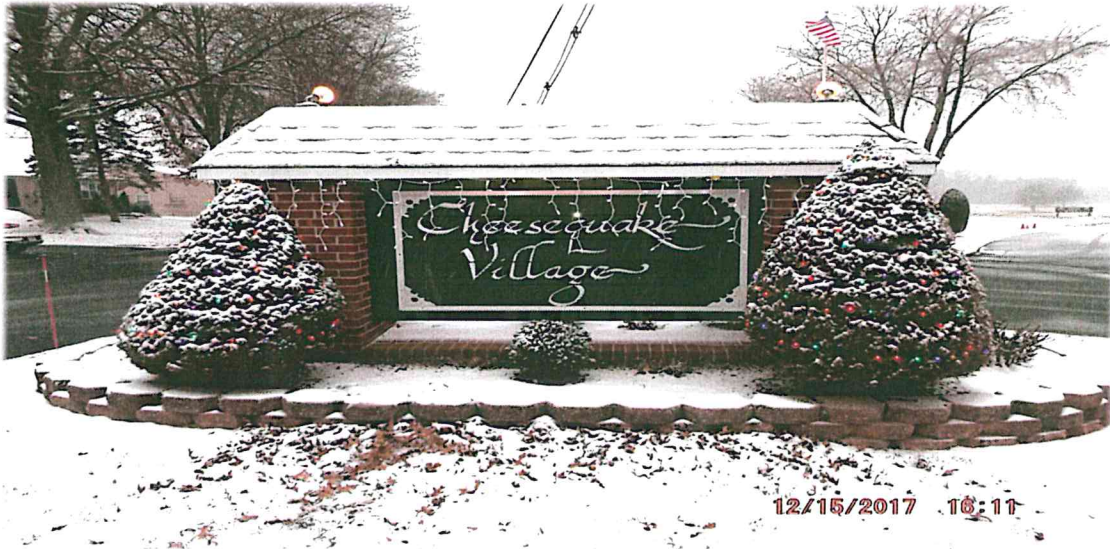


Cheesequake Bulletin

MARCH 2024



Hello My Fellow Villagers,

I want to thank our maintenance staff for the great work they did keeping all residents safe during the recent snowstorms. Remember, when you see the snow plows on your street, please move your vehicle so they can properly remove the snow.

The Board of Trustees recommends all residents to run a drip in their kitchen sink to prevent the pipes from freezing.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Direct Deposit for their payment of their maintenance fee through Kearny Bank's ZRent Program. If anyone is interested, please call the office at 732-566-6323 and ask for Maryann. We would need your name, phone number, and email address.

On March 2, we will be having a disco night in the clubhouse from 7-11 with a DJ. Ticket price is \$10 payable at the office. There will be no refunds.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Thank you and have a Happy St. Paddy's Day.

~ Kevin Garcia, President ~

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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.

“Life isn’t about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.”

~ George Bernard Shaw ~

An Irish comic dramatist, literary critic, and socialist propagandist and winner of the Nobel Prize for literature in 1925.

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 March 21, 2024.

TO THE POINT



- ✓ Garbage pickup – Monday and Thursday
- ✓ March 8 & 22 – Friday Night Get Togethers
 - ✓ March 17 – St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
 - ✓ March 23 – Pictures with Easter Bunny
 - ✓ Put your unit # on recycle bins
- ✓ Office will be open until 6 PM on March 4 & 18
 - ✓ 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
- ✓ Be sure to read the "Do's & Don'ts in a Snowstorm" included in the bulletin
 - ✓ Lost something outside? Call the Office.
 - ✓ 70's Disco Party
Saturday, March 2 -- 7-11 PM
\$10 per person / DJ / Bring your own food BYOB
Tickets are available in the Office.
Wear your best 70's outfit!
 - ✓ Thursday, March 21 – CVA Meeting
Topics: Estate Planning and Wills
Equity Line of Credit

✓

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Mothers' Day Tea
Fathers' Day Ice Cream Social



RECYCLABLES & TOWNSHIP INFO

RECYCLABLES PICK-UP DATES:

March 4 & March 18

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 4:30 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.



SAVING CYPRESSES

Rampant logging, wetland draining, and rising seas have reduced once mighty bald cypress stands to a fraction of what they were centuries ago. Scientists are working to restore lost habitat and locate and protect old-growth trees; some have survived over 2,000 years.

Delta restoration: Conservationists have planted more than 90,000 cypresses in southern Louisiana since 2010, in part to restore the region's natural hurricane buffers.

Shrinking forests: Long- and short-term inundations of saline water, more frequent with sea-level rise, can cause freshwater forests to recede. The result: less shelter for animals, and ghost forests slowly turning to marshland.

However, cypress trees stand by the Black River in North Carolina throughout the ravages of the past 2,600 years. Their busted tops are sprinkled with resurrection ferns, so named by David Stahle, a dendrochronologist at the University of Arkansas, because they can lose nearly all the water in their tissues during drought, turn gray as death, then spring back to life, good as new, at the first rain. They seem a fitting accessory for this ancient member of a species long known as "the wood everlasting," which with care and conservation could help us adapt to a warmer, stormier world.

~ Joel K. Bourne, Jr., a regular contributor to *National Geographic*. ~

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 IS NOW AT FORMER SEN. THOMPSON'S OFFICE:

Get help with your Gas and Electric bills this winter 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.

PAPER SHREDDING TRUCK

Old Bridge Paper Shred Event will be on **Sunday, March 24, 2024 from 9AM to 12PM at the Municipal Complex. No more than 5 file boxes per car.**



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: March 5, 2023

TIME: 9:30 – 10:30 AM in the Library

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



Now is the time to clean our outside areas especially under the Gettysburg stairwells and back patios. That is, no leaves, newspapers, flyers, loose bottles, cans, and recycling containers, etc., should be cluttering our stairwells, balconies and the backs of our units. Bicycles and folding lawn chairs are admissible. Failure to cooperate will result in a fine.



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.

In Memoriam

Robert Denver – 8 Michigan Drive
January 23, 2024

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

ACTIVITIES



BINGO: Come join us for Bingo:
Wednesday, March 13 at 7 PM and Sunday,
March 24 at 1:30 PM. Refreshments will be
served. Volunteers are needed; call the Office
if interested.

REPUBLICAN CLUB: No meeting in March.

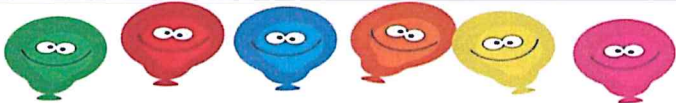
DEMOCRATIC CLUB: Next meeting is
Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

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.



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,
March 6, 2024 at 10:30 AM. Price is \$35. per
person. **PAYMENT BY CHECK ONLY.** You
get \$20. back at the Casino.

The April AC bus is scheduled for
Wednesday, April 3, 2024.



Friday Night Get Together in the Clubhouse

Game Night
March 8 & March 22
7 – 10 PM

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 17 12:30 – 3:30 PM

\$10. PP – Prepay by March 8

Tickets are available in the Office

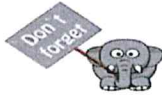
Daly Irish Dance School Performance



TAKE YOUR PICTURE WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Saturday, March 23 12 – 2 PM

Bring your grandchildren, family, pets
Donations are welcome.



IMPORTANT UPDATE **UNPAID BILLS**

Total arrears collected: January - \$1,767.12. Total arrears unpaid thru January - \$51,639.93. Maintenance fees collected: January - \$129,785.

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.



DO'S & DON'TS IN A SNOWSTORM

- Please stay indoors as much as possible during snowy weather. If you must go outdoors, be careful as it gets very slippery when temperatures drop.
- **AT THE ONSET OF SNOW, REMOVE YOUR DOOR MATS AND DOG CHAINS FROM THE GROUND BECAUSE THEY DISABLE THE SNOWBLOWERS.**
- All main roads are initially plowed by the township.
- **Emergency areas will be plowed first.**
- We pay shovelers to remove snow from pavements and walkways only. They will be wearing fluorescent green or yellow vests. (Please do not ask them to shovel out your car.)
- Salt will be available at the Office. Pick up 3 bags per unit.
- We are looking for volunteers to help in organizing shovelers.
- Anyone needing help, please call the office.
- **Please be patient.**

Footsteps in History **By CVA Trustee James Nolan** **Episode 13 – March 2024**

George Washington's Field Tent

Two hundred years ago, in the summer of 1824, the Marquis de Lafayette returned to America for the first time since he fought in the American Revolution. A close friend of George Washington, as he entered his field tent, which had been erected by a group of surviving officers for the occasion, "he shed tears of glory, gratitude, and joy." Lafayette remembered all the meetings and decisions that were made inside the tent, which resulted in the formation of the United States of America.



Today, Washington's tent sits in the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia, where it is one of their star exhibits. Made of sturdy flax linen with red scalloped edges, and shaped like a long oval when pitched, it was typical of 18th century marquee tents for high-ranking military officers. The tent is approximately 23 feet long, 14 feet wide and 12 feet high. Some soldiers remembered his glowing tent as the last thing they saw at night, and the first thing they saw in the morning. Washington elected to camp among his men, and his tent was a mobile field headquarters, that after the war became a relic, and then over the years, a symbol of our Democracy.



Please be considerate of your fellow drivers. People still back out of their parking spots and visibility is limited.



WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS

Rose Hanger – 7B Pennsylvania Drive
Sydney Fuchs – 4 Ohio Court
Dave Aromondo – 5C Texas Court

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.

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.



Billy stops Paddy in Dublin and asks for the quickest way to Cork. Paddy says, "Are you on foot or in the car?" Billy says, "In the car." Paddy says, "That's the quickest way!"

SPRING CLEANING: GET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER

It's that time of year when we focus on spring cleaning and tidying up. Depending on how well you did last year, and how much stuff you've accumulated since then, this can be a daunting task. To ensure your success, you'll need a plan and promise to yourself to stay committed to your goal. Here are some areas to focus on:

Clothes: Just say no to ugly Christmas sweaters, frumpy sweats, and anything that can be described as shabby, as well as items you haven't worn in a year or more. Donate them.

Clutter: Old magazines from five years ago, coupons you "might" use at the end of the month, junk mail piling up on your coffee table, etc. Purge, shred, recycle.

Duplicates: Do you have two crockpots, extra sets of linens that are never used, or a second set of dishes? This is the time to get rid of them, along with the other extra items usurping valuable storage space throughout your home. Consider adding them to a flea market table or give to Goodwill.

Miscellaneous items: The book you never finished, the toys and games that no one plays with, the knickknacks collecting dust on the shelf, along with any other possessions that aren't cherished anymore. Donate them, or add them to your flea market table.



AN IRISH BLESSING

May Love and Laughter light your days and warm your heart and home.

May good and faithful friends be yours wherever you may roam.

May peace and plenty bless your world, with joy that long endures.

May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours.

REMINDERS

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.

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.

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**.



Please do not leave American Flags at the Clubhouse for disposal. The local V.F.W. has closed completely. Flags without the sticks can be taken to the American Legion in Keyport. There is a mailbox in front for the collection.

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.



PREVENTING FROZEN PIPES

When freezing temperatures occur, it is possible for your water line pipes to freeze as some unit's pipes run through the attics. Having your water drip slowly in the kitchen may prevent this situation.

If your pipes do freeze, do not attempt to thaw them yourself. Fires can be started by attempting to thaw frozen pipes in your unit using a blow torch. We cannot emphasize enough how dangerous using blow torches are, not only to your unit, but to your neighbors around you.