sort of food assistance. Foodstuffs and personal care items can be dropped off at any time at 94 Samson Drive. Cash donations may be mailed to the Pantry at PO Box 783, Flemington, NJ 08822. Please be generous.

Important Phone Numbers

Dawn Carone – Access PMgmt. **908 284-3422**
dcarone@accesspm.com

Raritan Township Town Hall **908 806-0031**

Police/Fire/Rescue Squad **911**

JCP&L Electric **888 544-4877**

Elizabethtown Gas **800 492-4009**

NJ American Water **800 272-1325**

FFCOA ACTIVITIES & INFO

Welcome New Neighbors

Carole Catucci – 110 Samson Drive
Angelina Leone – 35 Joseph Drive

March Movies

Friday Nites at 6:30 at the FF Clubhouse

“The Gift” – March 4 (R-Drama)

The life of a young married couple is going just as planned until they have a chance encounter with an old high school acquaintance. After 20 years, a horrifying secret from the past is uncovered which sends their world into a tailspin.

“Nightcrawler” – March 18 (R-Drama)

This is a thriller set in the nocturnal underbelly of present-day Los Angeles. A young freelance cameraman discovers that filming crashes, fires, murder, and mayhem can be quite lucrative – except when the lines become blurred.

FF Book Club

Mar. 14 – “Leaving Time” by Jodi Picoult.

Apr. 11 – “A Girl Named Zippy” by Haven Kimmel.

FFCOA Board of Trustee Actions

February 2, 2016 Meeting

- Approved November and December, 2015 cash expenditures of \$125,385.18.
- Appointed Walter Yarrow to the Board of Trustees for a two-year term.
- Appointed committee chairs: Matt Andrejco, Finance; Jim Livezey, Building & Grounds, and Roy Grimm, Covenants.
- Increased maintenance fees \$20 effective April 1 for repayment to reserve fund.
- Approved the Becht Engineering proposal for additional invasive testing of \$6,600, \$3,500 repair specs, and \$3,000 to \$7,500 for repairs.
- There was lengthy discussion regarding transition, fee increase, and snow removal.

IN MEMORIAM

Herbert Kent

1923 – 2016

HUNTERDON COUNTY LIBRARY – Rte. 12

Movies at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 3 – “Bridge of Spies”

During the Cold War, an American lawyer is recruited to defend an arrested Soviet spy in court, and to help the CIA facilitate an exchange for the captured American U2 spy plane pilot, Francis Gary Powers. The movie was directed by Steven Spielberg and stars Tom Hanks.

Thursday, Mar. 24 – “Inside Out”

An animated Disney story about growing up. Riley is uprooted from her Midwest life when her father starts a new job in San Francisco. She is guided by her emotions: Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust, and Sadness. All of these come from the control center inside her mind.

Music at the Library

Dan Buttera Dixieland Band

Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Lectures in Song

“Evergreen: The Irish Presence”

Thursday, March 17 at 2:00 p.m.

Musical portraits presented with anecdotes by pianist/singer Fred Miller.

Lecture

Chiropractic Care with Dr. Thomas Fallon

Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Get Ready for the 2016 Library Book Sale

The Hunterdon County Library will hold its Annual Book Sale on the April 30 -- May 2 weekend at the Hunterdon Fair Grounds on Rte. 176 below Ringoes. This is an opportunity for great reading bargains. In the meantime, cull your book shelves to donate to this worthwhile effort. More info will be available next month.

Programs at the Hunterdon Senior Center

4 Gauntt Place (Off Rte. 31)

Health & Fitness Lecture Series

Mondays at 11:30 a.m.

Free: Register at 908 284-6128

Mar. 7 – “Taking care of your hips and knees.”

Mar. 21 – “Exercise guidelines for older adults.”

Mar. 28 – “Nutrition and exercise for body care.”

Movie

Monday, March 28 at 10 a.m.

“Boyhood”

Filed over 12 years, this is a story of growing up as seen through the eyes of a child named Mason, who literally grows up on the screen.

Prescription Disposal

Dispose your unused or old prescriptions properly. Drop them off in the original container to a Sheriff’s representative at the Hunterdon Senior center between 10 and 11 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

Raritan Township Community Garden

Are you interested in getting some good, outdoor exercise? The Raritan Township Community Garden, located behind the municipal building, has expanded and several more plots have been made available. Your labors will be rewarded with fresh and delicious vegetables. Each plot is 12’ X 15’ and the rental fee is \$20 for seniors over 65. Water is readily available and a new fence has been installed over the winter.

Checks are payable to Raritan Township and mailed to Carolyn Creed, 220 Burlington Court, Flemington, NJ 08822. For more information, send her an email at: cccreeed220@comcast.net.

Free Musical for Seniors

“THE SOUND OF MUSIC”

Wednesday, March 9 at 3:30 p.m.

Hunterdon Central Regional H.S. Auditorium

Preview Performance

Free – No Reserved Seating

Help Clean Up the Raritan River

The Raritan Headwater Association will hold its annual Stream “Clean Up” on Saturday, April 16, and they are looking for volunteers. The clean-up will be from 9 a.m. to Noon along the river in three nearby counties – four of the locations are in our immediate area. Register on line at raritanheadwaters.org or call 908.234.1852 X315 before March 27. Gloves and bags will be provided; those who register before March 3 will also receive a special T-shirt.

FFCOA Handbook Reminders

Social Activities: There are numerous opportunities for residents to interact with each other Out-of-town guests visiting a resident are welcome to join in the social activities during their visit. Ongoing participation of non-residents in weekly clubhouse activities is discouraged.

Mailbox: The mailbox and post is the responsibility of the unit owner. The condo number should be displayed in front and on both sides of the mailbox.

FFCOA Master Deed Reminder

Article 10 – A.11: All dogs must be kept on a leash at all times outside the unit . . .

Hunterdon County Senior Center

Special Six-week Session

“Heart to Heart Talks: Living with Heart Disease”

Topics Include:

Overview of Heart Disease	Diet
Hypertension	Exercise
Medication Management	Stress Management

Every Wednesday – March 16 to April 20

12:30 to 1:30

To Register Call 908-788-1359

Thought for the Day

Don’t be yourself – be someone nicer.

COA INFORMATION

Trustees: Joan Ruby (2016) President
Jerry Matcho (2016) Vice Pres.
Rosemary D'Allura (2017) Secy.
Walter Yarrow (2017) Rec. Secy.
George Ditzler (2017) Treasurer

Property Manager: Dawn Carone 908 284-3422

Access Prop. Management 908 806-2600

Emergency No. APM: 855 227-1157

Clubhouse 908 782-2931

FFCOA Website: www.flemingtonfields.com

Committees:

Finance: Matt Andrejco, Chairperson

Bldg.&Grnds.: Jim Livezey, Chairperson

Covenants: Roy Grimm, Chairperson

Communications:

Website: Mo Saur

Directory: Evelyn Hamrah

Newsletter: Jerry Matcho

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C/O Access Property Management

4 Walter Foran Blvd. – Suite 311

Flemington, NJ 08822

www.accesspm.com

Happy Birthday: George Washington

The weather was spring like as forty-five residents made their way into the clubhouse to celebrate and learn about our first American hero and his exploits in Hunterdon County. As the people settled in, they sampled the hors d'oeuvres, chatted with their friends, and awaited the speaker.

Dave Burchell, a professor at Mercer County CC, took center stage and enthralled the audience for almost 45 minutes with information, stories, trivia, and humor about Washington. After his presentation, everyone went to the kitchen area for cherry pie, ice cream, and more conversation.

Special appreciation and gratitude must be extended to **Anne Lupo, Gloria Gwizdz, Karen Matcho,** and **Joan Ruby** who did so much work in the organization and preparation that made the afternoon go so smoothly. And don't forget the special treat from **Lucille Krause** – her platter of chocolate covered strawberries.

Check Out the COA Website

If you haven't already done so, take time to browse the FFCOA website. **MO SAUR** has developed a real first-class site that includes so much handy information at our fingertips. Any resident can access important items, such as: the Master Deed, By-laws, Calendar, Newsletter, and so much more. Simply click on:

www.flemingtonfields.com

Next FFCOA Meeting

Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m.

TO: