

Cheesequake Bulletin

APRIL 2024



Hello Fellow Villagers,

Hopefully with the winter behind us, it is time to start your spring cleaning. The Village will have a bulk pick-up for the week of April 15 thru April 19. Please do not put out any furniture, mattresses, tv's, appliances or any paint. Old Bridge Township Recycling Dept. accepts all of these items except furniture. You would have to drop off most of these items except appliances, which would be picked up by the Township by appointment only.

In the Gettysburg units, please make sure to clean out from under the stairs as well as the back of your unit. The only things allowed under the stairs are bicycles, folding chairs, and wheelchairs. Everything else will be picked up by our maintenance staff and tossed into our garbage dumpster. This is an order from the Old Bridge Fire Marshall.

I want to thank everyone that attended our St. Paddy's Day luncheon, as it was a great time. Also, thank you to the Activities Committee for all their hard work in organizing this event, past events and the many planned events coming up.

We are still asking residents who want to participate in Direct Deposit to contact Mary Ann at the office at 732-566-6323. She will need your name, phone number, address, and email address.

Thank you and have a Happy Passover and Happy Easter.

~ Kevin Garcia, President ~

CHEESEQUAKE VILLAGE
2024 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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CVA CONTACT INFORMATION

Main Number: 732-566-6323
Email: **Cheesequake@verizon.net**
After Hours Emergency Number:
732-425-2011

When calling the emergency number, if no answer, leave a detailed message on voicemail and someone will return your call as soon as possible. **DO NOT CALL** any Trustee at home in an emergency.

CHEESEQUAKE VILLAGE OFFICE

Office Hours: 8:00AM – 3:00PM.
(732) 566-6323.

Copy machine: Available 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.
Notary Public: Available 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM with a fee of \$3.00 **by appointment only.** Certain documents are excluded, so please be sure to check when you call to make an appointment.

Fax machine is for office use only, not for residents.

If you see the CVA Office phone number on your answering machine, please listen to the message. Be sure you have a current phone number on file with the office.

INTERESTING CLUE ABOUT WALNUTS

A walnut looks like a little brain, a left and right hemisphere, upper cerebrums and lower cerebellums. Even the wrinkles or folds on the nut are just like the neo-cortex. We now know walnuts help develop more than three (3) dozen neuron-transmitters for brain function.

TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

Township Main Number.....732-721-5600
Police.....732-721-5600
x 3150
OBMUA..... 732-566-2534
Building Code Enforcement..... 732-721-5600
x 2420
Recycling..... 732-721-5600 x 6107
If recycling not picked up.....1-800-488-6242
Silver Linings.....732-721-5600 x 6600
Library732-721-5600 x 5010
Food Bank.....732-721-5600 x 2022
Mayor's Office.....732-721-5600 x 2200

UTILITIES

New Jersey Natural Gas: 1-800-221-0051
Gas Leak: 1-800-427-5325
JCP&L: 1-800-662-3115
Street Light Outage: 1-888-544-4877
Optimum: 1-732-583-0606
Fios: 1-800-837-4966
Suburban Disposal, Inc.:
If trash not picked up: .1-973-227-7020
or email: Notifysdimc@gmail.com

MEALS ON WHEELS: Will deliver hot meals Mon-Fri for a minimal fee. (732) 607-1582.

STOP & SHOP PEAPOD: Home delivery service is now available. To order, call: 1-800-5PEAPOD or go to the web at www.PeaPod.com

OLD BRIDGE TOWNSHIP BUS: Call (732) 721-5600 X 6600 for information and bus service. Also, for disabled seniors 60 or over, by appointment call 1-800-221-3520 Area Wide Transportation. You need to call them; they do not come in without calling.

SHOP RITE: Home shopping – register at shoprite.com

MEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE:

Next CVA meeting is May 16, 2024.

TO THE POINT



- ✓ Garbage pickup – Monday and Thursday
- ✓ April 12 & 26 – Friday Night Get Togethers
 - ✓ Clean-up Week – April 15 – April 19
See info in newsletter for restrictions
 - ✓ Put your unit # on recycle bins
- ✓ Office will be open until 6 PM on April 8 & 22
 - ✓ Do you have a parking pass?
 - ✓ Do not walk in the middle of the street.
Stay close to the curb.
 - ✓ Signed up for ZRent?
\$185. maintenance fee as of October 1, 2023
Call the office to get information
- ✓ Put the calendar and important phone numbers
on your refrigerator for reference.
- ✓ Do you need to have your dryer vent cleaned?
Must be done every 5 years. Call the office
to confirm the date of the last cleaning if you are unsure.
- ✓ Call the Police if you see any solicitors in the Village.
- ✓ Remember to inform your visitors including contractors
to use the “V” spots for parking
 - ✓ Lost something outside? Call the Office.
 - ✓ Country Line Dance Lessons
See calendar for date

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Saturday, May 11 – Mother’s Day Tea -- \$8.00 PP
12:30 – 3:30 PM

Father’s Day Ice Cream Social

June 23 – Paint & Sip -- \$15.00 PP
Limited to 30 people

Pool Opening – Early May

Pool Opening Party – May 26
Rain date: May 27



RECYCLABLES & TOWNSHIP INFO

RECYCLABLES PICK-UP DATES:

April 1, April 15 & April 29

If the recyclable date falls on a Monday holiday, the pickup will be on the following Saturday. Recyclables should be put out the night before, after 6:00 PM. In the Gettysburgs, please place them in the walkway between the cars near the street **and keep them outside, rain or shine.** If recyclables are not picked up, call (800) 488-6242.

Please follow these rules:

DO NOT PUT RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS. USE YOUR RECYCLE BINS.

RECYCLE ONLY: Aluminum cans, clean glass bottles and jars, steel and tin cans, plastic bottles with a #1 or #2 on the bottom, newspapers, corrugated cardboard (boxes must be flattened and tied), and mixed paper (magazines, paper, and junk mail). **NO PIZZA BOXES! NO STYROFOAM, ELECTRONICS OR BATTERIES, SHREDDED PAPER, CERAMICS/DISHWARE, OR PLASTIC BAGS.**

Recyclable buckets can be purchased at the Old Bridge Town Center for \$10.00. New residents (within a year of occupancy) can get them free, if available.

Please put your address on your recycle bin to easily identify your bin if it is not returned where you put your recyclables out.

Do not put recyclables in the garbage as there are strict rules about this from the State EPA. Garbage collectors are not allowed to pick up recyclables so please be aware of this.

White Appliances (microwaves, refrigerators, dishwashers, or stoves):
Schedule pick up for these items at Old Bridge Recycling (732) 721-5600 Ext. 6107 and they will advise of the pickup date, cost, and procedure.

GARBAGE PICKUP INFORMATION

The garbage pickup days are **MONDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**. If either day falls on a holiday, then garbage will be picked up on the following pick up day.

Garbage: Must be in the green receptacle. Overflow should be on top of receptacle. **Bulk pickup:** Call Suburban Disposal, Inc. (973) 227-7020 or email Notifysdimc@gmail.com for further information.



VICTORY GARDEN

The Victory Garden will again be offered to all residents for planting their vegetables behind Minnesota Dr. Each participant will be allocated a space so it is necessary to contact the Office to sign up before planting. A weed barrier will be put down to prevent weeds from growing in the area. Remember to sign up now or you will not have a plot.

If anyone wants to volunteer with the Beautification Committee, call the Office.



CLEAN-UP WEEK

APRIL 15 - APRIL 19

For the past few years, we have been having a "Clean-Up Week" – a chance for everyone to clear out most of their unwanted items. Place your items by your garbage receptacle and anything left by the garbage men will be picked up by our maintenance department.

The Association will not pick up electronics, furniture, mattresses, or paint. You can schedule a pickup for bulky items by calling: 973-227-7020

SENIOR SERVICES

OLD BRIDGE SILVER LININGS

PROGRAM: Now open to members from 8 AM – 3:30 PM. Membership is \$5. See oldbridge.com/silverlinings or call (732) 721-5600 Ext. 6600 for more info.

SEN. OWEN HENRY'S OFFICE IS NOW AT 2501 HIGHWAY 516, OLD BRIDGE :

Get help with your Gas and Electric bills this spring and next summer. Sign up now for **USF/LIHEAP/PAAD/SENIOR GOLD**. Also, get help with your PTR-2 Blue Book.

By appointment only.
Call Sen. Owen Henry's Office at
(732) 607-7580

OLD BRIDGE TOWNSHIP -- HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

Did you know you can receive up to \$20K in repairs? No cost to apply, zero percent interest, no monthly payment, and no payment due until the sale of your home. For details, call (609) 664-2769 Ext. 9 or www.hip.cgph.net

COME JOIN US! **Senior "Club 60"**

We meet every Wednesday at 11AM
in the Clubhouse.

We play Trivia & Bingo
Refreshments served!

Call: President Rose Leto
(732) 696-2926

FOOD BANK IN OLD BRIDGE

Broken Loaves Food Bank is available to residents of Old Bridge in need. The address is 139 White Oak Lane, Old Bridge, off of Route 516. Call for more info, directions, and to make an appointment (732) 679-4837.



A special thank you to Max Madrdejnos, Jr. for the donation of the new American flag for the front of the Clubhouse.



ASK YOUR VNA NURSE

A VNA Community Health Nurse is available to take your pressure, go over your medicines, and answer any of your questions about healthcare. **If attendance in the program continues to decline, the VNA will discontinue the nurse's visits.**

SITE LOCATION: Cheesequake Village Clubhouse – MASK IS REQUIRED.

DATE: Tuesday, April 2

TIME: 9:30 – 10:30 AM in the Library

NURSE: Laura Dugan, RN (732) 215-5988
Laura.Dugan@vnahg.org



SPRING IS HERE!

Now is the time to clean our outside areas that are the responsibility of each unit owner. In addition, all four residents in a Gettysburg are responsible to maintain the cleanliness in and under the stairwells.

That is, no leaves, newspapers, flyers, loose bottles, cans, recycling containers, and no children's toys, etc., should be cluttering our stairwells, balconies, and backs of our units. Bicycles and folding lawn chairs are admissible.

Back patios and enclosed rooms CANNOT be used for storage.

Failure to cooperate will result in a fine. Also, check your furnace filter – it may need to be replaced or cleaned.



KEYS IN THE OFFICE!

It is important to keep a set of your house keys or your security keypad code at the office in case of an emergency where entry into your unit is necessary. The keys are kept in a secure file cabinet in the office. If entry is needed, only a Board Member and a Maintenance member would enter.

ACTIVITIES



BINGO: Come join us for Bingo: Wednesday, April 10 at 7 PM and Sunday, April 21 at 1:30 PM. Refreshments will be served. Volunteers are needed; call the Office if interested.

REPUBLICAN CLUB: No meeting in April.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB: Next meeting is Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 PM.

SUNSHINE CLUB: The Sunshine Club visits our homebound residents especially when they come home from the hospital. If you would like to volunteer, please call Barbara Karlik at (732) 242-9150.



ZUMBA CLASSES

Monday & Wednesday Nights
at 6:15 PM in the Clubhouse

Free to Attend

Karen Schwenk, Instructor



INTERESTED IN RENTING THE BALLROOM?

The CVA Ballroom is available for rental by residents only. Complete information and the registration form are available at the Office.



COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In order to have all the activities we plan, we are in desperate need of volunteers to join the Activities Committee. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM.

RESIDENT'S LUNCHEON 87 YEARS OF AGE +

If you know anyone in the Village 87+, they are invited to a lunch as a guest of the Sunshine Club on Thursday, May 16 at noon. Must RSVP by Thursday, May 9. Transportation is available.

ATLANTIC CITY BUS



ATTENTION: ATLANTIC CITY BUS UPDATE

Starting in December, 2023, I will no longer take payments the day of the trip. Sign-ups are due a week before the trip or earlier.

There will be no refunds for cancellations.

Payments and sign-ups must be made at my home: 3 Louisiana Drive. Check to be made out for "Cash" and please call me when you are coming (732) 583-4722. ~ Marie ~

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The next AC bus leaves on Wednesday, April 3 at 10:30 AM. Price is \$35. per person. **PAYMENT BY CHECK ONLY.** You get \$20. back at the Casino.

The May AC bus is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1. The next trip is scheduled for June 12.



Friday Night Get Together in the Clubhouse

Game Night

April 12 & April 26

7 – 10 PM



COUNTRY LINE DANCE LESSONS
APRIL 11 7 to 8:30 PM
\$10. PER PERSON AT THE DOOR



IMPORTANT UPDATE

Total arrears collected: February -- \$5,705. Total arrears unpaid thru February -- \$53,736.88. Maintenance fees collected: February -- \$129,285.

Call the office and leave a message if you are having difficulty in paying your monthly maintenance fee.

MAINTENANCE FEE: The new maintenance fee is **\$185**, effective October 1, 2023. It is due the first of each month. No statement is sent unless it has not been paid by the 15th, at which time a \$25. late fee is charged. The check must be **received in the Office by the 15th of the month to avoid the late fee.** Do not post-date your check.

If you are still writing a check for the maintenance fee, please make sure your unit address is on the check and print \$185. very carefully.

**** BE MINDFUL OF OTHERS ****

Please be considerate of your neighbors and turn down the volume of your TVs, stereos, and radios.

Don't park your cars in the fire lanes too long hindering others from passing or dropping off at their condos.

Dogs should always be on leashes and leashes should be picked up and not left lying on the ground where your neighbors may trip.

In Memoriam

*Sophie Nittolo – 5B Indiana Court
February 18, 2024*

If you are aware of someone who has passed away, please let the Office know and we will include their name.

Footsteps in History By CVA Trustee James Nolan Episode 14 – April 2024

Keeping the Atomic Bomb from Hitler

Few people know how close Germany came from winning WW II, or how much is owed to one man, Joachim Ronneberg, 1919-2018, and his commando team. On the night of February 27, 1943, he led a nine-man team into the fairy-tale Nazi occupied fortress, the Norsk Hydro heavy-water plant, located in Norway. Heavy water, or deuterium oxide, was vital to the production of the atomic bomb that the Germans had been trying to develop in the early years of World War II. The team had parachuted into the back snow-covered tundra of Norway, from England, months earlier.

Lt. Ronneberg, a 23-year-old resistance fighter in command, and his eight comrades, all carrying cyanide capsules to swallow if captured, stealthily crept past guards and barracks full of German troops, stole into the plant, set explosive charges, and blew up Hitler's hopes for that critical element necessary to create the first atomic bomb. Had the raid failed, Ronneberg said after the war, London would have ended up "looking like Hiroshima," and America would have been next. We must never take for granted our freedoms, or our Democracy, that almost perished on that fateful night, were it not for the heroism of these men.

ATTENTION: VILLAGERS

I am looking for anyone interested in starting up a stock option class. If you are experienced or not and interested in joining, please contact the office.

Thanks. Kevin Garcia



WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS

Lynn Schemper -- 67C Galewood Dr.
Steven Kozusko – 65C Galewood Dr.
Janine Schiro – 3A Utah Dr.
Catherine Conn – 1D Delaware Ct.

FROM THE BOARD

SEWER BACKUP PROBLEMS

If there is a backup in the toilet in your unit, it is the policy of the Cheesequake Village Association that you **first call the office** – or the emergency number after hours ---
(732) 425-2011.

We have a full-time Maintenance Staff and someone is on call 24-7.

A member of the Maintenance Staff will try to clear the obstruction. If the obstruction is in the main sewer line, the staff member will call someone such as Roto-Rooter to clear the obstruction and the Association will pay for the expense. If you, as a homeowner, call Roto-Rooter without allowing the Association to try to solve the problem, the Association will not pay for that cost.

This applies only to toilet backups, not sink or washing machines. Nothing but toilet paper goes down the toilet, that is: NO GREASE, NO WIPES OF ANY KIND, NO RAGS, NO PAPER TOWELS OR KLEENEX AND NO DIAPERS. If it is determined that any of these items come from your condo, you will be responsible for the repair costs.

Do not use baking soda and vinegar in your drains. It has been proven to cake up similar to powdered detergents. ZEP and PEQUA, available at Home Depot, are the alternatives to use.

EARLY DINNER

The CVA Bus will be providing transportation for an early dinner at various restaurants in the area. Bus is \$5.00 per person, non-refundable, and the bus will leave at 3:00 PM. Call Charlotte in the Office to reserve a seat. See the calendar for further information.

Save
the
Date

INDOOR FLEA MARKET

Saturday, May 4 9AM to 3PM
1 table \$15. 2 tables \$25.
3 tables \$30.

Food & drinks will be available.
Come to the office to reserve your tables.
CASH ONLY.

STREETLIGHT & POWER OUTAGES:

Call JCP&L at **1-888-544-4877** to report the outage with the street name and the cross street. **DO NOT CALL THE OFFICE FOR POWER OUTAGES.**



SEE-THROUGH FROGS

With translucent skin and muscles, the glass frogs of Central and South America blend in with the green leaves they rest on during the day. But the camouflage is even more complicated than scientists realized, a study published in *Science* reveals. When Fleischmann's glass frogs sleep, they store up to 89 percent of their darkly colored red blood cells within crystal-covered livers. The crystals seem to act as a mirror, reflecting incoming light rather than allowing blood cells to absorb it. With their red blood cells stored away, the sleeping frogs become two to three times more transparent than the wakeful ones, by the study's measurements. Particularly intriguing: The *H. fleischmann* frogs seem to suffer no ill effects from hours with those cells in one place – and still clot normally when wounded. Perhaps this could hold clues to what's been a holy grail of hematology: treatment that prevents excessive bleeding and excessive clotting in humans. "Blood clots kill around one in four people." say Jesse Delia, a National Geographic Explorer and study co-author. What if the secret to saving them is hiding inside a glass frog's discoball-like liver?

~~ Jason Bittel ~~

REMINDERS

VISITING CHILDREN: Children are not allowed to play in the streets. No bikes or skateboards allowed. Visiting children should be respectful and not disturb neighbors living in the vicinity.

ROOFS, SIDING & SATELLITE DISH:

Absolutely nothing should be put on the siding that would make holes or damage it in any way. That is: no screws, nails, tacks, hooks, or tape. In other words, no attachments such as hoses, ornaments, planters, and any type of decoration. In addition, please remember not to have your Satellite Dish on the roofs or attached to the siding either. You must get an alteration form and Maintenance must show you where to place it for approval.

PARKING PERMIT STICKERS: Every car parked in the Village **MUST** have a parking sticker. Bring your car to the Office with your license and registration. This is mandatory. If you receive a letter about getting a permit, you must reply within 10 days, or you will be fined **\$50.00.**

DOGS ON EXTENDED LEASHES: Please be mindful of other people when using extended leashes for your dogs or cats. Your neighbors can easily trip on them. Better yet, try not using them at all because Old Bridge rule allows for only 6 foot long leashes!!

FIBERGLASS BALCONIES: No rugs or any form of carpeting on the new fiberglass balconies or patios. These coverings cause the deterioration of the cement as well as the new fiberglass.

WILD ANIMALS: Bird feeders or feeding any unlicensed animals are strictly PROHIBITED because you are inviting other animals such as raccoons and skunks to make their home in our Village, too. Anyone found guilty will be subject to a **FINE.**

COMPLAINTS & GRIEVANCES: If you have a complaint or problem with your unit, you must call the Office. If you have a grievance, please submit it in writing to the Office, attention Grievance Committee. It must include your name and address, or it will not be considered for action. Or you can email our V.P. Maureen Doloughty at Maureen13Hawaii@yahoo.com

ALTERATION FORMS: It is imperative that Alteration forms be submitted to the Office for any renovations to the unit. We are required to keep updated records on all units in the Village. Alteration forms will NOT be accepted for electrical or plumbing projects without a copy of the electrician's or plumber's valid license and insurance attached. An alteration form is required for carpeting on stairwells.

CHANGES IN UNITS: As equipment has been changed (Ex: Furnaces, air conditioners, windows), new situations have arisen. When contractors add or change equipment, be advised that these changes created by your contractor are your responsibility and must be maintained by you and be added to your insurance policy. You must apply for an alteration permit from the CVA and from Old Bridge Township before making changes to your unit. Failure to do so will generate a fine.

CLOTHESLINES: They must be folded after use. The CVA is not responsible for clotheslines getting damaged by the landscapers.



BEST ANT TRAPS

Terro Multi-Surface Liquid Ant Baits
Discreet Bait Stations - 4 Pack
At Home Depot or Walmart
Also comes in 1 oz. or 0.36 oz. packs



THE OCEAN SUPPLIES MORE THAN HALF OF OUR OXYGEN, ABSORBS CARBON DIOXIDE, AND SUPPORTS MUCH OF THE WORLD'S ECONOMY

We need more people to see the sea. Right now, less than 3 percent of the ocean is considered highly protected. Experts urge that at least 30 percent be protected to safeguard marine ecosystems, which in turn will help protect our health and well-being. The ocean supplies more than half our oxygen, absorbs carbon dioxide, regulates our climate, and supports much of the world's economy. We need it a lot more than it needs us.

Take Florida, for example, one of the United States' recreational hot spots. It's bordered by the Florida Reef Tract, North America's only living coral barrier reef and the third largest in the world. Home to more than 500 species of fish, the reef is also essential to the Sunshine State's economy, generating an estimated \$1.1 billion annually in tourism. The reef buffers the coastline, too, since healthy coral reefs absorb 97 percent of a wave's energy. Three-quarters of Florida's 22 million people live along the coast, and the Florida Reef Tract provides more than \$650 million in combined economic activity and flood protection.



TARRAGON: Leaves – Fresh & dried. Tastes good with: Classic French sauces, omelets, poached fish, mushrooms, poultry, mustard, sauces, and salad dressings.

THYME: Leaves – Fresh & dried. Tastes good with: Any slowly cooked dish, stews, soups, baked vegetables, stuffings, poultry, breads and sauces.

A November 2022 study from the University of Miami and NOAA's Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory has found that 70 percent of Florida's coral reefs are experiencing a net loss of reef habitat. Squarely facing these concerns is what I mean by seeing the sea – the good, the bad, the important. Knowledge is power, and we can use it to examining how we run our businesses, to voting. "No one can do everything, but everyone can do something," Sylvia Earle, oceanographer and National Geographic Explorer at Large, is fond of saying.

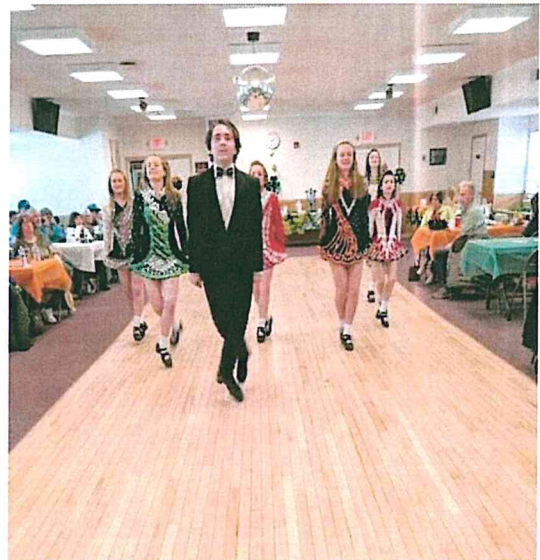
The ocean is a remarkable teacher, and it's never too late to start learning.

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Writer **Carrie Miller** and her husband, Chris Taylor, operates *Beneath the Surface Media*, a project that uses storytelling and dive travel to encourage conservation through exploration.



St. Paddy's Day Daly Irish Dance School Performance



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MARCH 21 CVA MEETING

Trustee James Nolan, Regulatory & Compliance:

Jim welcomed all to the meeting and was the moderator. A salute to the flag was conducted including a moment of silence for the sick, suffering, essential workers, and those serving in the Military. The next open CVA meeting is Thursday, May 16, 2024. All Board Members were in attendance. The minutes of the February 2024 meeting were read and accepted. A question-and-answer session will be held after the conclusion of the presentation by the Board. Jim gave a recap and thanks to the Board and the Office for their joint effort in resolving the FedEx railing issue. Some new security cameras and solar lights are being installed in areas which may need them. Early in March there was an issue of a dispute between solicitors in the Village and a resident which resulted in a police report.

Pres. Kevin Garcia: Kevin welcomed everyone especially new residents. New residents have to realize they now live in an association and not a private home. There are things you can do in your own home that are not allowed in the Village. Pictures with the Easter bunny will be taken on Saturday, March 23, downstairs in the clubhouse. Bingo is Sunday, March 24 at 1:30 PM. Kevin thanked the Activities Committee for the good time everyone had at the St. Paddy's Day luncheon. If you receive a phone call from the CVA usually around 7:00 PM, listen to the call. There is no need to return the call to the office. Clean-up week will be April 15 thru April 19. There are restrictions on what will be picked up. Be sure to lock your car as it was reported of people looking in cars in one parking area. Per the Governor, a Reserve Study and a structural inspection must be performed to identify any structural integrity issue. If you experience a back-up, call the office first for Maintenance to come by to determine who is responsible for the back-up. If you call a plumber first, you will be responsible for the cost. If anyone knows of someone who may be interested in doing power washing for the summer, please call the Office.

V.P. Maureen Doloughty: The Welcoming Committee has been busy greeting new residents. Make sure you have a current key in the Office in

case an emergency entrance is needed and avoiding the breaking of your door.

Treasurer Patricia Smith: The treasurer's reports for January and February 2024 were presented explaining income amounts and disbursements. Both reports were accepted.

Trustee Ken Rigatti: The pool will open early in May, if possible. The pool cover will be removed on April 15. The party for the pool opening will be Sunday, May 26 with the rain date of Monday, May 27. Due to the steep increase in chlorine, the visitor charges for the pool will increase to \$4.00 weekdays and \$5.00 for weekends and holidays.

Trustee Rich Kubian: Spring is here and Maintenance can now begin reseeded and replacing sod that was damaged during snow plowing. Please clean up behind your building especially old pots, gas cans, and anything stored on your patios or balconies. We will again have the Victory Garden which is being extended; a weed barrier will be put down as well as new topsoil. Call the office to reserve your spot. Trees have been tagged for removal or trimming. Pot holes will be filled as soon as the weather cooperates. Wipes being flushed are one of the main reasons for backups. Do not flush them.

Trustee Jeff Pentelas: One of his responsibilities is procuring bids for any outside services that may be required by the Association. He also thanked everyone for the participation in activities that were held.

Guest Speakers: Larry Montani from CrossCountry Mortgage spoke regarding Home Equity Line of Credit. Bob Schillberg, Jr., Esq., addressed the topics of Will and Estate Planning. Each presenter offered valuable information regarding each topic. Their information is available in the office for those who are interested but did not attend the meeting.

A question-and-answer session was held addressing such issues including: the no left turn sign at the entrance, replacing damaged grass, repainting numbers on parking spots, and street light outage.

THANK YOU – from the Sunshine Club
*Thank you to Club 60 and Joan Fenske
for their donations.*