



Vintages



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APRIL 2025: WHAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS WORKING ON

1. Gale Braunstein, Senior VP at Taylor Management, attended our meeting. She educated the board on the various services that they can provide to our community.

2. We spent \$50,450 on snow and ice removal this year. Our policy is that if this bill is over \$50,000, we do an assessment to recover the excess expense. The board made an exception and will not do an assessment. We will cover the excess cost. This is a one-time exception due to the other assessments recently for the roof and siding projects.

3. The board voted to purchase an automated testing and chemical additions system for approximately \$8,200. This is for the pool only. We are investigating the Spa costs and are looking to combine both systems into one. This should help us eliminate the Monitors and reduce our pool costs for the foreseeable future.

4. We have approved of the quote to get the clubhouse carpets cleaned.

5. We are working with the landscape committee to get new bushes planted around the utility boxes on Young Court. Robin Morley has guided us as to the appropriate new bushes and the location where they will be planted. Tara is working on getting the existing stumps removed.

6. We are investigating the purchase of an electric fireplace insert for the clubhouse main floor. This would create a very nice ambiance to the clubhouse while eliminating the risk of fire and eliminating carbon monoxide issues with the existing unvented gas fireplace.

7. Geese have become quite an issue, **BUT WE WILL NOT KILL THE GEESE**. Roger Off, who lives by the pond, has told us the geese leave in Mid-March and return on mid-October. We have decided to tackle this issue in late September. Bob has donated two coyote decoys which we will place near the pond. We will also install small pink flags around the pond, thanks to Kathy Moke's investigation. They have been observed as working very well. These are at a cost of \$25 for 200 flags. We will try these as an inexpensive test.

8. We have scheduled a budget meeting with Taylor on 5/5. Each board member will create a budget for their area of responsibility. We will then work with Taylor as to what the budget should be and what the new HOA fee will be, starting in July 2025.

9. The Finance Committee and board are working with Falcon Engineering to create a new Engineering Study. This will guide us as to new reserve requirements determined by the new NJ Law on Reserve Balances. This will be a part of the new HOA fee calculation.



WORKING BOARD SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2025

MAY 1 AND MAY 22 AT 10:30AM AT THE CLUBHOUSE

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

DOUBLE HEADER PARTY on Saturday May 3 begins at 6pm at the Clubhouse. Celebrate Kentucky Derby Day and Cinco De Mayo together!



There will be a Pot Luck Dinner and attendees are asked to bring an appetizer that feeds eight. BYOB or purchase Margaritas or Mint Juleps for \$5.00

Wear a derby hat or a Sombrero! Watch the Derby on the Clubhouse TV or sing Chilito Lindo with friends.

RSVP by April 30 to JOAN OFF: (614) 940-7516, the-offs@sbcglobal.net

Be sure to bring money for friendly wagers on The Running of the Roses.

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING is scheduled for Monday, May 5 at 10am at the Clubhouse. All residents are welcome to attend and participate in these meetings.

GAME DAY at Four Seasons is Wednesday, May 7 from 2pm to 4pm at the clubhouse. Join friends and neighbors and select from: Mexican Train (Dominoes game), Scrabble, Banana gram (word game), Rummikub, Texas Holdem, Mahjong OR bring your favorite game.

RSVP by Monday May 5th to Pat Perkins, 718-938-7520, peaceapat425@gmail.com

CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER presentation on Thursday, May 8 at the Clubhouse begins at 1pm. Providing care or assistance for an aging parent, spouse, sibling, friend, child or adult with special needs? Do you expect to provide such care in the near future? Robin Ennis, a Caregiver Resource & Information Specialist will share resources, support information, educational opportunities and service connections available.

A fee of \$5.00 pp will cover cost for the presenter.

Please RSVP with payment by May 6th to Hope Swarts, 3 Young Ct., hopeswarts@gmail.com or 908-955-7727.

BOOK CLUB will meet at the clubhouse on Wednesday, May 14 at 1pm to discuss **In Order to Live** by Naomi Park

June 11: **Paris Novel** by Ruth Reichl (Luncheon)

July 9: **The Frozen River** by Ariel Lawton

ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) is on Wednesday, May 21 the third Wednesday of the month. Meet at noon at Benito's. For more information or have questions contact Greg Faughnan 908-955-7727 (h), 914-329-6581 (c) or email: gregoryfaughnan@gmail.com

JULS DISCUSSION GROUP will meet on Wednesday May 21 at 2:00pm at the clubhouse. The topic will be managing stress. For more information please contact Sue Nissenblatt at sueniss@comcast.net or 732-666-1949

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC on May 26 at the clubhouse (poolside weather permitting) begins at 5pm.

Fried chicken & barbeque ribs dinner will be catered.

Sides include potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, corn bread, watermelon

Dessert will be prepared by our own Angelo and Antonia Sciortino

Cost is \$15.00 per person.

BYOB

RSVP by Wednesday 21 with check payable to FSAC Recreation Committee to: Judy DiLascio, 19 Drake Ln., judydi-lascio@gmail.com or 201-741-2215

CHESTER LIBRARY ADULT PROGRAMS FOR MAY 2025



5/1 at 9:am: Chester Garden Club
 5/1 at 6:30pm: Great Decisions; 7th Discussion
 5/1 at 7pm: How to look at Romanticism
 5/2 at 2pm: Creative Escape - Monthly crafting for Adults
 5/5 at noon: SRC Lunch and Learn (FULL)
 5/7 at 10:30am: Mystery, Murder & Mayhem. A book club.
 5/7 at 1pm: Paint a birdhouse with Susan Jones
 5/7 at 4pm: German conversational group with Ashley
 5/8 at 6:30pm: Book event with Author and Supervisory Special Agent for the FBI
 5/12 at 6pm: Evening Jewelry Making for Adults
 5/14 at 9:15am: Breathwork
 5/14 at 1pm: Fact & Reflection - Non-Fiction Book Club
 5/15 at 10am: Just Write, a local writers' group
 5/15 at 6:30pm: Great Decisions; 8th Discussion
 5/19 at 10am: Pages and Pastries; discussion group
 5/19 at noon: Jewelry Making for Adults
 5/19 at 6:30pm: Books & Bites an evening monthly reading club
 5/20 at 9:30am: Morning Book Club (no registration)
 5/20 at 1:30pm: Afternoon Book Club (no registration)
 5/20 at 6pm: Art Journaling
 5/21 at 9:15am: Classic Yoga
 5/22 at 6:30pm: Great Decisions; 9th Discussion
 5/29 at 11:30am: Bunco
 5/29 at 6pm: Evening Yoga
 5/30 from 1pm to 3:30pm: Game Day for all adult patrons
 5/31 at 10am: Ask an expert on Ticks and Mosquitos
 Knitting Group: Wednesdays May 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:30am
 Mahjongg - Instructor led: Tuesday May 13 and 27 at 12:30pm

Register for programs at
chesterlib.org
Need Help?
Email
contactus@chesterlib.org
or
Call 908-879-7612

JOIN 'ALERT CHESTER' FOR UPDATES

Chester Township

Alert Chester is a notification system that is being used to transmit information and alerts to Chester Township residents. One of the initiatives was to be able to better communicate in real time and this system allows us to do just that. This system communicates via the method of your choosing. You can select text, phone call, or emails when you sign up via the link below. The Chester Police Department, Chester Township DPW, and Chester OEM will provide real time notices for things such as road closures, road paving, and police actions that need to be shared. You can also expect to receive other notices such as holiday garbage pick-up changes. Our residents can sign up one of two ways:

Texting 'AlertChester' to 67283

Or signing up through our website here: <https://chestertownship.org/index.php/police/smart-911>



Below is a recap of May 2025 activities offered by the Senior Resource center.
For complete information visit www.srcnj.org. SRC is located at 50 Route 24, Chester

Chair Yoga – Mondays & Tuesdays @ 9:30 AM

Core Centrics – Mondays @ 10:45 AM

Piano Level I – Mondays @ 11:00 AM

Piano Level II – Mondays @ 1:00 PM

Qigong/Tai Chi – Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM

Balance & Bones – Wednesdays @ 9:15 & 11:00 AM

Pilates – Thursdays @ 9:30 AM

Line Dancing – Thursdays @ 1 PM

Stretch Bands – Thursdays @ 2 PM

Walking Club – Fridays at 11:00 AM

Quilting - Wednesday, May 7 & 28 @ 12:30PM

String Jam - Tuesday, May 6 & 20 @ 11:00am

Jewelry - Tuesday, May 20 @ 12:00PM

Special SRC/AARP Fraud Prevention Series:

Thursday, May 22 at 10:45am: The Scam Landscape Staying Safe - learn how to spot and identify theft and other fraud.

Thursday May 29 at 10:45am: Government Imposter Scams & Your ID - Staying Connected and Protected

Both programs are at the Senior Resource Center. Registration through the Senior Resource Center or AARP at <https://events.aarp.org/event/ChesterSRC1/summary>

FILE OF LIFE PACKET COMING SOON

Kathleen Moke, Chair Caring Committee

We are pleased to announce that we've partnered with Atlantic Health System to provide File Of Life to all households in our community. These files are an important tool for organizing your essential health information and ensuring it's easily accessible in case of emergency.

Each household will receive two Files of Life to fill out and place on your refrigerator.

Emergency responders are trained to look for these files, making it easier to provide timely assistance when needed. We encourage everyone to complete their files promptly.

If you have any questions or need assistance filling these out, don't hesitate to reach out to Kathy Moke 11 Brown Court 908-246-2652 or any member of the current Caring Committee.

Thank you for prioritizing your health and safety

VNA Rummage Sale (Now called Atlantic Visiting Nurse Rummage Sale)
Far Hill Fairground, Corner of Peapack Road and 202/Lamington Road
Far Hill, New Jersey



Atlantic
Visiting Nurse

Twice a year, Atlantic Visiting Nurse holds an epic rummage sale at the Far Hills Fairgrounds. This fundraiser helps provide home health and hospice care for uninsured. It involves hundreds of volunteers and attracts thousands of bargain hunters who scour our two acres and 25 departments.

Friday May 2: 9:30 to 3:30

Saturday May 3: 9:30 to 3:30

Sunday May 4: 12:30 to 3:30

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS / QUESTIONS ?

Taylor Management, our property management firm, creates work orders and interfaces with contractors about any questions regarding landscaping, maintenance or other problems in the community.

When you have any questions or concerns, please contact Martha Basich at mbasich@taylormgt.com or call either 973-267-9000 ext.316 or 973-867-6237 direct.

Tara Veselsky, Property Manager can be reached at tarav@taylormgt.com or call either 973-267-9000 Ext 333 or 973-532-8168 direct.

Tara is onsite on Thursdays.

Clubhouse office phone is 908-879-7635

WHO'S WHO?

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President - Jeffrey Rasmussen (2026)

Vice Pres./Facility - Mike Pelepshin (2027)

Treasurer - Toni Archambault (2027)

Secretary/Landscape - Karen Newhouse (2026)

At Large - Robert Lanes (2028)

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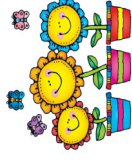
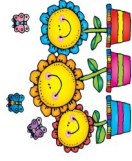
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Automated External

Defibrillator (AED)

Located in the fitness center at the

Clubhouse — Call 911



MAY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			April 30 RSVP Double Header Party	1 9:30am Aerobics 10:30pm Fitness 2-4pm Clubhouse cleaning	2 5pm Happy Hour	3 9:30am Aerobics 10:30pm Fitness 6pm Double Header Party
4	5 10:00am Recreation Committee Meeting 1pm Bridge RSVP Game Day	6 9:30am Aerobics 10am Current Events 10:30pm Fitness RSVP Care Giving	7 6:30pm Duplicate Bridge 2PM Game Day	8 9:30am Aerobics 10:30pm Fitness 1pm Caring for the Caregiver 2-4pm Clubhouse cleaning	9 5pm Happy Hour	10 9:30am Aerobics 10:30pm Fitness
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