



Vintages



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TREE MITIGATION

The Board

For all residents and especially new residents we would like to review our tree mitigation program. This program is critical to the future of the community because it protects our homes and reduces our long term costs.

Trees grow continuously. In wet spring and summer weather they grow rapidly. When a tree grows, its trunk root system and canopy become larger and can interfere with utilities and common elements including facilities and buildings.

Our builder planted too many trees, plants and bushes. Initially the trees and bushes were small and provided a pleasant landscape but they are now 20 years old. Many were planted in the wrong place - near homes, driveways and other common elements.

With advice and help of an arborist, we have been removing trees, plants and bushes. Our rules and policy state there will be one street tree on each front yard. In 2011 we began a program of tree mitigation. Since then we have removed over 60 trees, trimmed back the tree lines of the woods, trimmed and removed trees along Old Chester Road, undertaken an Emerald Ash Borer protection program, removed bushes and thinned plantings.

As part of the ongoing program, the Board has authorized the next phase of work - the removal of larger front yard trees that threaten common elements along Young Court, Wyckoff Way, and in selected other locations along with the trimming and removal of selected trees along the tree line between Wyckoff and Drake.

In 2018, the Arborist identified these situations as problems but the board delayed action until now. The work will be done in September and each Homeowner will be notified in advance.



CLUBHOUSE POOL CLOSING

The Board

The Pool Season ends at 7:00pm on September 2nd, Labor Day.

As our 2019 season comes to a close, we want to thank Tom Loeffler, his manager Shawn, and the Life-guard, Keith, for providing us with an excellent summer pool season.

With the pool closing for the season at 7:00pm on Labor Day there will be no life guard and no swimming allowed after 7:00pm on September 2nd.

SAVE THE DATES



OCTOBER 12

Jazz Night begins at 6pm (base & guitar) in a Cabaret setting with high tops.
BYO International Dish/ favorite food
BYO wine/refreshment
Entertainment 7pm to 9pm, compliments of the Recreation Committee

OCTOBER 31

Halloween Party
Costumes/Games begins at 6pm
\$10 person
Hoagies catered and Desserts
Prizes given

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

LABOR DAY PICNIC on Monday, September 2 begins at 6:00pm poolside.

Bring a dish to share and a beverage of your choice. This is a BYOB picnic.

RSVP to Martha Hatch (908-888-2298 or mjlhatch@gmail.com).

Please let Martha know if you will be available to help with either the set up or clean up.

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING is scheduled for Wednesday September 4 at 10:45am at the clubhouse. All residents are welcome to attend and participate in this meeting.

SYMPHONY NIGHT on September 4 begins at 7:00pm. We'll turn the calendar back to September 23, 1999, for a Channel 13 Live from Lincoln Center telecast of the New York Philharmonic's season opener. The program consists of the Dvorak Cello Concerto in B Minor, Op. 104, and the Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Op. 64. Mstislav Rostropovich is the cello soloist and Kurt Masur conducts. Run time: 2 hr.

BENEDUCE'S WINERY (GROUP THERAPY) outing on Sunday, September 15, is located in Pitts-town, NJ and will be from 2pm to 5pm. The featured performer will be Ross Griswold, a NJ based singer and guitarist.

The cost is \$10 per person for a reserved table.

Please RSVP to Lori Tolento by Sept.5 (908-955-7319).

FOUR SEASONS BOOK CLUB will meet on Wednesday, September 18 at 1pm in the Clubhouse to discuss Four Friends by William D. Cohan.

Please Note: There will be no Book Club meeting in October.

OPERA NIGHT on September 18 beginning 7pm will be the one postponed from August, the Metropolitan Opera's Nov. 13, 1982, simulcast of Gaetano Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor." Featured singers are soprano Joan Sutherland, tenor Alfredo Kraus as Edgardo, baritone Pablo Elvira as Enrico, and bass Paul Plishka as Raimondo.

Conducting is Sutherland's husband, Richard Bonyngue.

From the Met's website: "This telecast offers an opportunity to see the legendary Joan Sutherland in the role that first catapulted her to international stardom. She drove audiences wild by the way her opulent voice caressed the music's long phrases and sprinted effortlessly through the fiendish runs, trills, embellishments and stratospheric high notes. One of the glories of the operatic world, her portrayal of Donizetti's hapless heroine is a multifaceted and moving characterization. The incomparable tenor Alfredo Kraus is Edgardo, the man Lucia loves but cannot have."

Run time: 2 hr. 16 min.

FUNDRAISING FOR THE FOUR SEASONS RECREATION COMMITTEE will be Sunday, September 22 beginning at 3pm, with bidding starting at 5pm.

Help support more great events and parties! Items for purchase are Tricky Trays/Silent Auction Items/Baskets, all donated by residents.

Wine, ice tea, cheese and crackers and nuts will be served.

RSVP Lucille Duffy (908-879-8365).

Please see the calendar for regularly scheduled events.

JUST US LADIES (JULS) EVENTS PLANNED FOR OCTOBER & DECEMBER

Dey Tino

JULS will be having an event at the Club House on Friday, October 4th at 12:00 PM. Stacie De Lucia, the Shoprite dietitian, will be doing a class for **Healthy One Dish Meals**. Cooking healthy dinners does not have to be so difficult or time-consuming! She will be going over how to incorporate all of the fundamental components of a healthy meal, into one dish! Come taste, talk and learn!

Also save the date for the JULS annual Christmas luncheon at Redwoods on Friday, December 13th. Details to follow.

CHESTER LIBRARY ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

New Jersey Architecture: Five Centuries in One Hour

Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7pm

This fast and fun lecture features highlights of five centuries of buildings in New Jersey. Learn about the wide variety of architectural styles, materials, and techniques that characterize different eras as found throughout New Jersey. Our presenter Janet W. Foster is an architectural historian and historic preservation consultant.

Introduction to the World of Blogging

Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 7pm

Join us for an introduction to blogging, an exciting and dynamic way of connecting with others. Explore the variety of blogs and how you can start your very own, learn about free blog hosting and how to follow and get followers.

CPR Training

Thursday, Sept. 19 at 6:30pm

Led by Instructor Crissy Champi of the Chester First Aid Squad, this short course prepares anyone to be a life-saver. Registration is required and limited to 15 people. The class is free for those who just want to come and learn. Certification cards for those that require one for work are \$19 per card and books are \$2.50. Payment is due at the session.

Equity Research for the Individual Investor

Tuesday, September 24 at 7pm

Gary C. Ribe, CFA, CFP® and Managing Partner & Chief Investment Officer of Accretive Wealth Partners will discuss the basics of equity research from the search strategy (where and how to look for ideas) to the analysis (what to look for). The goal of the presentation is to help you improve your investment process, whether you are a growth, value, or income-oriented investor.

The Brass Fedora Trio

Friday, Sept. 27 at 2pm

The Chester Library welcomes back vocalist Christine DeLoan with her ukulele and two of her very talented friends on trombone and upright bass. The "Brass Fedora Trio" will perform a wide variety of favorite and familiar Jazz Standards like 1902's "Bill Bailey Won't You Please Come Home," 1977's "New York New York" and a whole lot of favorites in between.

**Register for all programs at
chesterlib.org
or call 908-879-7612.**



BRUNCH VOLUNTEERS

Anyone in the Four Seasons Community can volunteer to plan and serve a brunch in the Clubhouse. If you are interested in this idea, there are guidelines which will help with your planning. They are posted on the bulletin Board in the Clubhouse. Two or three residents or couples usually plan a brunch. Please contact Hope Swarts, 908-955-7727, if you would like to plan or help out at a brunch.

The Recreation Committee normally meets on the first Monday of the month at 10:45am. The committee is always exploring new ideas to provide programs and activities at Four Seasons. All of the residents in our community are welcomed to attend the Recreation Committee meetings.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

SENIOR LUNCH AND LEARN

Monday, September 9 at noon
Health Meets Food will be presented by Catherine Segal.

YOGA

Wednesday at 9:30am begins Sept.11

KNITTING GROUP

Wednesdays at 10:30am

TECH HELP

Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 1pm

Call Mary Murphy at 908-879-7612 for an appointment.

DIRECTOR'S BOOK REVIEW

Wed., September 11 at 10am

Monthly meeting to review pre-publication books.

QUILTING GROUP

Thursday, Sept. 12 at 10:30am

Bring your own project and enjoy quilting with others in this informal group.

MORNING BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 9:30am

BUNCO

Thursday, Sept. 26 at 7pm

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

A Dog's Journey

Friday, Sept. 6 at 1pm.

A dog finds the meaning of his own existence through the lives of the humans he meets.

Rated PG. 1 hour 49 minutes.

Rocketman

Friday, Sept. 20 at 1pm

A musical fantasy about the fantastical human story of Elton John's breakthrough years.

Rated R. 2 hours.

WHO WAS THAT GUY YOGI BERRA?

Tom Morley

"90% of the Game is Half Mental", one of the many famous quotes of Yogi Berra.

Born in the St Louis, Missouri area and the son of immigrant parents in 1925. He loved baseball as a child and had the good fortune to be able to pursue a very successful career in baseball. He played 19 seasons in major league baseball, all but the last year for the New York Yankees. As well as Yogi is known for his baseball prowess, he is known as well for his "Yogi-isms". Yogi was married to Carmen Lee Short from Salem, Missouri for 65 years and they were the parents of three sons. Carmen had ancestors who came over on the Mayflower.

I grew up in Montclair and lived generally in the area where Yogi and Carmen lived. They lived in a very large Tudor house. Phil Rizzuto complimented Yogi on living in a beautiful mansion to which Yogi replied, "What do you mean Phil? It's only a bunch of rooms." The house was located on a corner lot at the intersection of Stonebridge Road and Wayside Place which prompted the famous quote originally made to Joe Garagiola, "When you come to a fork in the road, take it."

Living nearby I had numerous occasions to ring the doorbell while fund raising for school and the Boy Scouts trying to sell items such as greeting cards, peanuts, magazines and whatever. I was always warmly greeted by Carmen who I believe would never turn anyone down. She would invite me in while she went for the money and occasionally Yogi would be in transit from one room to another and he would nod. I guess a man of few words when I was there??? Other time my friends and I would bicycle over to the house and see who was visiting in the backyard. We saw all of them at times; Mickey, Billy, Moose, Whitey and others who we did not know. The house was about an hour ride from Yankee Stadium and the backyard was always the scene of heightened activity, especially whiffle ball and swimming pool activities.

Yogi served in the Navy during World War II on the USS Banfield. He participated in the Normandy Invasion as a gunner on an LST (Landing Ship Tank) which went back and forth from the ship to Utah Beach transporting soldiers living, wounded, and deceased. Carmen passed away on March 6, 2014 and Yogi a year later on September 22, 2015. There is a Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center on the campus of Montclair State University on the corner of Valley Road and Normal Avenue. Follow the Blue signs to the Museum. Writing this piece prompts me to make the visit. Open Wednesday-Sunday, Noon-5. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. I believe that the Chester Library offers free passes. (Don't quote me)

Other of Yogi's "Yogi-isms":

*"Nobody goes there anymore. It's too crowded." Talking to Stan Musial about Ruggeri's Restaurant in St Louis.

*Yogi-"Where have you been?" (After coming home from a night game) Carmen-"I took Timmy to see Dr Zhivago." Yogi-"What's wrong with him now?"

*"It's deja vu all over again" (After Mantle and Maris hit back to back homeruns for the umpteenth time)

*"It was hard to have a conversation with anyone, there were too many people talking. The politicians were so noisy, I couldn't hear a thing," (At a White House Dinner with President Ford)

*"You don't look too hot yourself." (Receiving the key to NYC on a hot and humid day. Mayor Lindsay's wife, Mary, commented on how cool I looked).

*"Thank you for making this day necessary!" (upon receiving the Baseball Hall of Fame Induction)



COMMUNITY PROBLEMS / QUESTIONS ?

Taylor Management, as our property management firm, creates our 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 remember to email Dan Fitzpatrick at dan@taylormgt.com or Daniela DeVries at ddevries@taylormgt.com or call them at 973-267-9000 Dan (x304) or Daniela (x316).

Dan is onsite each Thursday, office number 908-879-7635.

Visit our Community Website: www.fourseasonschester.com

Four Seasons at Chester is on Facebook

Dan Hartman has put Four Seasons activities on Facebook.

All you need to do to participate is have a Facebook account and become a friend of "Four Seasons at Chester"

WHO'S WHO?

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- President - Tim Stewart (2022)
- Vice Pres./Treasurer - George Salamy (2020)
- Secretary - Dave Shuffler (2021)
- Trustee - Hector Garcia (2022)
- Trustee - Mike Pelepshin (2021)

COMMITTEES

Architectural Modifications

- Bob Duffy, Chair
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- Diana Mandler
- Allan Newcomb
- Diana & Steve Schlesinger

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- Bob Ardis
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Clubhouse

- Judy Spiniello, Chair
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- Gail Knight, Supplies
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- Lynne Melillo, Holiday Decor
- Joel Melillo, Exercise Equipment
- Library - Rosanne Palamaro
- Barbara Newcomb, Advisor

Covenants

- Bob Ardis
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- Peter Spera

Facilities

- Colleen Hartman
- Fred Karasek
- Bob Reigrod
- Steve Schlesinger

Finance Advisory Group

- John Fuss
- Ray McCann
- Betsy Mintz

Insurance Advisor

- Rick Resnick

Landscaping & Trees

- Chris Biava
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- Robin Morely
- Diana Schlesinger

Pool

- Greg Faughnan
- Bruce Goldstein
- Steve Hansbury
- Joel Melillo,
- Louise Saliceti

SUPPORT COMMITTEES

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- Valerie Kent, Chair
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- Martha Hatch, Welcomer

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- Gail Knight, printed

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- Rick Busciglio
- Hector Garcia

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- Betty Busciglio
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- Lucille Duffy
- Marion Ellis
- Martha Hatch
- Colleen & Dan Hartman
- Allan & Barbara Newcomb
- Karen Shuffler
- Barbara Stewart
- Lori Tolento
- Birgit Wills

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- Gail Knight - Editor
- The Klines - Backup

Information Distribution

- Rick Busciglio, Email
- Karen Shuffler, Flyers

EMERGENCIES

Snow Plowing

- George Salamy
- Dan Fitzpatrick, Property Manager - EMERGENCIES ONLY 973-479-3958

Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

- Located in the fitness center at the Clubhouse — Call 911

September 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 6pm Poolside Labor Day Picnic 7pm Pool Closing	3 AM: Clubhouse cleaning 9:30am Aerobics 10am Current Events 10:35am Fitness	4 10:45am Recreation Committee Meeting Noon: Romeo (Chester Diner) 6:15pm Duplicate Bridge 7pm Symphony Night	5 9:30am Aerobics 10:35am Fitness RSVP Winery	6 10am Science Discussion	7 9:30am Aerobics 10:35am Fitness
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