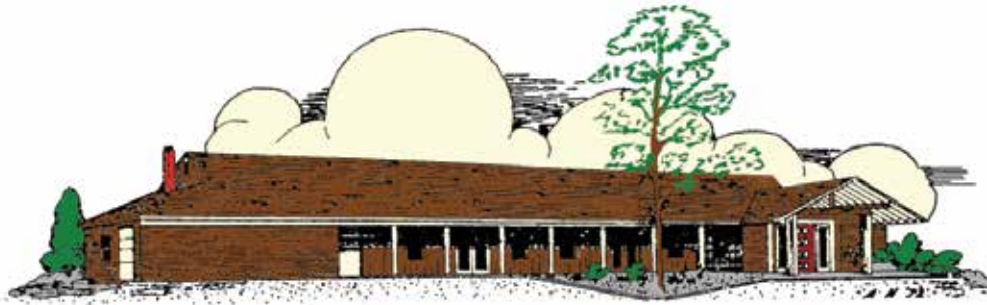


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SILVER RIDGE PARK ASSOCIATION

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Deadline for February 2024 Issue

>> January 7 <<

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The SRPE Clubhouse is Open to Residents

Every Day, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

(Special exceptions will be posted.)

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New Year's Day, January 1

Martin Luther King Day, January 15

Presidents Day, February 19

Memorial Day, May 27

Labor Day, September 2

Columbus Day, October 14

Thanksgiving, November 28 & 29

Christmas Day, December 25

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HOA Meeting
Thursday, January 4, 2024
Starts at 6:30 PM Sharp!

This meeting will begin with keynote speaker:
Bernadette Davis, Program Coordinator, Preferred Behavioral Health
Topic: Helping Seniors Find Balance and Resilience
The presentation begins at 6:30 pm followed by our regular HOA meeting.

Please remember to bring something for the troops!
Next HOA meeting is Thursday, February 1st



Agenda Meeting*
Thursday, January 18 at 10 AM
All residents are welcome
to come and listen.

*This is a working session of the Board.

NEW in 2024, the Ocean County Health Department (OCHD) will be at our clubhouse the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning January 9th from 10:45 to 12:45 PM to perform blood pressure screening and answer any questions you may have.

Silver Ridge Park East 2024 Events / Special Meetings

*****SRPE Residents ONLY**

Monday, January 22 starting at 7 PM
Proposed Budget Discussion***
See page 16 for more info!

Monday, February 12 starting at 7 PM
Meet your Candidates***
See page 16 for more info!

Wednesday, March 13 – 7 to 9 PM
Coffeehouse Series - Amanda Rose
See page 5 for more info!

Saturday, March 16 – 9 AM to 2 PM
Flea Market & Bake Sale
See page 5 for more info!

Saturday, April 20, 2024 – 7 to 10 PM
Spring Fling Dance
w/DJ Bob Kern
Save the Date, more info to come!!!

Saturday, May 18 – 9 AM to 2 PM
Junk in the Trunk Flea Market
Rain or Shine
Save the Date, more info to come!!!

SRPE Flea Market Committee announces ...



Indoor Flea Market & Bake Sale
Saturday, March 16, 2024
9AM to 2PM

Vendors Needed

Residents: \$15 for table/chair Non-Residents: \$20 for table/chair
Call Gail @ 973-214-3664 for reservations (non-refundable)

Entertainment Committee presents ...

COFFEEHOUSE at Silver Ridge Park East!!!



Back by popular demand ...
Amanda Rose

Wednesday, March 13 @ 7pm Sharp!
(doors open at 6:30pm)
\$5⁰⁰ Paid Reservation / \$7⁰⁰ @ Door
BYOB & Snacks
Cake & Coffee served

For More info: Carolyn Facciponti @ 917-442-1290 or c.facciponti@yahoo.com

RESERVATION FORM (Please return by March 8)

No. of Guests _____ @ \$5 PP Cash _____ Check # / Amount _____

Name(s) _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Deliver to SRPE office @ 979 Edgebrook Dr. N., Toms River NJ 08757
Mark envelope "Entertainment Committee / COFFEEHOUSE / Amanda Rose"

Silver Ridge Park East Income Statement, October 2023

OPERATING

October 2023 Actual	Account	Year to Date Actual	Annual Budget	Variance	%
INCOME					
0.00	06310 Dues Assessments	154,275.00	205,700.00	(51,425.00)	75%
1,425.00	06340 Administrative Assessments	4,800.00	3,500.00	1,300.00	137%
180.00	06350 Processing Fees	360.00	0.00	0.00	0%
9,350.00	06380 New Owner Fee	32,300.00	25,500.00	6,800.00	127%
300.00	06400 New Tenant Fee	600.00	3,600.00	(3,000.00)	17%
0.00	06501 Clubhouse Rental	2,950.00	4,300.00	(1,350.00)	69%
400.00	06510 Newsletter Adv. Reimbursement	3,200.00	4,800.00	(1,600.00)	67%
250.00	06550 Fines/Settlements	18,375.00	1,500.00	16,875.00	1225%
4.83	06910 Interest Income	40.40	15.00	25.40	269%
680.05	06915 Interest Income Reserves	4,879.98	2,985.00	1,894.98	163%
0.00	06920 Other Income	1,736.36	750.00	986.36	232%
12,589.88	Income Total	223,516.74	252,650.00	(29,493.26)	88%
EXPENSE					
General & Administrative					
0.00	07010 Accounting Fees	345.00	8,000.00	7,655.00	4%
2,899.00	07020 Legal Fees	12,738.16	6,500.00	(6,238.16)	196%
0.00	07030 Misc Admin/Office Exp	228.17	560.00	331.83	41%
0.00	07040 Office Equipment	0.00	200.00	200.00	0%
0.00	07050 Professional Fees Other	0.00	750.00	750.00	0%
349.96	07110 Stationery/Print/Postg	4,862.12	4,450.00	(412.12)	109%
453.75	07120 Technical Support (IT)	3,176.25	6,500.00	3,323.75	49%
0.00	07150 Allowance Bad Debts	497.50	3,000.00	2,502.50	17%
0.00	07160 Fines & Settlements	996.37	0.00	(996.37)	0%
39.96	07500 Board Allocations (general)	5,934.11	1,225.00	(4,709.11)	484%
0.00	07510 Petty Cash	61.01	0.00	(61.01)	0%
0.00	07520 Entertainment Committee	250.00	250.00	0.00	100%
0.00	07530 Sunshine Committee	50.27	175.00	124.73	29%
0.00	07540 Hospitality Committee	277.72	275.00	(2.72)	101%
3,742.67	General & Administrative Total	29,416.68	31,885.00	2,468.32	92%
Clubhouse /Common Grounds					
810.36	07810 Cleaning,Security,Pest Ctrl contracts	7,282.54	11,500.00	4,217.46	63%
0.00	07815 Other Cleaning Services	0.00	700.00	700.00	0%
553.51	07820 Beautification	810.73	500.00	(310.73)	162%
0.00	07850 Snow services	0.00	3,300.00	3,300.00	0%
3,172.09	07900 Lawn & Sprinklers contracts	21,715.14	25,000.00	3,284.86	87%
0.00	07910 Tree Removal	30,419.94	40,000.00	9,580.06	76%
6,363.12	07920 Other Grounds Expense	6,704.07	500.00	(6,204.07)	1341%
10,899.08	Clubhouse /Common Grounds Total	66,932.42	81,500.00	14,567.58	82%
Maintenance & Repair					
113.55	08010 Misc Clubhouse Equipmt & Supplies	1,590.83	1,200.00	(390.83)	133%
0.00	08020 Misc Clubhouse Expense	121.49	0.00	(121.49)	0%
0.00	08030 Minor Clubhouse Repairs & Maint	1,734.73	1,900.00	165.27	91%
113.55	Maintenance & Repair Total	3,447.05	3,100.00	(347.05)	111%
Utilities					
425.68	08810 Gas	2,962.19	8,000.00	5,037.81	37%
305.60	08820 Electric	4,257.55	5,200.00	942.45	82%
0.00	08840 Suez Water Toms River	276.16	600.00	323.84	46%
0.00	08850 Berkeley Sewer Authority	172.00	360.00	188.00	48%
432.48	08860 Cable-Business Package	3,449.31	4,800.00	1,350.69	72%
1,163.76	Utilities Total	11,117.21	18,960.00	7,842.79	59%
Insurance					
0.00	08910 General & Liability	12,170.00	26,000.00	13,830.00	47%
0.00	08920 Directors & Officers	0.00	4,070.00	4,070.00	0%
0.00	08930 Volunteers	0.00	385.00	385.00	0%
0.00	08940 Umbrella	0.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	0%
0.00	08950 Worker's Compensation	576.48	1,650.00	1,073.52	35%
0.00	08965 Other Insurance	53.47	180.00	126.53	30%
0.00	Insurance Total	12,799.95	38,785.00	25,985.05	33%
Personnel Expense					
1,553.06	09010 Administrative Salaries	12,870.66	20,760.00	7,889.34	62%
0.00	09100 Payroll Taxes	3,386.14	5,000.00	1,613.86	68%
1,553.06	Personnel Expense Total	16,256.80	25,760.00	9,503.20	63%

October 2023 Actual	Account	Year to Date Actual	Annual Budget	Variance	%
Other Expense					
0.00	09210 Lien Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
53.80	09220 Bank Charges	255.60	240.00	(15.60)	107%
0.00	09300 Other Expense	40.00	8.00	(32.00)	500%
512.00	09150 Miscellaneous Taxes & Fees	512.00	512.00	0.00	100%
565.80	Other Expense Total	807.60	760.00	(47.60)	106%
Reserves					
0.00	09705 Reserve Trans from Operating	1,800.00	0.00	(1,800.00)	0%
9,350.00	09710 Reserve Resales Trans to R&R	32,300.00	25,500.00	(6,800.00)	127%
0.00	09715 Reserve Fund Assessment	15,400.00	26,400.00	11,000.00	58%
9,350.00	Reserves Total	49,500.00	51,900.00	2,400.00	95%
Operating Expenses					
27,387.92		190,277.71	252,650.00	62,372.29	75%
Operating Profit (Loss)					
		33,239.03	0.00		
Less Reserve Interest posted as Operating Income					
		<u>4,879.98</u>			
Net Operating Profit (Loss)					
		28,359.05			

RESERVES

INCOME					
0.00	09705 Reserve Trans from Operating	1,800.00	0.00		
9,350.00	09710 Reserve Resales Trans to R&R	32,300.00	25,500.00	6,800.00	127%
0.00	09715 Reserve Fund Assessment	15,400.00	26,400.00	(11,000.00)	58%
564.10	06915 Interest Income Reserves	4,879.98	0.00	4,879.98	0%
9,914.10		52,579.98	51,900.00	679.98	101%
EXPENSES					
0.00	Bank Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	
0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	
Net Reserves					
9,914.10		52,579.98	51,900.00		101%

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Silver Ridge Park East Operating Checking Account	89,135.50
Silver Ridge Park East Operating Savings Account	98,670.18
SRPE Reserves CD @ 4.5% APY 18 mo.	150,000.00
Silver Ridge Park East Reserve MM (3.3%)	261,833.31
	<u>599,638.99</u>

FINES

Fines Billed Year To Date	\$18,475.00
Fines Paid Year To Date	\$2,890.00



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Silver Ridge Park East Homeowners Association Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2023

(Minutes are unofficial until approved by the board)
President Oliver Oramas called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Special Guest Speaker: Investigator Paul Wnek, Ocean County Office of Consumer Affairs

During his presentation on protecting yourself from scams, Investigator Wnek made the following points:

- The Consumer Affairs Office phone number is 732-929-2105. He encouraged residents to use them as a resource to resource to ask questions and report suspected scams.
- The Ocean County office is one of the busiest consumer affairs organizations in the state. They have the highest arrest record and the highest conviction rate among all New Jersey counties. They work with banks and most major businesses.
- The office deals with three areas: Consumer protection, weights and measures, and energy matters. They work under the auspices of the New Jersey attorney general, and many of the investigators are former police officers.
- There is little that is private these days. Companies and scammers know just about everything about you. People open their souls to the world on the internet.
- One of the real dangers is people taking out credit cards in other people's names. They caught someone recently who had four social security numbers and three businesses, and had just changed the middle initial.
- Before you hire a contractor, call the office. They can tell you immediately whether the company is licensed to do the work. If the contractor is not licensed, they will be getting a letter from the office the next day.
- An important tip: Don't answer your landline if you don't recognize the number. Let it go to voice mail. If the message sounds like a scam, look up the main number of the company the caller purports to represent and contact them to determine whether the person who called you is legitimate. Many of these callers will claim that they are "verifying" a prior transaction or action. If someone does manage to get in contact with you, do not provide any information whatsoever over the phone. Just hang up.
- Don't reply to unsolicited e-mails. If it looks suspicious, you can forward it to the Office of Consumer Affairs.
- Using credit cards to buy gas can cause major problems. Ask the attendant to give you your card back immediately after inserting it, and check and save all your receipts.
- If someone comes to your door offering to do work on your home, call the police immediately. Do not open

the door to speak to someone you do not know, and never let anyone inside your house.

- Protect yourself from funeral and cemetery fraud: Always bring another responsible person with you when making these arrangements.
- Most home health care workers are honest people, but be safe: Never leave a home worker alone without cameras.
- Never throw out unshredded mail. Your name and address alone are valuable information to scammers.
- At restaurants, always take the customer copies of your credit card receipts. They contain a lot of information and are worth a lot of money to scammers.
- Be careful when you use open wi-fi networks in public places. The person sitting quietly in a corner across the room can be collecting everything on your phone or laptop.
- Chip technology on credit cards can allow scammers to steal your information through your wallet. A good investment would be a metal wallet.
- The Ocean County Office of Consumer Affairs has many publications on consumer safety and protecting yourself against scams. Contact the office for more information.

Roll Call of the Board of Trustees

Trustees Trudy Venskus (Section 1), Peter Sztybel (Section 4), Susan Swain (Section 5), James Clarke (Section 6), Mary Conery (Section 10), Michael Joffe (Section 11) and Debbie Moriarty (Section 12) were present. Trustee Joan Ward (Section 3) was not present. Sections 2, 7, 8 and 9 are currently vacant. Thirty residents signed the attendance sheet.

Announcements by President Oliver Oramas

The January 4 HOA meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. because we have a special guest presentation: A representative from Preferred Behavioral Health will be speaking about dealing with senior mental health and wellness issues.

Tonight, the board will be considering a motion to send the Budget Committee's proposed 2024-2025 budget to the community for a vote. The proposed budget includes a \$5 per quarter dues increase. There will be a roll-call vote on this motion.

This vote is the first step in the budget approval process. The budget ballot will be mailed to all homeowners soon. On Monday, January 22, at 7:00 p.m., we will hold a special information session to explain the budget and answer homeowners' questions. The deadline to return your budget ballot is Friday, January 26.

A visiting nurse will be at the clubhouse on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. to provide screenings and answer your health-related questions. Please call the office ahead of time if you plan on stopping by so the nurse knows how many people to expect.

A final reminder about applying for NJ ANCHOR, the state's new property tax relief program: The deadline is December 29. If you can't find the application packet that you received in the mail, call the ANCHOR hotline at 609-826-4282 or 1-888-238-1233. If your New Jersey taxable income was less than \$250,000 in the 2020 tax year, you are eligible for a refund of up to \$1,750.

Motion #1: To approve the appointment of Kathleen Conte, of 9 Brian Court, to serve as Trustee Pro Tem for Section 7, for the term expiring April 1, 2024.

The motion was made by James Clarke, seconded by Mary Conery and approved unanimously. Oliver welcomed Kathy to the board, and she took her seat on the dais.

Approval of the Minutes of the November 2, 2023 HOA Meeting

The motion was made by James Clarke, seconded by Debbie Moriarty and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dru Sangemino reported that expenses are beginning to inch higher, especially with the work on Sutherland Court and the clubhouse islands. She noted that insurance costs and cleaning costs have also increased. She warned that there may be a deficit at the end of the fiscal year, but expects that the operating fund will have enough to cover it. The motion to approve the report was made by Trudy Venskus, seconded by Susan Swain and approved unanimously.

Administrative Report

Mary Conery reported that the 2023-2024 snow removal contract was awarded to A&S Landscaping. It is available for review in the office.

Ten homes sold in November and 11 are currently for sale. Six flippers are working in the community. Fines and fees collected in November totaled \$4,190, and the owners of another property paid more than \$5,000 to discontinue a lien.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Handicapped-Accessible Bathroom Update – Mary Conery said they are still awaiting a final plan from the architect. No decisions can be made until they receive and review it.

State and Federal Grants Update – Susan Swain announced a new project to help finance the funding of

our common grounds environmental initiatives by applying for grants from the state and federal government and institutions, businesses and foundations that provide such funding. If you would like to be a part of this project in any capacity, please call the Office.

Election Committee Update – Debbie Moriarty reported that nomination forms for the three vacant trustee positions and the four seats up for election in 2024 will be mailed in early January. She encouraged people to nominate themselves or a neighbor to serve in one of these positions. On Wednesday, February 22, there will be a "Meet the Candidates" event at the clubhouse. Residents must be current on their dues in order to vote in the election.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion #2: To approve the submission of the proposed 2024-2035 SRPE HOA budget to the community. The motion was made by Debbie Moriarty and seconded by Trudy Venskus.

The results of the roll call vote were five votes in the affirmative (Trudy Venskus, Susan Swain, Kathy Conte, Mary Conery and Debbie Moriarty) and three votes in the negative (Peter Szybel, James Clarke and Michael Joffe), and was therefore approved. It will be sent to residents for consideration soon.

Michael Joffe said he voted no because he did not think the \$5 dues increase was appropriate at this time. Debbie Moriarty said she voted yes because as a member of the budget committee, she believes the proposed budget to be fiscally responsible and that as a trustee, she has a fiduciary responsibility to the association. Mary Conery voted yes and reminded residents of the increases everyone is experiencing at the gas pump, the grocery store and in utility bills; SRPE is dealing with the same increases, and Social Security has also recognized the increases and given everyone an increase. She noted that trustees are responsible for submitting a balanced budget, and that the \$5/quarter raise is less than a 6 cent per day increase.

Motion #3: To approve the hiring of Nadine Woodward as SRPE Office Manager. The motion was made by Debbie Moriarty, seconded by Trudy Venskus and approved unanimously.

Motion #4: To approve an expenditure not to exceed \$1,500 to extend the interior wall on the north side of the clubhouse to allow for storage of tables and chairs. This motion was tabled due to a minor issue in the construction process and will be considered at a later date.

Motion #5: To ratify the Architectural Committee's approval of the following improvements to the following properties: 1) Addition of a 13 '6 " x 16 ' deck and air conditioning unit to the rear of the home at 22 Edinburgh Drive. 2) Installation of a garden fence

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at 49 Southampton Road. 3) Installation of a 10x12 shed at 12 Edinburgh Dr. 4) Installation of an 8x10 shed at 20 Sutherland Court. The motion was made by Debbie Moriarty, seconded by Kathy Conte and approved unanimously.

SECTION REPORTS

Most of the Trustees reported that everything is quiet in their sections. Mary Conery (Section 10) said one violation has been resolved. Debbie Moriarty (Section 12) said Sutherland Court residents are pleased with the renovations to the circle. After an incident involving dogs, residents are reminded that they must keep their dogs under control.

CLUB AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beautification and Garden Committee – They are holding a holiday bake sale to support their efforts on December 20 from 2-6 p.m.

Billiards Club – They play on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Common Grounds Committee – Mike Joffe said they are doing pretty well and appreciate the help of volunteers.

Entertainment Committee – The Holiday Dance is on Saturday, December 9. There was a typo in the flyer; the music will be from 7-11 p.m.

Flea Market – Every year, the committee donates part of its profits. This year, Gail DiNicolas said they will be giving Lloyd Mulliken \$500 to help pay the cost of shipping the items he collects to the troops overseas. They will also be donating \$500 to support the work of the Beautification and Garden Committee. Events in 2024 will include a traditional flea market in March, a Junk in the Trunk flea market in May and a holiday craft sale in November.

Gray Power – Volunteers contributed 130.65 hours in November. The crepe myrtles in the clubhouse islands were removed and replanted by the brook, and the excess gravel and old mulch were removed. If you would like input on improving the clubhouse landscape, contact Karen Crossley.

Hospitality Committee – They said the baked goods donated this month were delicious and thanked everyone who contributed.

Park Echo – Deadlines for the next month will be earlier because of the holidays. If you have something you would like to put in the Park Echo, contact Gail DiNicolas as soon as possible.

Pins and Needles – They meet every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. in the library.

Sunshine Club – Elva Hall sent four Park Echos to former residents, two get-well card, and two sympathy cards. She urged residents to contact her if they know of a neighbor who would appreciate a card.

Trees Committee – The trees that obstructed Tree trimming will be done on Brian Court where

Welcome Committee – Six welcome packs were delivered to new residents, along with invitations to get involved with the community. Trustee Kathy Conte said new residents find the welcome packs helpful and appreciate the small gifts that are enclosed. She thanked Penny and Christopher Rapicano for their work on this project.

Demonstration of the use of the defibrillator –

Trustee Debbie Moriarty showed the audience where the new clubhouse defibrillator is located and how it is operated. It is quite simple, as soon as it is turned on, recorded instructions begin. Residents should be familiar with it because it can save a life.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A resident said the microphone system is still not very effective. Oliver said he is still working on improvements.

Another resident suggested that the calendar in the Park Echo include leaf pick-up days. Trustees said they do that, and also noted that the township sends around a garbage/recycling/leaf collection calendar at the start of every year.

Gail DiNicolas noted that Holiday City Carefree will have a catered New Year's Eve party and have opened it to residents of other communities. The cost is \$68/pp. Tickets are available at their library on December 19 from 10a.m.–2 p.m.

Gail also said the clubhouse holiday lighting ceremony on December 2 was wonderful. The singing was extraordinary, and everyone seemed relaxed and happy to be together to kick off the season.

A resident said she has been complaining about speeders on Edgebrook Drive for 3-1/2 years with no response from the township. Trustee James Clarke said people can call the police department and file a complaint if you have the license plate number.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 4.

Please note that the meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. to accommodate the presentation on mental health and wellness by a representative from Preferred Behavioral Health.

Kathryn Forsyth, Recording Secretary

**Garbage & Recycling
Pick-Ups**



**PLEASE Help Keep Our
Community Clean!!!**

Garbage/Trash, items you wish to dispose of, and Recycling are **NOT** to be placed outside the front of your home, or on curb side, until after 4PM the day before their designated pickup days.

These are Berkeley Township ordinances which SRPE follows.

>> REMINDER <<

**Article 10, Section (u) of SRPE
Covenants & Restrictions states:**

No work of a noisy or obnoxious nature should be done on Sunday before 10AM and after 6PM. Weekdays and Saturdays no noise before 8AM and after 8PM except in case of severe emergency conditions approved by the Board of Trustees. Contractors of any kind (landscapers, roofers, etc.) are prohibited on Sundays.

Berkeley Township Ordinance 4-27.6 (b1):
Non-commercial or non-industrial power tools and landscaping and yard maintenance equipment shall not be operated between the hours of 8PM and 8AM.

**Handicapped Homeowners
Can Get Assistance Getting
Garbage Cans To Street**

Have your doctor document the handicap, provide their name, address, and telephone and FAX to 732-349-7979. Sanitation workers will bring the garbage from in front of your garage to the truck and return containers to garage.

STREETLIGHT OUTAGES

Several ways to report outages:

- Report online:
www.firstenergycorp.com/outages
- JCP&L Emergency:
1-888-544-4877
- Call phone number on your statement

Include Pole Number and address of the house nearest to the streetlight.

**Berkeley Township
Garbage & Recycling
Schedule for Silver Ridge**



January 2024 Garbage (G) Recycle (R) Schedule						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 G	4 R	5	6
7	8	9	10 G	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 G	18 R	19	20
21	22	23	24 G	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 G			

G = Garbage R = Recycling L = Leaves H = Holiday

**Berkeley Recycling Center
(Resident Drop-Off Center)**

Public Works Dept.
627 Pinewald-Keswick Road, Bayville

Hours:

Monday ~ Friday 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday ~ 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

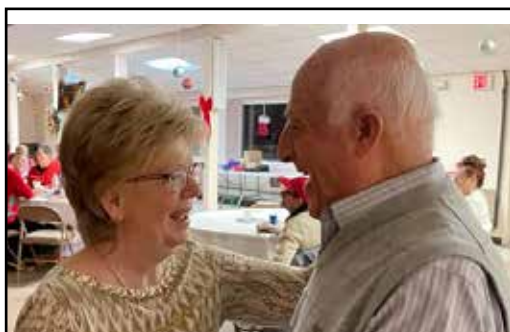
To dispose of hazardous materials,
contact the Public Works Dept. at:
732-349-4616

**Garbage & Recycling
Pick-Ups**

According to Berkeley Township, garbage (trash) and recycling are NOT to be placed outside before 4:00 p.m. on the day before the scheduled pickup.

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Holiday Party December 9th

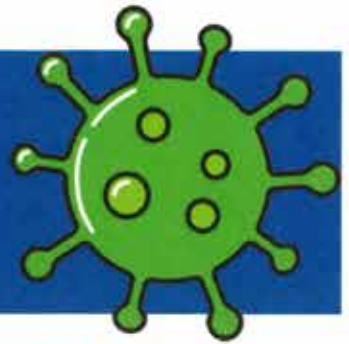


Holiday Party December 9th



Ocean County Health Department's

HOMEBOUND COVID-19 & FLU PROGRAM



AVAILABLE TO OCEAN COUNTY RESIDENTS THAT ARE UNABLE TO LEAVE THEIR HOME ENVIRONMENT DUE TO A PHYSICAL OR MEDICAL CONDITION

PREPARING FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT:

- Allow space for the nurse to perform the vaccination
- Wear clothing appropriate for vaccination
- Secure any animals
- Hydrate with water if possible, before and after vaccination
- Have Medicare/insurance cards ready
- If you are feeling sick, please call and reschedule your appointment

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What is a "Bivalent"? A vaccine providing broad protection, containing a component of the original COVID-19 vaccine and of the current dominant variants of COVID-19.

- People **ages 65 and up** may get an additional dose of the bivalent vaccine **4 months** after the first bivalent
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Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024

Q1 – 4/1/2023

Q2 – 7/1/2023

Q3 – 10/1/2023

> Q4 – 1/1/2024

(Covers Jan, Feb, March)

**4th QUARTER DUES
Due January 1, 2024**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount Due: \$85.00

PAY EXACT AMOUNT BY 1/1/2024

**AFTER 1/31/2024, AMOUNT DUE IS \$110
(Dues \$85 + \$25 Late Fee)**

Mail or bring your payment to:

Silver Ridge Park Association

979 Edgebrook Dr. N., Toms River NJ 08757

Cash payment requires exact amount

SRPE Illegal Home Rentals

The Board has been informed repeatedly that some homeowners are renting their homes without notifying the Association – perhaps to avoid the \$300 fee, skirt age restrictions, or perhaps just plain ignorance.

This is a violation of our Covenants & Restrictions, which state that the Association must be notified before renting; the Tenant must be age 55 or older; and a home cannot be rented unless you have lived in it for one year as a primary residence.

It is also a violation of Berkeley Township ordinances requiring the owner/landlord to register with the Township, provide an age-approval letter from the Association, and pay a Certificate of Occupancy inspection fee, total amount of \$95 (2 separate checks made out to Berkeley Township: one for \$55 and the other for \$40).

Fees from house rentals help keep our dues from increasing and help keep your taxes down.

Most homeowners/landlords follow our C&R and Berkeley Township laws, but there are some who do not.

If you see someone moving into a house in our community, please call the office so we can verify that they have complied with these restrictions. The caller's name is always kept confidential.

Changes in Your Household?

In order to keep information on our community current, please notify the Office if there are any changes in your household.

This is necessary for statistical purposes.

Typical changes would include:

- A new or additional phone number
- A homeowner has deceased or moved from the residence
- A change in occupancy, such as someone moving into or out of the residence

SRPE Business Office

>> NOTICE <<

To All Delinquent Homeowners

Although most homeowners pay their dues faithfully on time, there are several delinquent accounts in our park.

In an effort to bring severely delinquent accounts up to date, and upon the advice of the SRPE Attorney, please note the following:

If you are in arrears 1 year or more in your dues payments, you must call the Administrative Secretary to make arrangements to bring your account up to date.

Failure to do so may result in your being sued in court.

If there is a judgment made against you in court, you may be required to pay what you owe in dues, court costs, and attorney's fees.

A judgment may also affect your credit rating.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Welcome Home (New Residents)

Barbara & Anthony Acquaviva
39 Edinburgh Dr.
(Section 7)

Lynda Logan
72 Edinburgh Dr.
(Section 9)

Frank Travisana
38 Edinburgh Dr.
(Section 7)

William & Linda Chadwick
21 Stanford Dr.
(Section 8)

Linda Nespoli
104 Chamberlain Ct.
(Section 9)

Thomas & Laura Weber
22 Brian Ct.
(Section 4)

SRPE Election 2024!

The time is near for the election of your OFFICERS / BOARD OF TRUSTEES and the approval of our 2024-2025 BUDGET.

You will soon receive the proposed SRPE BUDGET BALLOT and a 'Call for NOMINATION BALLOT' for your OFFICERS / BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Please seriously consider nominating yourself or someone else who is interested in working for our community. There are eight open Trustee seats on the Board, as well as President and Vice President. If you would like to see changes in our community, join us - We need you!

A separate meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 22 at 7pm to discuss the proposed BUDGET; this would allow you the opportunity to ask any questions and concerns you may have. The BUDGET BALLOT and 'Call for NOMINATION BALLOT' are due back into the office no later than January 26.

Early February you will receive ELECTION BALLOT. This ballot is due back by 11am on March 6, the day before our annual meeting on March 7. As you may recall, the ballots are publicly opened and counted during the annual meeting starting at 7pm.

In addition, to help introduce those on the ballot, we have scheduled a meeting on February 12, starting at 7pm for you to "Meet the Candidates".

We hope you will attend these meetings. They are a result of suggestions received from our Resident Survey last summer.

If you are available to help with the counting of ballots on March 7, please contact Debbie Moriarty @ 732-575-2423. The committee welcomes your interest.

IF YOU'RE A VETERAN JOIN THE SRPE

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NAME _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE _____

RESERVES _____ OR

ACTIVE DUTY _____ DATES OF SERVICE _____

JOB (MOS) _____

BASIC TRAINING LOCATION _____

COMBAT DUTY _____ LOCATION _____

Please drop the complete form at the Association office

Directory of Sections & Trustees (Total: 605 Homes)

Section 1 – 57 Homes – Trudy Venskus

Edgebrook Drive E., 1004 to 1053
Eve Place, 2 to 18; Oxford Dr., 1 to 9

Section 2 – 49 Homes – Vacant

Edgebrook Drive S., Even # 1058 to 1072
Hamilton Court, 4 to 42
Southampton Road, 29 to 56

Section 3 – 46 Homes – Joan Ward

Edgebrook Drive S., Odd # 1057 to 1095
Edgebrook Drive S., Even # 1074 to 1098
Concord Lane 11 to 27

Section 4 – 51 Homes – Pete Szybel

Concord Lane, 1 to 10
Brian Court, 3 to 44
Cambridge Court, Even # 2 to 48

Section 5 – 46 Homes – Susan Swain

Cambridge Court, Odd # 1 to 21
Edgebrook Drive N., 891 to 949

Section 6 – 42 Homes – James Clarke

Norwich Drive, 1 to 31
Chutney Street, 2 to 32

Section 7 – 47 Homes – Kathy Conte *Pro-tem

Edgebrook Drive S., 1097, 1099, 1100, 1102
Edinburgh Court, 101 to 113
Edinburgh Drive, 2 to 47

Section 8 – 56 Homes – Vacant

Edgebrook Drive N., 887, 889
Edgebrook Drive S., 1113, 1115, 1117, 1119
Stanford Court: E., 20 to 30; W., 9 to 17
Stanford Drive E., 2 to 41
Waterberry Court, 1101 to 1116

Section 9 – 57 Homes – Vacant

Chamberlain Court, 102 to 114
Chancellor Court, 2 to 44
Edinburgh Drive, 50 to 77

Section 10 – 55 Homes – Mary Conery

Chamberlain Drive, Odd # 1 to 13
Edgebrook Drive N., 843 to 885
Sherwood Lane, 1 to 12
Waldwick Court, 2 to 16

Section 11 – 40 Homes – Mike Joffe

Sherwood Court, 11 to 23
Sherwood Lane, 14 to 36
York Street, 2 to 22; York Court, 1 to 11

Section 12 – 59 Homes – Debbie Moriarty

Chamberlain Drive, Even # 2 to 14
Edgebrook Drive S., 1121 to 1157
Sutherland Court, 2 to 46
Woodbury Court, 2 to 20



Show Us Your Talent!!!

The Entertainment Committee is looking to see if anyone in our community would be willing to take part in an Amateur/Talent night.

Whatever your talent may be, e.g., musician, vocalist, comedian, magician, etc., consider signing up for an event to be held early 2024.

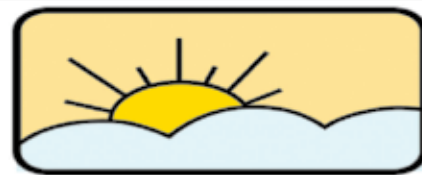
Contact Gail at 973-214-3664 or gdinicolas007@gmail.com

Gray Power Volunteers Needed

(call 732-505-1081)

The board is looking for folks that are willing and able to help keep our community, clubhouse, and its surrounding common area clean and in working condition. This is a way of keeping costs down...we understand there are people that physically cannot take part in this effort, but we also believe there are others that can and hopefully spare an hour or so, each month, to participate in this undertaking. Some examples: leaf & branch clean-up, window & power washing, paint, minor repairs, etc.

We meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesday @ month at 9AM.



I continue to welcome all phone calls when you are aware of your neighbor needing a card.

During the month of November, I sent out the following:

- 4 Park Echos to former residents
- 2 Get Well Cards
- 2 Sympathy Cards

Respectfully submitted,

Elva Hall, 732-244-7040

Fraud Alert: Scam Calls Targeting Older Adults

*Recent increase in reports of government imposter scam calls, including some claiming to be from **Eldercare Locator**.*

ACL's [Eldercare Locator](#) and [Disability Information & Access Line \(DIAL\)](#) are trusted resources that help connect older adults and people with disabilities with resources in their community. In recent days, Eldercare Locator has noted a significant increase in people reporting they have been targeted by scam phone calls. This includes reports of:

- Callers claiming to be from “Eldercare,” “Eldercare Locator,” “Social Security,” or “Medicare.”
- Callers asking for personal information such as someone’s Social Security number, banking information, or Medicare number — or demanding payment, threatening jail time, or fines.
- Harassment, including repeat calls from the same number.

We hope you will help us get the word out about government imposter scams. Here are some important reminders to share:

1. **The government will never call out of the blue and ask for a Social Security number.**
2. **The government will never ask for payment by gift card or wire transfer.**
3. **Social Security numbers cannot be suspended.**

These general tips can also help everyone protect themselves:

- If you are ever suspicious about a call, **hang up immediately**. Find the organization’s contact information on your own (don’t use caller ID), and call or email them directly to discuss the situation.
- Never give out your Social Security number, banking information, or Medicare number to anyone who contacts you through unsolicited calls, texts, or emails.
- Never pay someone you do not know well via gift card or wire transfer.
- Never click on an email link or attachment, unless you fully trust the sender.
- Sign up for the [National Do Not Call Registry](#).

Older adults who are targeted by scams and fraud can call the Department of Justice’s [National Elder Fraud Hotline](#) at 833-FRAUD-11 (833-372-8311).

In addition, scams and fraud targeting people of any age can be reported to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) by calling 877-FTC-HELP (877-382-4357) or visiting [reportfraud.ftc.gov](#).

There are many great resources available to help raise awareness about avoiding scams:

- The Social Security Administration offers a [short video on signs that someone is impersonating the Social Security Administration](#).
- The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau offers resources on common scams that are specifically for [consumers, caregivers, and service providers](#).
- FTC has short videos on [Social Security](#) and [IRS impostor](#) scams.
- FTC’s “[Pass It On](#)” page has resources on many other types of scams and you can [sign up for FTC scam alerts](#) to stay up to date on new threats.
- The ACL-funded Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) program can help you learn about Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse; detect potential fraud, errors, and abuse; and report concerns. Find your local SMP at [smpresource.org](#) or call 1-877-808-2468.
- ACL’s National Center on Elder Abuse has many resources on elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including a handy 1-page flyer ‘The Phone Scam: What You Need to Know’.



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FAX 732-505-3223

A 55+ SENIOR COMMUNITY

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE
Request for Approval

REQUIREMENTS:

The Architectural Control Committee must approve any change to the exterior of the unit such as decks, fences, patios, sheds, storage boxes or alterations/additions.

PLEASE PROVIDE:

Plans or sketch, specifications, location on the Property

The approval by the Association or the Architectural Control Committee shall in no way alleviate the owner from applying for and obtaining all necessary permits for which the Township of Berkeley has jurisdiction. A letter of approval from the Architectural Control Committee is required for a permit.

Date: _____

Property Owner: _____

Address: _____

Phone – Home: _____ Cell: _____

Contractor _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Request for approval for the following:

Architectural Committee Approved: Date _____

SRPE Final Compliance Inspection Approval: Date _____

Planning a Party?



Did you know that Members can rent the clubhouse cheaper than you can rent a hall outside our community?

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Second Friday - Appy Hour



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1:00 to 3:00 PM

For more information contact
Joy Gurrieri (732) 779-3682



Planning a Garage Sale?

Berkeley Township Ordinance 88.5

- Permits are required for garage sales
- The 1st permit is free; the 2nd is \$5.00
- You are allowed two sales per year
- Permits cover two consecutive days
- Sale Hours are 9AM to 5PM
- Renters/Tenants must have written permission from the owner

Apply at Berkeley Township Clerk's Office

Exercise Class

Please come and join us for a low impact workout:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
starting January 3, 2024

ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS & DOG WALKERS
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING YOUR
RESPONSIBILITY AS A DOG OWNER & DOG WALKER.



If your dog doesn't like other dogs or people, please collar it!

According to NorthStar Veterinary Trauma Center, most dog attacks occur when the dog backs out of its harness.

Avoid trauma & possible lawsuit!

Please put your pet in a secure collar!

Be a good neighbor and *please* pick up after your dog.
It is a pollutant and potentially dangerous.¹ It is also required by the law.²

Help us keep our 'Park' clean!

¹ Classified alongside pollutants from vehicles and pesticides, pet waste is considered highly toxic and ... contains harmful bacteria associated with disease, such as salmonella, E.coli, giardia and campylobacteriosis which ... can spread to other animals and humans. *Common Ground, March April 2023*

² All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person. *Berkeley Township Municipal Code 9-14.3*

December 2, 2023, Tree Lighting with Women's Acapella Quartet 'Holiday Angels'



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This email and thank you cards are from our troops deployed in Iraq and Syria. With the current instability in the Middle East, these forces are dealing with a very unstable regional situation. We are doing all we can to provide them with support and let them know we care about them.

Lloyd

October 23, 2023 ...

To: Lloyd Mullikin Thank you for your concern. The tensions are high, but with the donations we are making sure the soldiers feel the love from back home while staying mission focused. We will continue to be here to support the military.

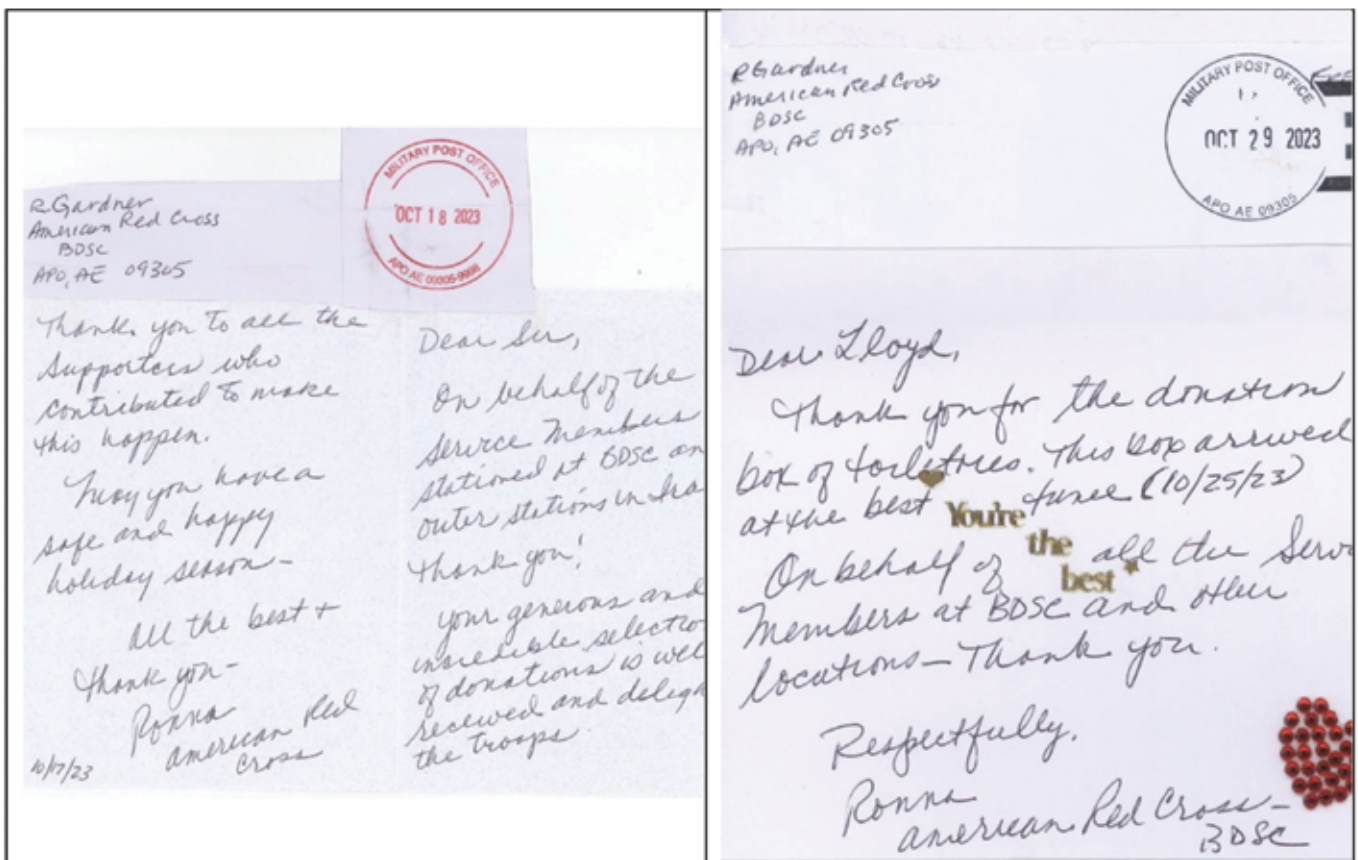
Respectfully, Sarah

American Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces Baghdad Diplomatic Support Center (BDSC)

October 23, 2023 ...

To: Sarah, Glad you are receiving the boxes we sent, and are able to share them with our troops in Iraq and Syria. Will do our best to keep more items coming your way. With all the tension currently going on in the Middle East, we are very concerned about your safety, and will do all we can to support you and your mission.

Lloyd



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Most requested items for Men & Women

Due to mailing restrictions, all items sent must be non-aerosol and non-flammable.

Shampoo/Conditioner (small sizes preferred)	Small Size Powder Drink Mixes (to add to water bottles)
Sun Screen/Body Lotion (small sizes preferred)	Microwaveable Foods/Soups
Hand Soap (bars & liquid)	Popcorn/Nuts, & Sunflower Seeds
Shaving Cream & Razors	Granola/Protein Bars/Energy Bars
Toothbrushes	Gum/Breath Mints
Hand Wipes	Hard Candy/Snack Food, M&M's
Insect repellent	Snack Items/Slim Jims/Beef Jerky
Chap Stick	Cereal (small sizes preferred)
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Tissues (small packets preferred)	Coffee Packets/K-Cups/Tea Bags
Over the counter Medical supplies (aspirin, cough medicine, vitamins, band-aids)	Greeting Cards (all occasions)
Eye Drops	Reading material (book & magazines)
Mouthwash (small)	DVD Movies & CD music
Socks (white or black), cooling bandannas	Pens, Pencils, & Writing Paper
T-Shirts & Sweat Shirts (with or without logos)	Various School Supplies
Sports items (soccer, football, baseball, etc.)	Laundry Soap (pods preferred)
Games (puzzles, board games, playing cards, etc.)	Dryer & Swiffer Sheets

The most popular items being requested by the WOMEN in the military include the following:



Overnight Pads	Hair Dye (natural Colors)
Kotex & Tampons	Hair Spray (non-aerosol)
Panty Liners	Leave in Conditioner
Jam Hair Products	Midol & Advil Liquid Gels
Keratin Treatments	Hand Lotion
Facial Cleaners	Eyebrow Shaper
Pore Strips	Dryer & Swiffer Sheets
Bobby Pins & Hair ties (black & blonde)	Dark Sunglasses
Small Makeup Kits	

There are collection boxes in the SRPE Clubhouse. There are also boxes for old cell phones, which are recycled and exchanged for phone cards which are included in the troop mailings.

Tax deductible donations to help pay for shipping may be sent to
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Residents Survey Results' CORNER ... *A continuing series*

COMMUNICATION continued...

Question: Do you have a device (cell phone, iPad, computer) to access our website?

- Yes - 85% No - 6%

Question: Do you find the information on SRPEast.com useful?

- Yes - 80% No - 9%

Question: Can we offer training to help you access the website?

- Yes - 10% No - 69%

Comments: • Waste of time. • Haven't tried. • Rarely check .

Question: Would you be willing to receive automated phone calls, texts, or emails?

- Yes - 50% No - 13%

Comments: • It wouldn't change anything anyway. • Email blasts are fine. • We read about it in our Park Echo newsletter.

MAINTENANCE

Question: Do you think our community is well maintained?

- Yes - 82% No - 13%

Question: What recommendations would you have to improve our clubhouse and common areas?

- Clubhouse is ok, the grounds need work.
- Have volunteer cleanup once or twice a year.
- Remodel & Update.
- Clean brush in common area.
- Can use people picking up after themselves.
- A brighter painted building (white, coral, light blue).
- A more appealing sign with flags on Mule Road.
- Pay to have landscapers trim edges, clean weeds at curb/street, clean debris from storm drains.
- Homeowners cannot be expected to clean common areas.
- Grass needs cutting where rider mower can't maneuver.
- Dead wood culled where lying around.
- Better eval of dead trees for removal.
- The common areas are not cleaned up by lawn maintenance - meaning the wooded areas behind/in between homes.
- It wouldn't change things.
- The clubhouse is the only common grounds that get maintained. Why is that when we pay dues for the common areas to be taken care of? Three years since last time ours have been maintained. There are now animals living in it.
- When a tree is cut down grind the stump away; looks terrible.
- Rest rooms dirty!! Not always supplied - need cleaning prior to events; embarrassing.
- Clubhouse needs cleaning, check supplies 2x/w.
- Finish painting the parking lot lines.
- Would like to see Spring/Fall clean-up in common areas visible to street, not common areas behind homes e.g., cul-de-sac, clubhouse, and street corners.
- Many improvements have been made over the last few years.
- What can be done to the back of it (clubhouse) to make it look better.
- Trim dead branches/plants in common areas/add some plants where needed.
- Help remove the bigger trees that have fallen into the streams.
- Build sidewalks.
- Clean up common areas regularly - but difficult to keep up with debris.
- Plant some flowers like vinca. Get rid of greenery near office door.
- Décor, curb appeal, well lit.
- Please do not put in sidewalks. It is too disturbing to the beautiful scenic that is so appealing in our community and due to age and finances; to shovel would be an added burden to have to pay someone. I bought my home because of the scenic beauty of the landscape.
- You need improvement on other matters not the clubhouse and common area.

... to be continued next month!

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Sheriff (Berkeley).....	732-349-2010
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Animal Control (Berkeley Twp.).....	732-797-1413
Berkeley Twp. Town Hall	732-244-7400
Berkeley Public Works.....	732-349-4616
Berkeley Recreation Dept.....	732-269-4456

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Power Out.....	888-544-4877
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NJ Department of Motor Vehicles	609-292-6500
Local License/Registration Office (Hooper Ave)	
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2024

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	1 New Year's Day (Office Closed)	2 Election Comm Gray Power 9:00 AM Pins & Needles 1:00 PM	3 Exercise 9:00 AM	4 Cards 1:00 PM HOA Meeting 6:30 PM	5 Exercise 9:00 AM	6
7	8 Exercise 9:00 AM Cards 6:00 PM	9 LHOC (Nurse) 10:45 AM Pins & Needles 1:00 PM	10 Exercise 9:00 AM Crafts 1:00 PM	11 Cards 1:00 PM Billiards 7:00 PM	12 Exercise 9:00 AM 2 nd Friday/Appy Hour 6:00 PM	13
14	15 Martin Luther King BD (Office closed) Exercise 9:00 AM Cards 6:00 PM	16 Gray Power 9:00 AM Pins & Needles 1:00 PM	17 Exercise 9:00 AM	18 Agenda Mtg 10:00 AM Cards 1:00 PM	19 Exercise 9:00 AM	20
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