

Del Webb®

FLORHAM PARK

Webb Happenings

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We made it through a rather cold February and now can count the days until March 20th and the beginning of Spring. We fortunately did not have too much snow, and with any luck, March will not bring any big storms. As many of you know, the clubhouse mask mandate for vaccinated residents will be lifted as of March 1. Masks will be optional, however, residents who are not vaccinated will be asked to continue wearing their masks. The clubhouse will still be open to residents only. We will also have the beverage service in the lobby returning March 1. It is time for us to move forward to what is the new normal. We hope that more residents will return to the clubhouse and enjoy this great facility.

Lois, Morris, Suhas, and Don

At the February 17th HomeOwners Open Board Meeting of Del Webb Florham Park, the Directors approved the following policy effective **Tuesday, March 1, 2022.**

- a) Vaccinated individuals - Mask usage optional
- b) Non Vaccinated individuals - Mask usage mandatory
- c) Food and beverages will be allowed. The beverage station will be reopened.
- d) **Clubhouse use Restricted to Residents only. No friends, No children or grandchildren.**
- e) COVID waivers required for admission to Clubhouse.
- f) Continuous monitoring of COVID situation and readjustment of rules if warranted.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Front Gate – 973-845-2098

(7AM-11PM Daily)

First Service Residential (Management Company) – TBA

[Pulte Warranty](#) – 877-686-4379

Police, Ambulance & Fire – 911

[Police Non-Emergency](#) – 973-377-2200

[Fire Non-Emergency](#) – 973-377-3241

[Borough of Florham Park](#) – 973-410-5300

[JCP&L](#) (Electric Co.) – 800-662-3115

[PSE&G](#) (Gas Co.) – 800-436-7734

[New Jersey American](#) (Water Co.) –
800-272-1325

[Florham Park Post Office](#) – 973-377-5652

[Bill Pryor Disposal Services](#) (Trash) –
973-377-0176

Trash pickup occurs every Monday and
Thursday except for certain Holidays

[Morris County Municipal Utilities](#)

[Authority](#) (Recycling) – 973-285-8383

Clubhouse Hours Open Daily 5AM-10PM
(subject to change)

Indoor Pool Hours 9AM-5PM Daily

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Greg Cousland

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Facilities and Security Committee

Helen Jacobson

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Barbara Konel (Co-Chair)

Barbara Gersten

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Andrea Beinhaker

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Joel Rachmiel (Chair)

Susan Rynar (Vice-Chair)

Brianne Donohue (Vice-Chair)

Stephen Sunshine

John Levitt

Arnie Litt

Del Webb Florham Park HOA Update:

MESSAGE FROM THE RESIDENT DIRECTORS

Greetings fellow residents. This has been another active month for your HOA Board. As was discussed at the February 17th open board meeting, your HOA Board along with the working committees, have been busy reviewing vendor contracts which were initially put in place by Pulte. The goal of the review was to both reduce operating costs through an extensive RFP process and to improve service. To date we have entered into new contracts for expanded landscape services, irrigation, and trash collection which has resulted in savings of almost \$100,000. We are in the process of soliciting quotes for the front gate service, pool operations and clubhouse janitorial services and expect to have them ready for board approval at the March board meeting. We will also be undertaking, with the help of Pulte, a detailed review of the clubhouse ventilation system (HVAC) to correct the deficiencies that have existed.

With the significant decline in new Covid cases, effective March 1st, the Board has decided to remove the mask mandate in the clubhouse for those residents that have been fully vaccinated and make masks optional. For anyone not fully vaccinated, masks will be required and mandatory. To enter the clubhouse, residents are required to sign the Covid waiver that has previously been distributed regardless of vaccination status. Also on March 1, we will be restoring the beverage service in the Clubhouse. The Clubhouse will still be restricted to Del Webb residents only. We hope that this relaxation of the rules will enable the residents to make fuller use of the clubhouse with added on site activities.

On March 1st, our new management company, First Service Residential, will be starting and be on site. Initially Michael Canberg will act as the onsite residential manager with Stefany Durland beginning the following week. By now you should have received your new maintenance bill with instructions as to the various options for making your HOA maintenance payments and your COA maintenance payments, where applicable.

On March 1st, Town Square will no longer be available and will be replaced by First Service Connect. Please log in and register at <https://delwebbatflorhamparkhoa.connectresident.com/>

We are all looking forward to nice spring weather and increased use of our community facilities.

Stan Perla

Mark Gersten

Helpful Links on the Community Website:

Delwebbfp.com

New Homeowners - <https://delwebbfp.com/new-homeowners/>

Documents - <https://delwebbfp.com/documents/>

Events (maintained by Colby) - <https://delwebbfp.com/events/>

Community News - <https://delwebbfp.com/community-news/>

FAQs - <https://delwebbfp.com/faqs/>



Indoor Pool Reminder

The indoor pool and hot tub is open daily from 9AM-5PM at the clubhouse. To enter go through the locker rooms and have your FOB available to swipe in.

Del Webb Florham Park COA Update:

MESSAGE FROM THE COA RESIDENT DIRECTORS

We are very excited to welcome our newest residents to 2 Vanderbilt Blvd. which along with 1 Vanderbilt and 1 Hadley Drive represents the third building now completed and occupied. The remaining two buildings, 3 and 4 Vanderbilt, are estimated to be completed and occupied in June and October, respectively.

Each of the buildings consist of 36 units, all five accounting for 180 units in total representing over 42% of all families that will eventually reside here at Florham Park DelWebb.

When 3 Vanderbilt is completed and substantially occupied in June we'll reach the 75% mark of total condominium units closed. Reaching this milestone will trigger elections for the addition of two additional trustees to the condominium board of Trustees. At that point resident owners will represent a majority of the Board and the process of transitioning community ownership from Pulte will begin.

It's critical at that point that we have Trustees on the Board with the qualifications, backgrounds and motivation to make a difference. Do we have any takers? Do you have what it takes? Are you willing to take direct responsibility for making a difference and insuring our community is an even more desirable place to live?

Over the past several weeks, following the approval of the COA budget, both Alan and myself have been working diligently to review the service contracts implemented by Pulte to make sure we have the right companies at the right price, giving us the best possible service.

On March 1st, we will be welcoming our new management company, First Service Residential. Please watch your mail for further information.

Starting March 1st, you will be able to reach First Service Residential's customer care center at: 1-800-870-0010.

Stay tuned for another meeting to help all of our new neighbors at 2 Vanderbilt with information that will help them navigate their experience here at DelWebb. Details are forthcoming.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to either Alan or myself.

Kindest Regards,

David Fox

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Alan Englander

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ON A PERSONAL NOTE

What?

No one has reached a milestone anniversary?
Birthday?

No exciting news of any children, grandchildren?

C'mon people – let's get movin!!
Don't be shy – just drop an email to one of us on the Newspaper committee.
We want to "kvell" with you!!!!!!!!!!

MONTHLY QUOTE

Spring won't let me stay in this house any longer!
I must get out and breathe the air deeply again!
-Gustave Mahler

MONTHLY HUMOR

How much did the pirate pay for corn?
A buck an ear!!!

Why don't sailors play cards?
They're always standing on the deck!

ARC and Grounds Committee Update

Greetings from the ARC and Grounds Committee. With spring just around the corner, some owners will be planning outdoor projects around the home. If you are one of them, please keep in mind that there is a good chance that your project is covered by the ARC guidelines. Examples are such things as planting bed modification or patio/deck additions, among others. Some exterior modifications, such as adding approved plantings, sealing driveways and adding window treatment for example, are permitted without prior approval. Remember plantings around the developer planted trees are prohibited. Some, such as adding a screened door, are permitted via a fast track process. Others, like patio and deck additions, need full advance approval. It is wise to check the ARC Guidelines (go to delwebbfp.com under documents) for the steps you need to follow before the work begins. As always, if you have any questions as to how these guidelines apply to your situation, the committee is happy to give input. The ARC/Grounds committee encourages owners to maintain and improve the exterior of their homes while at the same time we strive to preserve the aesthetic character and desirability of our wonderful community.

Late last year our committee was asked by the Board to obtain competitive bids for lawn maintenance here at Del Webb Florham Park in hopes of cutting costs without sacrificing service. To do so we prepared and sent out a detailed Request for Pricing document, to describe our lawn maintenance needs. With that we invited several interested contractors, who are all in the business of servicing local communities such as ours, for a site visit. Members of the committee met with them at the clubhouse in January to discuss our needs and their qualifications, showed them our community, and invited them to prepare and submit bids. As a result we were able to evaluate cost proposals from a pool of seven well qualified contractors. After analyzing and comparing them, which included interviews with their references (community managers in nearby developments such as ours), we narrowed it down to two based on cost, reputation, and capabilities. Both were invited back to make presentations to members of the Board and the committee so that a final selection could be made. We feel confident that the winner will be able to maintain our community at a very high level and be responsive to our needs, and all at a substantially reduced cost to the HOA.



Murder Mystery Night!

On Friday, February 11th 90 residents enjoyed an interactive Murder Mystery Show at the clubhouse. Led by 3 actors from DOA Interactive, many residents were given parts to play and we have some convincing actors among us. It was a night filled with laughs and more as everyone tried to figure out who and how the romance novelist passed away on the way to the award show.

The Social Committee has been working hard on planning some other upcoming events for the spring, and we look forward to future participation from the community at more events in the clubhouse. Check out the social calendar on the back as well as weekly emails from our Lifestyle Director, Colby (florhamparklifestyle@gmail.com).

Facilities Committee Update:

The facilities committee has been hard at work to improve the amenities for our community. Many projects are in the works to achieve this goal and will be reported as they are completed. We have all had to be flexible due to the construction, change in management and covid but it seems as if there is light at the end of the tunnel. Remember Rome was not built in a day.

On Monday February 7 there was a well-attended AED-demonstration. More sessions can be set up if there is a demand.

The following is a list of courtesy procedures for the clubhouse, pools, courts and gym. Remember the use of any of these areas is at your own risk and a covid waiver needs to be signed to use the clubhouse. When using the clubhouse please clean up after using items such as games, pool table, etc. Please return any furniture to its proper place and position.

When using the gym and equipment please clean up and wipe down the machines that were used. Replace items such as weights to their holders.

When using the tennis and pickleball courts please clean up and return any equipment to its proper place. Close the gates to the courts when finished playing. If you are using the lights, please turn them off when play is finished.

When using the locker room showers please dry off in that area so the rest of the floor space is not wet and slippery. Please clean and dry any wet areas.

This is our community and we need to maintain it.

Thanks,
Steve, Helen, Harry, Mark

**Team Life– AED Demonstration**

On Monday, February 7th Paul from Team Life, an area AED distributor came to host an AED demonstration and walked through the process of how the AED operates and gives out commands as needed.

Thank you to the Facilities Committee for putting this together and those residents who were able to attend. Below are two YouTube videos showing how the AED and process works.

[Mobilize Rescue Systems Public Access Demo Video Team Life 1 - YouTube](#)

[ZOLL Powerheart G5 AED Demo Video Team Life - YouTube](#)

Front Gate-After Guard Hours (11pm-7am)

A visitor should pull up to the box located right before the gate house. They should use the buttons to scroll for the first letter of your last name. Once they have found your name, they should press the call button. This will call your phone number. The phone number that will appear on your phone is 908-923-0564. Once you answer and confirm the caller, press “9” on your phone. That will open the gate. You do not have to be in your house or onsite for this to work. Please know, you are responsible for your guests while they are on the property.

DID YOU KNOW??

Del Webb? Pulte? – Who were these people??

DELBERT EUGENE WEBB was born in California in 1899 and died in Minnesota in 1974. He is best known as the real estate developer and founder of the Del E. Webb Construction Company. His 1st retirement community was built in Sun City, Arizona in 1960 and it became so popular that dozens of similar over-55 communities have sprung up throughout the United States. In fact, Del Webb was on the cover of *Time* magazine after the opening of his 1st development. Webb's name is currently on adult communities in 19 states.



Webb dropped out of high school to become an apprentice to a local carpenter. He contracted typhoid fever and moved to Arizona to recuperate when he was 28. Prior to World War II he started his own construction company and received many military contracts, thus solidifying his future success.

He went on to build the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas and was eventually elected to the Gaming Hall of Fame in 2000.

His love for baseball led him to purchase, along with two other partners, the New York Yankees in 1945 for \$2.8 million until he sold to CBS in 1964. During his ownership, the team was in 15 World Series games and won 10 of them.

As in our community, there is a Del Webb Boulevard in Sun City, Arizona.

WILLIAM JOHN PULTE was born in Michigan in 1932 and died in Florida in 2018. In 1950, immediately after graduating from high school, he and five friends built a five-room house in Detroit and sold it for \$10,000. Six years later he established William J. Pulte, Inc. and built his first community in 1959.

The company was moved from Michigan to Georgia in 2016 by then CEO Richard Dugas who was later forced to resign by Pulte and his grandson Bill. Today PulteGroup (name was changed from Pulte Homes in 2010) is the 3rd largest home construction company in the US. Not only was the company's stock listed on the New York Stock Exchange in 1972, but it is a component of the S&P 500 Index. You can find a Pulte home in 23 states. Of even more interest to us here living at Del Webb in Florham Park, Pulte acquired the Del Webb Construction Company in 2001 for \$1.8 billion.



Recently the board ok'd the purchase of 4 new bridge size card tables to be used in the social rooms or craft room. Here are a few of our residents enjoying an afternoon of Mah Jong in the social room.

If you are interested in learning bridge, canasta or Mah Jong there is a sheet to add your name to in lobby area of the clubhouse. Also let Colby know if you would like to teach any of the above games.

On February 15th the Museum of Early Trade and Craft (METC) in Madison did their first of six lectures here at the clubhouse. Residents learned about the processes and tools to make sweets and delicacies in the 18th and 19th century here in the New Jersey. Future lectures will include Living off the Land in 19th Century NJ, History of Baseball, New Jersey Shipwrecks and more.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

This year we turn the clocks ahead 1 hour at 2:00AM on the morning of March 13th although most of us do this before we go to bed the night before. After all, how many of us over 55 stay up that late??? We return to Standard Time on November 22nd.



When and why did this come to be?

In 1784 Benjamin Franklin suggested we add an hour to our daylight hours to conserve candles. The quote “early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise” is attributed to him.

Daylight Savings Time as we know it has been attributed to George Hudson from New Zealand in 1895. He published various papers and the idea caught on by other prominent outdoorsman, especially William Willett who advanced the proposal to the House of Commons in London in 1908. Port Arthur, Canada became the first city to officially enact DST. Germany initiated it during World War I and the United Kingdom followed in 1916. Other European countries followed leading the United States to adopt the change in 1918. It became widely accepted during World War II. Every state in the US currently adheres to it, except for Hawaii and Arizona. Some countries observe it in only parts, such as Australia – other countries in Africa and Asia not at all.

There have been numerous appeals and adjustments in many countries, many of which were politically motivated. The US has seen several changes as to when to begin and end DST. It was repealed in 1919 by Congress but vetoed by President Wilson. Originally, the Uniform Time Act of 1966 set it at 6 months – this period was extended to 7 months in 1986 and then to 8 months in 2005 which is where it stands today. (On a personal note – I owned a car during this time that had automatic reset for DST. However, the car didn’t “know” about the change forcing me to make a mental adjustment when looking at the clock for the 2-week period until DST began and ended).

Setting the clocks ahead was said to be an advantage to the farmers as it gave them an extra hour to do their chores before darkness fell. During the winter months this became impractical so the clocks would be reset to standard time.

Supporters of Daylight Savings Time propose that energy consumption decreases as the need for lighting and heating is reduced. They have advocated that it is good for business, health, crime, school events and overall psychological well-being and that it should be made permanent. Those against it say the extra daylight hour does nothing to help farmers, presents a negative effect on children’s sleep patterns as well as television ratings. Proponents and opponents continue to make their arguments, but Daylight Savings Time is here to stay.

LENDING LIBRARY NEWS...

Books for the DWFP Lending Library can be dropped off at the clubhouse lobby in the bin labeled “BOOK DONATIONS”. Once copyright dates are checked, books will be shelved under FICTION, BIOGRAPHY, NON-FICTION, and will be available for checkout. Feel free to borrow as many books as you can read in a timely fashion. Books should be returned to their proper location.

The library is located on the left side of the lobby.

Due to the shortage of space, please adhere to the following when donating books:

Hardcover and paperbacks in good condition of *fiction with a copyright date of **2012 (for now) or newer** *biographies, current political writings, current travel books, religion, military, and history.

NO BOOKS on self-help, home improvement, diet, coffee-table, business/legal/medical, journals, hobbies, encyclopedias, cookbooks, textbooks.

Further guidelines may be found at the library desk.

FUN FACTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

1802: The United States Military Academy was established at West Point – originally built as a fort overlooking the Hudson River north of New York City

1872: Yellowstone became the 1st National Park in the US - signed into law by President Ulysses S. Grant – extends into Wyoming, Idaho and Montana

1932: John Philip Sousa died – known as the *March King* primarily for his military marches

1957: Elvis Presley purchased Graceland for \$102,500 – the mansion was built in 1939 and covers 14 acres in Memphis, Tennessee – opened as a museum in 1982 – now a National Historic Landmark

1962: Gordie Howe became the 2nd NHL player to score 500 goals – nicknamed Mr. Hockey, he eventually went on to score 801 goals before he retired in 1980

1973: Pink Floyd's "*Dark Side of the Moon*" hit the *Billboard Top 200* chart as number 95 and remained there for 14 years – an unbroken world record to this day

1977: 9 Uranus rings were discovered by astronomers James Elliot, Edward Dunham and Jessica Mink

2006: Twitter was founded by Jack Dorsey, Noah Glass, Biz Stone and Evan Williams – rapid growth led to the company being one of the world's largest social networking sites – Dorsey's 1st tweet was "just setting up my twttr"

2020: Covid-19 pandemic sent us all into shutdown – Zoom meetings evolved – working from home became the norm

The full moon for the month of March is called the *Full Worm Moon* – wormlike insect larvae emerged from tree barks as weather warmed thus giving it its name

It is said, meteorologically speaking, that March comes in like a lion (because it is still winter) and goes out like a lamb (because spring has begun) – although this is not always true

March Madness - NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, featuring 68 college basketball teams – created in 1939 by the National Association of Basketball Coaches

Number of vasectomy procedures surge as men use ice to keep swelling down while they sit on the couch watching March Madness

March is named for Mars, Roman God of war, also known as Martius – as winter frosts melted, farmers resumed farming and warriors resumed warring – almost all US-NATO invasions have begun in this month

Ides of March – the 15th of the month - originally meant to signify the new year, it is now considered a bad omen – as in Julius Caesar's warning by a seer to "Beware the Ides of March"

March 6 is the *Day of the Dude* – honoring The Big Lebowski by taking it easy all day, man!

March 14 is *Pi Day* – as we celebrate math jokes, pi-reciting competitions and baking pies

Clubhouse Gym Reminders

- The clubhouse gym is open daily 5AM-10PM.

- Please wipe down equipment after use with the gym wipes provided.

-Please be mindful of others working out, refrain from cell phone conversations or any loud music while working out.

ST PATRICK'S DAY RECIPES

March 17 is St Patrick's Day and there are some traditional foods that families like to eat. Here are just a couple:

IRISH SODA BREAD

4 cups all-purpose flour
¾ cup sugar
1 tsp salt
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
½ cup butter (room temperature)
1 ½ cup raisins
1 ½ cup buttermilk (room temperature)
3 eggs (room temperature)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Grease 9" cake pan

Stir together flour, sugar, salt, baking powder and baking soda in large bowl.

Using pastry cutter, gently cut the butter into the flour mixture until well combined, stir in raisins.

In another bowl, whisk buttermilk and eggs together, lightly beat this mixture into the flour mixture.

Place dough into prepared cake pan

Bake 45 minutes to 1 hour or until bread has risen and top is golden brown and knife inserted into center comes out clean

Cool bread on wire rack 10 minutes before removing.

Serve warm



CORNERD BEEF AND CABBAGE

5 lb corned beef (brisket)
4 onions, cut into wedges
1 onion sliced
5 cloves, smashed
10 peppercorns
4 sprigs thyme
2 bay leaves
12 oz stout or guinness
1 cup beef broth
2 parsnips, peeled and cut into large chunks
3 carrots, peeled and cut into large chunks
6 medium red potatoes
1 head green cabbage, cut into quarters, core removed
4 Tbs butter

Rinse corned beef and place it in large Dutch oven

Make bouquet garni with garlic, peppercorns, thyme and bay leaves and add to pot

Stir in stout, beef broth and enough water to cover the beef by 2"

Bring to boil over medium heat, then reduce to gentle simmer for 4 hours, stirring occasionally



Corned Beef Recipe Cont.

After 4 hours, add onion wedges, parsnips, carrots and cook for 30 minutes

Add potatoes and cabbage wedges and continue to cook about 20 minutes or until cabbage is tender (not limp)

Remove cabbage to plate and allow corned beef and other vegetables to continue to cook until meat is tender

In separate large sauté pan, heat 4 Tbs butter over medium heat

Add sliced onion, pinch of salt and sauté until tender and beginning to turn brown, about 8 – 10 minutes

Meanwhile, slice cabbage thinly, gently pressing paper towel to remove excess water

Add cabbage to onion mixture and toss to coat well with the butter

Cook over medium heat until cabbage begins to brown

Remove meat to cutting board and slice

Serve vegetables piled onto serving tray, meat on another tray with some broth poured over.

St. Patrick, the man and the legend

St. Patrick's Day is observed on March 17th, the date of St. Patrick's death. It has evolved over the years to a celebration of Irish culture.

The holiday dates back more than 1500 years. The earliest celebrations were held in the 17th century marking the death of St. Patrick in the 5th century.

It is believed that he was actually born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the 4th century. His father became a Christian deacon to obtain tax incentives, but the family was not particularly religious. At age 16 he was kidnapped from the estate by Irish raiders and sold as a slave to a Celtic priest in Northern Ireland. He worked as a shepherd there for about six years. Lonely and afraid he turned to religion for solace and became a devout Christian. He eventually escaped and walked 200 miles to the Irish coast. He returned to Britain and as the result of a dream, he began his formal religious training. It took him 15 years to become ordained as a priest. He was then sent back to Ireland to minister to the Christians and to convert more people. Since he was familiar with the language and culture he chose to blend Irish traditional ritual with the teachings of Christianity. The Irish culture centered around a rich tradition of legend and myth, therefore it is no surprise that the story of Patrick's life became exaggerated over the years.

Although he is considered the patron saint of Ireland, he was never canonized by the Catholic Church. He was likely proclaimed a saint by popular acclaim.

Interesting information about St. Patrick and legends attached to him.

1. St Patrick is said to have banished all snakes from Ireland prompting all serpents to slither into the sea. In reality, scientific research suggests that there never were any snakes in Ireland, There are no fossil records and since the island was covered in ice during the glacial period no reptiles could have survived in that cold.
2. Leprechauns are really Celtic fairies. The original Irish name for these figures is lobarcin, meaning small bodied fellows. The belief in Leprechauns comes from the Celtic belief in fairies, small people who could use their magical powers to serve good or evil.
3. The shamrock, a three leaf clover, has been associated with Ireland for centuries. It was considered a sacred plant by the Celts. It symbolized the arrival of spring. St. Patrick used it to explain the Holy Trinity. In the 1600's it became a symbol of Irish nationalism.
4. The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601 in the Spanish colony which is now St. Augustine, Florida. In 1737, homesick Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched in Boston and New York.
5. Early Irish settlers in our country were not always appreciated. Due to the devastating potato famine in Ireland in 1845, over 2 million people abandoned their homeland. About one million came to the United States. Many Americans looked down upon these refugees as disease-ridden, unskilled and a drain on welfare budgets.
6. Corned beef and cabbage is an American innovation as part of the holiday celebration. In Ireland people ate ham and cabbage. Corned beef was a cheap substitute for the poor immigrants. The Irish living in the slums in lower Manhattan in the early 20th century bought leftover meat from ships returning from the tea trade in China. They would boil the beef three times to remove the brine that had preserved the meat and cooked it with cabbage.

Home Care Contractors

Home maintenance is always a concern of homeowners. Whether we have an emergency situation, a regular maintenance need, or a desire to renovate, selection of the right contractor is important. We have put together a list of local businesses that our neighbors have used successfully in the past. We would like to update this list as we move forward. Please send along any names that we can add next month.

Electricians

1. DeLuca Electric 732 381 6262
2. Jason Klein Electrical Contractors 908 391 4305
3. Sergio 973 296 7859
4. Mar Jen Electric 973 377 9131
5. Zinc karat Electrical Ben 973 288 1901

Plumbers

1. Russo Brothers and Company 973 887 1334
2. K. Hoeler 973 882 2803
3. The Real McCoy 973 900 3139

HVAC

1. Ron Jon 973 560 9198

Handyman

1. Michael Turner 973 885 6714

Landscape

1. Cardinal Landscape 862 204 9428

General Contractors

1. McMahon Construction 973 948 2356
2. Michael Finelli 973 914 2437

Painters

1. Hue Strong Painting 908 688 2586

Vent Cleaning

1. Crystal Clean 866 837 2662

Storage and Home Organization

1. Tailored Living 917 848 1125

Interior Design

1. Mason Barrister Inc. 973 509 3000



A Long Established Neighbor.....Drew University

Drew University is a liberal arts school located on a wooded 186 acre campus within walking distance of downtown Madison. It is nicknamed the University of the Forest because of its beautiful setting. The campus features a forest preserve and an arboretum. It is comprised of three schools; the College of Liberal Arts, a Theological School, and the Caspersen School of Graduate Studies. It became coeducational in 1942 when World War II reduced the pool of male candidates. The current enrollment is about 2200 students. Tuition for the 2021-2022 school year is \$41,820.00. Add another \$15,868.00 for room and board.

The university sits on the former estate of William Gibbons, a southern gentleman, who owned the New York-New Jersey steamboat business. The estate was established on a 95 acre site and a mansion was constructed by 1836. He named his estate The Forest.

In 1867 Daniel Drew, a financier and railroad tycoon, purchased the property to establish a theological seminary to train Methodist ministers. The school was expanded in 1928 when the School of Liberal Arts was added. And finally in 1955 the graduate school was formally added. Although the university is affiliated with the Methodist church, students from all backgrounds are welcome.

The campus buildings are a mixture of Greek revival, collegiate gothic, and neoclassical architecture. The Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey is located on the campus. It is a nationally recognized classical theater company.

Scams galore

Scammers/fraudsters/con men have existed throughout human history. In the Middle Ages, dishonest merchants placed a thumb on the scale when weighing goods. In 300 BC, a Greek merchant named Hagestratos took out a large insurance policy known as bottomry with plans to sink the ship, marking the first recorded incident of a financial fraud. In the 1920s, Charles Ponzi offered investors exorbitant returns. But instead of engaging in legitimate business, he simply paid the promised high returns to earlier investors by using money obtained from later investors. He raked in an estimated \$15 million in eight months in 1920 by persuading tens of thousands of Bostonians that he had unlocked the secret to easy money -- in reality, this was nothing other than 'robbing Peter to pay Paul'. Bernie Madoff ran a modern version of the Ponzi scheme until his arrest in December 2008. Investors in his fund lost billions of dollars. Although selling the Brooklyn Bridge has become a metaphor for the ultimate in gullibility, con men have sold it many times since its construction ended in 1883.

The advent of the Internet and the collapse in the cost of communication have given rise to a new breed of scammers. Most of us have received a phone call from the "IRS" demanding immediate payment or face hefty fines. Who has not received an email from a close friend or relative requesting immediate funds because he or she is stranded in a foreign land without money or a passport? But as we have wised up to these and many other scams, scammers continue to find new ways of persuading us to part with our money or share our personal details, including our social security and bank account numbers. Even the perceived hack-proof two-factor authentication in which we receive an One Time Password (OTP) from a financial institution is not safe in 2022. This scam is too complex to explain in a few words, but you can watch a ten-minute video on YouTube by clicking on the following link: <https://youtu.be/9WOLVs0oCV0>

Since scams take many forms and occur on many platforms, it is best to follow the advice of experts, including those from the IRS and the FCC, to avoid traps:

- Slow down the effort to push you into making a quick decision.
- Spot check the details you are being fed, including the URLs of any website links you're clicking on or the sender's email address for any message you receive. I recently received an email signing me up for a two-year computer security package at a discounted price of \$400. I quickly checked the sender's address which was comprised of a bunch of numbers, clearly a fraud.
- Stop! Don't send money or give personal information or PIN codes to anyone (or any robot) contacting you unsolicited. No reputable person or agency will ever demand payment or information on the spot.
- Use a VPN when online to add an extra layer of protection.
- Avoid using public Wi-Fi.
- Use strong passwords, and different passwords for each site you use. Consider using a reputable password manager such as 1Password or LastPass to help you easily create strong passwords and manage them.
- Only use website addresses with "https" because "s" encrypts the traffic between your computer and the website, thereby increasing security.

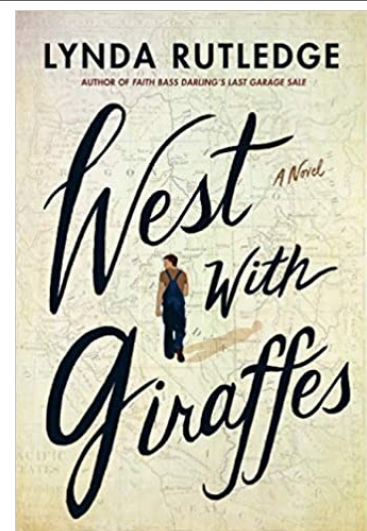
March Book Club

Join us at the clubhouse for our monthly book club discussions. Book club will be held the last Wednesday of each month at 7PM . This month it will be on March 30th at 7PM.

This month's book:

"West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge

Send your future Book Suggestions to Colby at florhamparklifestyle@gmail.com



Donate & Make Someone's Day!

As I moved and settled in, I evaluated what I really needed and treasured. It became my mission to find new homes for my stuff. I hope this list provides some inspiration and ideas!

Furniture Donations

Market Street Mission, 25 George St, Morristown. 973 538 0427

www.marketstreet.org

A 25,000 square foot industrial center which includes a thrift store, warehouse and a donation dock. Most household items accepted. No appointment needed except for furniture donations. For furniture, please email dispatch@marketstreet.org and send photos. The Mission provides truck pick-up and may ask for a handling fee. Proceeds support the Mission initiatives as well as work therapy programs for men.

***A busy site with a friendly staff.

Habitat for Humanity/Restore, 274 S Salem St. Randolph (off of Rt 10W)

www.morrisrestore.org

The Restore is a 30,000 square foot store for household items, appliances, windows and more. The proceeds support Morris's Habitat for Humanity home building programs. In 2018, over 1400 tons of materials were diverted from landfills! The Restore offers truck pick-up for furniture donations. Please see the web site for details.

***The Restore truck has been spotted in Del Webb multiple times and most recently at Monica & Morris Glazer's home!

Clothes

Dress for Success, 25 Cook Ave, Madison

www.northernnj.dressforsuccess.org

A global nonprofit providing resources for women in the workforce. Interview attire and career coaching are some of the services offered. An appointment is needed to donate women's office appropriate clothes, shoes and jewelry.

***All those (retired?) work clothes cluttering your closet can find a new closet!

The Bargain Box, 1117 Mt Kemble Ave, Route 202S, Morristown (a beautiful new location) 908 766 0745. www.wammc.org/bargain-box

The Bargain Box is full of household treasures and some designer labels too. An appointment is needed for donations which include clothes, household items, art and linens. The Bargain Box is supported by volunteers from the Women's Association for Morristown Medical Center and the revenue supports the Medical Center.

***A fun & upbeat thrift boutique-you may surprised yourself by finding something you like!

Food

Interfaith Food Pantry, 2 Executive Drive, Morris Plains. 973 538 8049

www.mcifp.org

For 25+ years, the Interfaith Food Pantry supports the food insecure and hungry in Morris County. This organization distributed 1.5 million pounds of food in 2020! There is a drive thru drop-off. *** If you purchased extra canned foods in the "deep" pandemic that you no longer like...the Food Pantry will!

Used Towels, Blankets & More

St. Huberts Animal Welfare Center, 575 Woodland Ave, Madison

www.sthuberts.org

St Hubert's accepts towels, blankets, sheets and animal carriers. Any dog or cat food is welcome. You can shop in Buddy's Boutique (located inside the Center) for pet presents. ***Your furry friends will thank you!

Donations Continued

Books & Household Items

Thrift Barns of Morris County- Two sites, same location- \$1 Million donated in the past 5 years! www.thriftbarnsofmorriscounty.wordpress.com

Bargain Barn, 18 Pocono Road, Denville. 973 625 6093

The Bargain Barn is a large brick building which has multiple rooms full of clothes, household items, pottery and art. No appointment needed for donations. The Bargain Barn is staffed by volunteers and proceeds go to local charities. (No furniture donations). ***This is an interesting and eclectic store!

The Book Barn, 18 Pocono Road, Denville (located behind the Bargain Barn) Children's books, art books and almost any books are accepted (except encyclopedias & text books). There is an attached store to purchase used books. Proceeds go to local charities. Check for hours of operation. 973 625 6411

***For all you book lovers with stacks of books...this is a great donation site!

And some local theatre groups accept donations. My Mother's wedding gown was donated to the **Shakespeare Theatre @ Drew University**, Madison.

***Don't forget your vintage donations!

If anyone would like assistance with their donations, please feel free to reach out- Nancy Timko seaslight@gmail.com

Please check the websites for donation details and hours. It is easy to donate!

Other resources can be found here:

<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/montville/sections/green/articles/here-s-where-to-donate-all-those-items-you-ve-been-cleaning-out-and-organizing>

VERNAL EQUINOX

There are 2 times of the year when the sun is exactly over the equator, thereby making equal hours of day and night. The terminology for this is Equinox which means "equal night". The time in the Spring is called the Vernal (or Spring) Equinox, the other being the Autumnal Equinox. It is the moment when the sun intersects with an imaginary line in the sky. This imaginary line is called the Celestial Equator and it crosses the sun only twice a year. The tilt of the Earth rather than its proximity to the sun determines the seasons.

In ancient days, this time signaled the return of food supplies that were gone during the winter months. Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the 1st full moon following the Vernal Equinox. Egyptians built the Great Sphinx in such a manner so that it would point directly toward the rising sun. According to ancient Chinese legend, it is said that on this day it is possible to balance an egg on its end. Is this true? No – it can be done on any day of the year.

The Vernal Equinox also marks the beginning of the Iranian solar calendar.

This year the Vernal Equinox arrives March 20 at 11:33 am in the Northern Hemisphere heralding the beginning of spring. Spring fever is widely accepted as a time when we experience daydreaming, inclination toward romance, increased heart rate and the exuberance that winter is finally over!

Let's hope that this year's equinox not only marks a spring awakening, but also the end of the pandemic! We all want to get out and enjoy the weather and one another again!!



Morris, Morris, Morris



Florham Park is in Morris County. Right up the road is Morristown. There are a multitude of Morris Avenues & Streets. There is Morris Township. There is Morris Plains. And there is me, Morris Glazer.

With so many places named after me, I decided to go find out who this Morris person is??

Well, it turns out there was a **Morris**. It was named for the popular Governor of the Province, **Lewis Morris**, who championed land ownership rights for colonists. This goes back to 1739 when Morris County was created. It originally included what are now the counties of Morris, Sussex and Warren.

Much of it's beauty has been protected and preserved by the Board of County Commissioners through its Park Commission, who set aside and developed land for leisure time and recreational use. Over 20,000 acres make up the system. Included are outdoor education centers, a marina, many golf courses, a riding stable, indoor ice-skating arena, cultural center, arboretums, and numerous types of hiking, cycling, wildflower and nature trails. Who knew?

There are 39 municipalities in the 477.8 square mile county, varying in size from tiny Victory Gardens Borough with 1,314 residents to Parsippany-Troy Hills Township, with almost 48,500 residents. All together more than 421,000 persons reside in Morris County.

In the years following the Revolution, Morris County was a leader in the iron ore industry, a fact made possible by the abundance of iron ore, timber to fuel the forges, and swiftly flowing streams to provide power. By 1880 Morris was the third county in the nation in the amount of iron ore mined, with 568,420 tons.

As the population grew and the methods of transportation improved, industries sprang up throughout the county, many of them using the iron ore as raw materials for their finished products. In 1831 the Morris Canal was completed through the county. Crossing the state from Phillipsburg to Newark, a distance of 90 miles, it played a major role in movement of iron ore, coal and freight.

By 1900 the nation's business and financial leaders, seeking escape from New York City, the financial capital of the nation, discovered Morris County, its isolation, ideal climate and unspoiled countryside, and started the construction of large country estates. Within a few years it was claimed that more millionaires lived within a one mile radius of the Morristown Green than elsewhere in the world.

Since the turn of the century, the character of industry in Morris County has changed from iron mining to research, pharmaceuticals and light manufacturing. There are large numbers of garden type apartments and condominiums, both in the towns and the countryside.

Today, Morris County is New Jersey's seventh largest county. Multi-million dollar shopping centers and highway merchandising malls have combined with construction of world headquarters of name brand firms, discount houses, chain stores and food markets.

Morris County is the home of three universities, a two-year County College, and a County Vocational Technical School. One of every four high school graduates in Morris County attend the County College of Morris which reports a capacity attendance both for full-time and part-time courses. The high registration reflects the fine academic standings of the college, the wide appeal of its varied curriculum, and the relative cost-value of its programs in comparison to other institutions.

HOW ARE THOSE NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS GOING??

Some tips to keep you on track....

Be Realistic...remind yourself not to try for something that's too far afield or unrealistic. The surest way to fall short of your goal is to make your goal unattainable.

Plan Ahead...Waiting until the last-minute means that decisions may be based on the mindset for that particular day (December 31st) rather than a more measured approach. Instead, a New Year's resolution should have been planned well before.

Outline Your Plan...This could include calling on a friend for help, practicing positive thinking and self-talk.

Make a Pros & Cons list...It may help to see a list of pros and cons on paper to strengthen the motivation. Keep the list handy and refer to it when the need to reaffirm a resolution strikes.

Talk About It...Don't keep a resolution as a secret. Bring family and friends into the fold, and with their help, goals will be easier to achieve.

Reward Yourself...celebrate successes with something enjoyable that does not contradict the resolution. Don't eat a box of chocolate because you lost 2 pounds!

Track Your Progress...Make note of each small success made toward reaching the larger goal. Short-term goals are easier to keep, and small accomplishments will help with motivation.

Don't Beat Yourself Up...Having a good attitude all the time isn't always possible but working toward being less self-critical can help. Do the best that's possible each day, and take each day one at a time.

Stick To It...Sticking to a plan is going to be the hardest part of keeping a resolution. Experts say it takes about 21 days for a new activity to become a habit.

KEEP TRYING...What matters is to keep trying. If a resolution has totally run out of steam by mid- February, don't despair. Start over again! A New Year's resolution can be made any time of the year!!



Match Your Mate

On February 9th we held a "Match Your Mate" night based on the popular "Newlywed Game"

Mike and Diane Goldberg, Lori and Glenn Siegel and winners George and Kathy Papasavas were our volunteer participants trying to match their spouse's response for fun questions like "What is their dream vacation?" "What is the first thing they do when they wake up?" and "Who would play your husband in a movie?"



Polar Bear Pickleball Players

Recently some residents were able to take advantage of some seasonably warm days in February to participate in Pickleball outdoors under the lights.

To see when people are looking for a game, make sure to download the Team Reach App and the Del Webb Florham Park group code is 082121.

Our neighbor..... Madison, New Jersey

When you turn off Park Avenue onto the road leading to the main gate, you probably have noticed the sign welcoming travelers to the town of Florham Park. Our community is located on the border between Madison and Florham Park. If you go out the back gate and travel through the corporate park you will end up at Madison High School. In the fall you might hear the band playing at sports activities, and this past spring, the roll call at graduation ceremonies. A one mile walk out the front gate will lead right into vibrant downtown Madison. It has some interesting shops, a variety of restaurants, and even a museum. It has a population of about 20,000.

The history of Madison can be traced back to the Native Americans who occupied the area after the retreat of the Wisconsin Glacier. The Lenapes were an agricultural group adapting their crops to the climate. The remains of their settlement are part of the protected lands of Jockey Hollow. The Dutch traded with the tribes during their efforts to establish New Netherland. During the British colonial period the Native Americans were driven further west. In 1715 the village of Bottle Hill was established at the intersection of King's Road and Ridgedale Avenue. To avoid the tolls on King's Road, a parallel road was established, the Shunpike. Morris County was established in 1739 and was divided into two townships, Hanover Township and Morris Township. Madison was known as South Hanover. In 1758 the Lenapes were required by treaty to vacate their lands and move west. They did become allies of the colonists in the Revolutionary War in hopes of regaining their lands. This never happened.

In 1806 when Morris County was reorganized Chatham Township was established. It included Chatham, Madison, and Florham Park. In 1834, the Bottle Hill designation was changed (for a variety of reasons) to Madison, named to honor President James Madison. On December 27, 1889 the village seceded from Chatham. Additional territory was added in later years.

In 1838, the Morris and Essex Railroad connected the area with Newark and Hoboken. This made for easy transport of goods and agricultural products. The railroad helped the rose industry grow in Madison. At one time, it was the number one producer of roses in the world, hence the nickname, the Rose City.

After the Civil War, the railroad attracted many affluent families from Manhattan to purchase land and build homes. This led to the development of "Millionaires Row", stretching from downtown Madison to downtown Morristown. To service these grand estates, immigrants came to the area. Other employment opportunities were provided by a factory producing umbrellas and straw bonnets. And the rose industry flourished requiring farm labor. From these early beginnings, Madison has grown into the great community it is today.

Bottle Hill AKA Madison, NJ

The original name given to the area we know as Madison, was Bottle Hill. The origin of the name has been debated over the years. None of the possible stories can be proven. There are a few worth sharing.

1. In 1716, 870 acres were given to John Hayward. This property was in the shape of a long neck bottle situated between two hills, known as a bottle lot. The name Bottle Hill was born.
2. Since many people were illiterate, a bottle was hung outside the first "public house." The area around the house was named Bottle Hill.
3. There is a story that two Indians broke a bottle in the area. It became known as "battle hill" which became "Bottle Hill."

It's March and that means Spring Cleaning!

10 Minute Decluttering Tasks That Will Have Big Results

<https://www.thesimplicityhabit.com/easy-10-minute-decluttering-tasks-that-will-have-big-results/>

As Muhammad Ali once said,

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth."

Calendar of Programs and Events March 2022



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 Chair Yoga-10AM Mardi Gras Meet & Greet-5PM	2 Open Bridge-2PM	3 Open Canasta- 2PM FDU England and Wales Trip Presentation- 4:30PM Poker Night-7PM	4 Walking Club -11AM	5
6 8 Ball Pool-1PM	7 Walking Club-11AM Open Mahjong -2PM	8 Chair Yoga-10AM Open Canasta- 7PM METC Lecture Series - 7PM	9 Open Bridge-2PM Bingo Night -7PM	10 Open Canasta- 2PM Closets to Adore Presentation- 7PM Poker Night-7PM	11 Walking Club -11AM	12 Bagels & Coffee Social-9:30AM
13 8 Ball Pool-1PM	14 Walking Club-11AM Open Mahjong -2PM	15 Chair Yoga-10AM Open Canasta- 7PM	16 Open Bridge-2PM HOA Board Meeting-5PM Board Game Night- 7PM	17 Open Canasta- 2PM St. Patrick's Day Event- 7PM Poker Night-7PM	18 Walking Club -11AM	19
20 8 Ball Pool-1PM	21 Walking Club -11AM Open Mahjong -2PM	22 Chair Yoga-10AM COA Board Meeting- 5PM Open Canasta- 7PM	23 Open Bridge-2PM Girls' Night Out-4:30PM	24 Open Canasta- 2PM Poker Night-7PM	25 Walking Club -11AM "West Side Story" Movie Night- 7PM	26
27 8 Ball Pool-1PM Oscars Pre-Party 6PM	28 Walking Club -11AM Open Mahjong -2PM	29 Chair Yoga-10AM Open Canasta- 7PM METC Lecture Series - 7PM	30 Men's Social- 6PM Book Club "West With Giraffes" - 7PM			
Please note that some dates and times are subject to change due to current COVID restrictions within the community.						