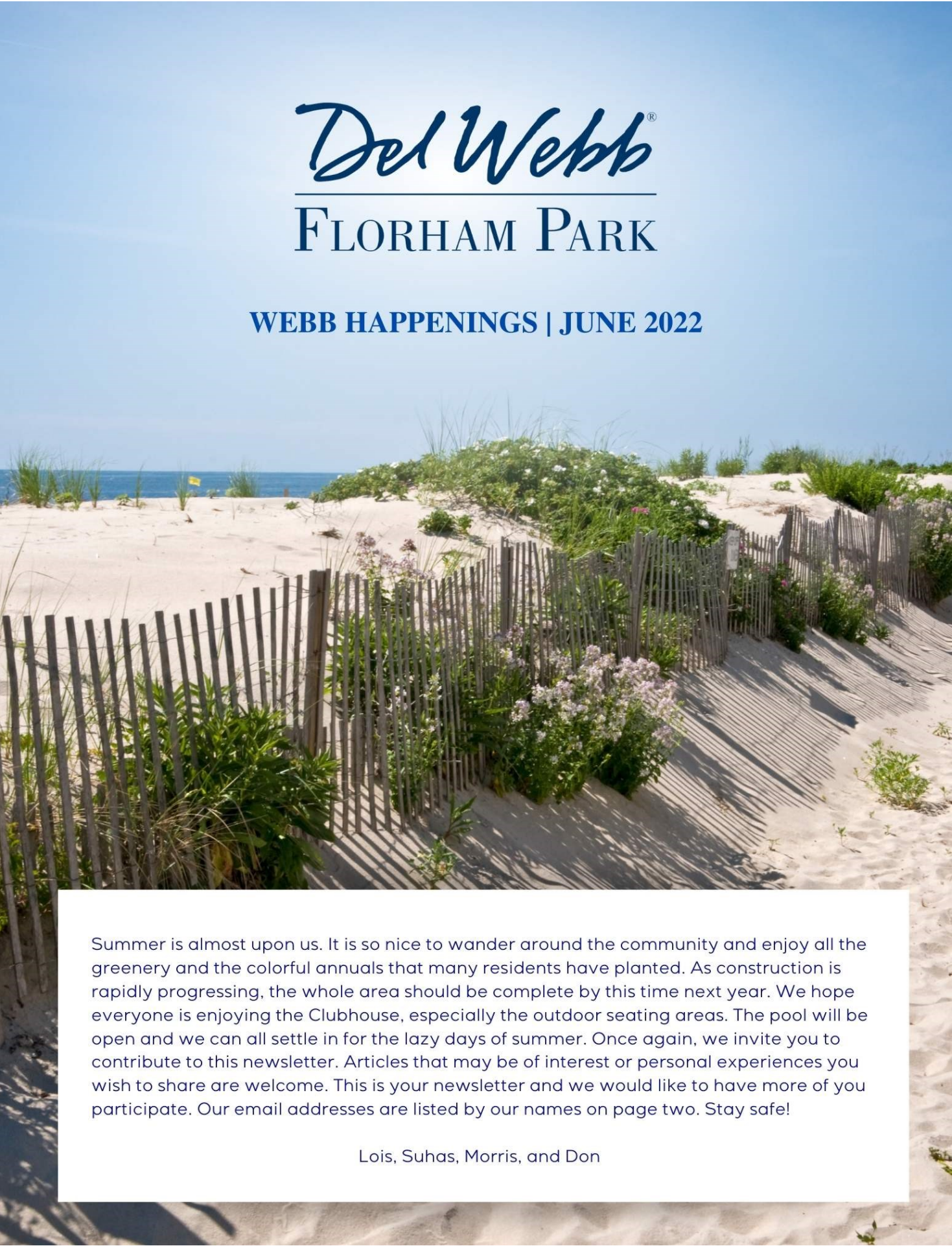




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FLORHAM PARK

WEBB HAPPENINGS | JUNE 2022

Summer is almost upon us. It is so nice to wander around the community and enjoy all the greenery and the colorful annuals that many residents have planted. As construction is rapidly progressing, the whole area should be complete by this time next year. We hope everyone is enjoying the Clubhouse, especially the outdoor seating areas. The pool will be open and we can all settle in for the lazy days of summer. Once again, we invite you to contribute to this newsletter. Articles that may be of interest or personal experiences you wish to share are welcome. This is your newsletter and we would like to have more of you participate. Our email addresses are listed by our names on page two. Stay safe!

Lois, Suhas, Morris, and Don

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Front Gate – 973-845-2098

(7AM-11PM Daily)

First Service Residential (Management Company) – 973-845-2040

[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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Mel Nutkis

Ken Sunberg

ARC Committee Update

There have been several questions regarding the topic of trash collection so here's everything you need to know.

We use Bill Pryer Disposal Services for trash removal. Trash is picked up every Monday and Thursday except for these holidays:

New Years' Day
Labor Day
Memorial Day
Thanksgiving Day
4th of July
Christmas Day

Trash containers must be black. Recycling containers must be blue with the recycle insignia on its side. Containers may be placed at the curb after 6 pm on the day prior to collection and must be removed by midnight of the day the containers were emptied.

Recycling is arranged by the Borough of Florham Park and is collected by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority. Pickups occur every two weeks on a Thursday. A pickup calendar is available on the Florham Park Borough website at this URL:

<https://www.fpboro.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2022-Recycling-Schedule.pdf>

If you missed the regular pickup, recycling may also be dropped off by residents at the Borough of Florham Park Environmental Center located at 295 Columbia Turnpike. The Environmental Center is open on Saturdays 8AM - Noon.

Heavy item pickup is provided by the Borough of Florham Park Public Works Department twice each year in May and September. **All residents are required to register the items to be picked up by calling the Department of Public Works at 973-410-5330** no later than noon on the Friday before the scheduled collection. Failure to call on time may result in your items not being picked up. All items must be curbside by 7:00am Monday of the scheduled collection week.

The Borough also offers a trash compactor located at the Environmental Center for bulk items. You will need to obtain a compactor card which allows use of the compactor six times per year. You can obtain a card at the Community Center Monday thru Friday, 9am until 4:30pm.

Our website has a page that tells you everything you need to know on this topic. Check it out here: <https://delwebbfp.com/trash-and-recycling/>

MONTHLY QUOTE

The people who are happy for your happiness and sad for your sadness are the ones who deserve a special place in your heart. They are your true friends.

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/>

Facilities Committee Update

The Facilities Committee is pleased to announce the addition of Jim Wolk. Jim and his wife Linda were early residents of Del Webb Florham Park moving in early in 2020. Jim brings his many years of experience in the electronic security field to us. He has been actively involved with the community since moving in and will be a great asset to all of us.

Del Webb Florham Park is getting very close to the 75% threshold of closed units. This will allow the residents to have two more seats on the HOA board. This will start the transition period. The facilities committee will be working closely with the HOA board during this time. This is to help ensure a smooth transition. The committee is in the process of identifying potential problems with our common spaces and have them presented to Pulte for correction. The one year check list is coming up for the clubhouse and repairs will need to be made. With this in mind no other major projects are planned until the transition is complete. If defects are found with the common areas, please contact the committee so it can be placed on the repair list.

The committee has recommended and the HOA board has approved a contract with USA Security Services for a maintenance contract for the front and rear (Doyle) gates. They will also be a resource for the security camera system. We are evaluating the current system and improvements will be made as needed.

The outdoor pool will be opening for our first full season. Since this is new to all of us the facilities committee and the HOA board have decided to start with a NO guest policy at the pool. We understand not everyone will be happy with this but we need to see how it works for the residents first.

We will continue to listen to our fellow residents and try to make our clubhouse and amenities as user friendly as possible.

The Facilities Committee can be contacted at facilities@delwebbfp.com

Instructions on Using the 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.

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.

MONTHLY HUMOR

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble!!

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went and then it dawned on me!!

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid but he says he can stop any time!!!

How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it!!!

Pickleball/Tennis Court Usage Guidelines

- 1-The use of all facilities including the pickleball and tennis courts are at your own risk.
- 2-Court hours start at 8am and end at 8pm 7 days a week. This is to limit disturbance to the homeowners/ residents in the area.
- 3-Tennis court usage for hourly play on the hour. It can be for either singles or doubles. If there is no one waiting play can be prolonged.
- 4-Pickleball open play. No private play during the hours listed below unless courts are available.
Daily beginners sessions from 9am-11am. Intermediate sessions from 11am-1:30pm. During open play use the paddle rack to maintain order. When players are waiting play to 9 points. Rotate players in to give everyone a chance. Play at an appropriate level (beginner or intermediate).
- 5-Pickleball private play. Courts can be used for private play of singles or doubles at times not listed above. Usage will be on the hour for one-hour blocks. It is not necessary to rotate during private times.
- 6-Residents may bring guests to play with them on the courts when the courts are not being used.
- 7- Be polite and courteous at all times. Please clean up after using the courts. If the lights are being used, please turn them off when play is finished.
- 8-These guidelines will be monitored and adjusted as needed.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Please be reminded that many exterior home modifications are subject to Borough of Florham Park approval. Modifications such as extending a patio, installing a generator, adding a deck and even installing a townhome privacy fence are subject to Borough approvals. Depending upon the nature of modification, an engineering letter must accompany the application . These approvals occur after the association approves your application but prior to the work starting.

Some contractors will handle this activity for the customer, but some do not. If unsure, we suggest contacting the Borough of Florham Park Zoning and Construction Office.

A useful link for additional information:

<https://www.fpboro.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Zoning-Application.pdf>

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.
- If a machine isn't working, please notify the clubhouse staff as soon as possible.
- The AED Machine is now located in the gym for easy access within the clubhouse.
- TV channels can't be changed within the gym itself at this time. Each individual TV has a letter noted on it (A,B,C,D) and these are currently controlled by the TVs with the same letters in the game room and the kitchen side of the social room.



INTERESTING FACTS FOR JUNE!!

600 – Pope Gregory the Great issues a decree saying “God Bless You” as the proper response to a sneeze

1498 – The toothbrush is invented in China

1533 -- Anne Boleyn is crowned Queen of England

1692 - Salem Witch trials begin

1735 – Alcoholics Anonymous is founded

1752 – Benjamin Franklin flies a kite and discovers electricity

1775 – The United Colonies officially changes its name to the United States

1792 - Kentucky becomes the 15th state in the Union

1812 – War of 1812 begins as the US declares war with Great Britain

1813 - The term “Don’t give up the ship” is coined by Captain James Lawrence

1859 – “Happy Birthday to You” was first sung

1867 – Alaska is purchased from Russia for \$7.2 million

1876 - Gen. George Custer and 7th Cavalry is decimated by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in the Battle of Little Big Horn

1884 – First Roller Coaster ride opens at Coney Island in Brooklyn, New York

1885 – Statue of Liberty arrives in New York City

1894 - Labor Day is established as a holiday for Federal workers

1898 – China leases Hong Kong to the United Kingdom for 99 years

1914 – Austria’s Archduke Ferdinand is assassinated by a Bosnian Serb leading to the start of World War I

1919 – Treaty of Versailles is signed ending World War I

1925 – Chrysler Corporation is founded

1933 - First drive-in movie theater opens in Camden, New Jersey

1934 – Donald Duck makes his debut

1936 – Adolph Hitler announces the construction of the Volkswagen Beetle

1938 - First Superman comic is published

1939 – Baseball Hall of Fame is dedicated in Cooperstown, New York

1942 – Anne Frank receives a diary as a birthday present

1944 - D-Day: more than 160,000 Allied troops land on 5 beaches along the French coastline in Normandy to fight Nazi Germany

1946 - First bikini bathing suit is displayed in Paris

1948 – The Milton Berle Show makes its debut on NBC

1959 – Fidel Castro overthrows the Batista regime and becomes the 16th Prime Minister of Cuba

1964 – The Civil Rights Act is passed after an 83-day filibuster in the Senate

1967 – First contraceptive pill is sold

1968 – Bobby Kennedy is assassinated in California

1971 – President Richard Nixon installs a tape recording system in the White House

1973 – Patent is granted for the ATM to Don Wetzel, Tom Barnes and George Chastain

1974 – The UPC (Universal Bar Code) is introduced

1983 – Sally Ride becomes the first woman in space

1987 – President Ronald Reagan challenges Russian President Gorbachev to tear down the Berlin Wall

1989 – Tiananmen Square Massacre as Chinese troops shoot pro-democracy protesters

1994 – Hundreds of people watched on TV as O.J. Simpson was chased by police in his Ford Bronco

1997 - First Harry Potter book debuted in the United Kingdom

2004 - Ken Jennings begins his 74-day winning streak on Jeopardy

2009 – Bernie Madoff is sentenced to 150 years for conducting a massive Ponzi scheme

2016 – United Kingdom votes to leave the European Union – known as Brexit

June 14 – Flag Day
 June 19 – Father's Day
 Juneteenth
 June 21 – Summer begins

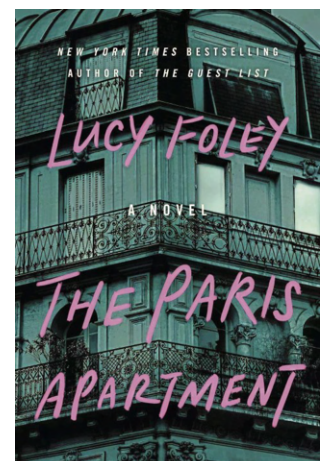
June Book Club

Join us at the clubhouse for our monthly book club discussions. Book club will be held two times this month. Tuesday, June 21st at 7PM and again on Wednesday, June 29th at 7PM. You only need to attend one meeting.

This month's book:

"The Paris Apartment" by Lucy Foley

July's Book is "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict



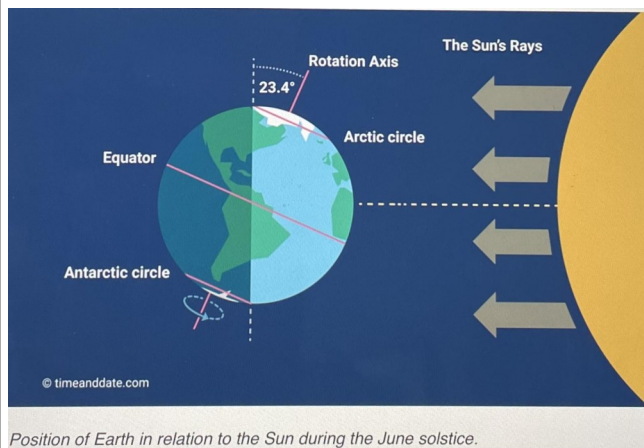
SUMMER SOLSTICE

The summer solstice is known as the longest day of the year. The sun reaches its highest position in the sky as the Earth arrives at the point in its orbit where the North Pole is at its maximum tilt (23.5 degrees) thus producing more hours of daylight than on any other day of the year. This is usually June 20 or 21 – this year in the Northern Hemisphere it is on the 21st. The word “solstice” derives from the Latin words *sol* which means sun and *sistere* which means to stand still.



Many cultures around the world celebrate this day with festivals and other rituals. Some regions call this ‘midsummer’ while others view it as the official beginning of summer.

The summer solstice marks the end of spring and the end of the days getting longer. After the solstice, we begin to see the days shortening until we reach the winter solstice and the shortest day of the year. Sunset occurs more slowly on the horizon due to sun’s angle. The sun around the Arctic Circle seems to hug the horizon for 24 hours thus giving us the term “Land of the Midnight Sun”.



On a personal note, while taking our grandchildren on a land trip through Alaska a few years ago, we found ourselves in Anchorage on the day of the solstice. Alaska is known to have very long and dark winters so the solstice represents a new dawn – a day filled with 22 hours of daylight giving way to celebrations. The streets within a 4-5 block area in downtown Anchorage were closed to traffic. Artists, musicians, street performers, concerts and other outdoor events were held delighting young and old alike. Men rolled huge truck tires down the street in a race to the end, children thrilled themselves on bungee cords as they jumped higher and higher, food and music were in abundance and it became a time etched in our family’s memory.

JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. From its Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, the observance of June 19th as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond.

The US will now officially recognize Juneteenth. President Joe Biden signed a bill passed by the Senate and House, June 15th and 16th respectively - with no opposing vote in the Senate and only minor Republican dissent in the House.

Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement and for planning the future. Its growing popularity signifies a level of maturity and dignity in America long overdue. In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today. Sensitized to the conditions and experiences of others, only then can we make significant and lasting improvements in our society.

One of General Granger’s (FYI - Granger commanded the Headquarters District of Texas) first orders of business was to read to the people of Texas, General Order Number 3 which began most significantly with...

"The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired laborer."

The celebrations that followed the reading of the proclamation by General Gordon Granger began a tradition that has lasted for one hundred and fifty-five years, and today is hosted in cities across America and beyond.

Father's Day

Father's Day is observed on the third Sunday in June. Credit for beginning the tradition is given to Sonora Smart Dodd from Spokane, Washington.

In the early 1900's, Mother's Day celebrations were growing across the country. It was not nationally recognized as a holiday, but many states had adopted the tradition. On June 20, 1909, Sonora was attending a church service to celebrate Mother's Day. She was struck with the idea that a special day should be created to honor fathers too.

Sonora had lost her mother while giving birth to her sixth child, the last of five sons. Her father became a single parent and raised the six children. It was not any easier then than it is today. Sonora decided that fathers should be recognized for their role in the family.

In 1909, Sonora approached the Spokane YMCA and the Ministerial Alliance and suggested that her father's birthday, June 5, become a celebration of Father's Day. The date was set at June 19 so there was time to prepare.

The first Father's Day was observed in Washington state on June 19, 1910. The idea spread and in 1924, President Calvin Coolidge recognized the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. In 1956, Congress officially recognized the holiday by passing a joint resolution.

In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson issued a proclamation calling for the third Sunday in June to be the date for honoring fathers. Finally in 1972, President Richard Nixon permanently established the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

Father's Day is celebrated worldwide on different days of the year. In some countries in Europe the celebration is held on March 19, St. Joseph's Day. The majority of the countries do celebrate the holiday on the same day we do.

Happy Father's Day to all the great dads in our community.

Our 42nd Season



FLORHAM PARK GAZEBO

2022 Concert season ~ 42 years of Community Service

Sunday, June 5 7:00 p.m.	Street Hassle An energetic and entertainingly powerful band performing Classic Rock, Blues, Motown & Pop with an incredibly powerful horn section.
Sunday, June 12 7:00 p.m.	Jesse Garron's Tribute To Elvis "The closest thing to the King" Ranked among the most respected acts in local and nationwide venues.
Sunday, June 26 7:00 p.m.	The David Aaron Orchestra 18 piece Big Band led by David Aaron on the clarinet. In Loving Memory of Ralph & Parris Loveys
Sunday, July 10 7:00 p.m.	Forever Ray Performing the exciting and uplifting music of Ray Charles, which includes a blend of styles ranging from Jazz and Blues to Country and R&B
Sunday, July 17 7:00 p.m.	Jimmy Sturr & His Orchestra The hottest musical attraction in the polka music field. 18 time Grammy award winner with 5 Gold records.
Sunday, July 24 7:00 p.m.	Beatlemania Again The National Touring Beatles Stage Show "Beatlemania Again" Relive the Music, The Magic & The Mania Live on Stage!
Sunday, July 31 7:00 p.m.	Separate Ways The closest you'll get to see of the early-mid 80's line-up of Journey live, ever. Don't miss the Ultimate Tribute to the music of Journey.

Food concession: Nathan's Famous food truck

All concerts are free, provided to the public through donations from local residents, businesses & attendees.
Location: The Great Lawn of Borough Complex, 111 Ridgedale Avenue. Bring your own blankets or chairs.
If the weather is questionable, please **DO NOT** call the Florham Park Police. Instead, please visit our web site:
www.florhamparkgazebo.com

The Florham Park Gazebo Concert series is now in their 42nd season of free, Sunday night summer concerts. This annual series is put on by generous donations from residents and businesses in the area.

Many residents attended these free shows last year with neighbors. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and there will be food concessions available from Nathan's Famous Food Truck.

In case of inclement weather or any updates, please check the website for the status of the show.

<http://www.florhamparkgazebo.com/home.html>

The gazebo is located just a few minutes away at: The Great Lawn of Borough Complex, 111 Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park.

DID YOU KNOW???

Betsy Ross probably had no idea that her sewing a flag in 1775 would culminate in a national holiday known as Flag Day!

On this day we commemorate the date in 1777 when the United States officially approved the design for its first national flag. However, it wasn't until 1916 when President Woodrow Wilson set aside June 14th as the official date. In 1949 Congress established this date as National Flag Day.

Our flag has symbolic importance: Red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence and blue symbolizes vigilance, perseverance and justice. The 13 stripes of alternating red and white and the circle of 13 stars on a blue field represent the original 13 colonies. As our country grew the flag was modified to add a star for each additional state. The original blue field of 13 stars is now depicted as 5 rows of 6 stars and 4 rows of 5 stars for a total of 50 stars.

In the early 19th century, Captain William Driver proudly flew the flag on his ship as he sailed thousands of miles from home. Driver recognized the symbolism for freedom and called the flag Old Glory to represent his feeling of comfort. He wrote in his journal *"It has ever been my staunch companion and protection. Savages and heathens, lowly and oppressed, hailed and welcomed it at the far end of the wide world. Then, why should it not be called Old Glory?"*

Parades are held in cities throughout the country to celebrate Flag Day. Quincy, Massachusetts claims they hold the longest-running parade although Appleton, Wisconsin disagrees. Troy, New York claims to have the largest. Three-Oaks, Michigan celebrates with a 3-day event.

Francis Scott Key was inspired by the flag during the Battle of Baltimore during the War of 1812 at Fort McHenry and wrote his poem that ultimately became our national anthem. ".....That our flag was still there....." still resonates in our ears!!

One of the oldest flag manufacturers in the US is local to us here in Florham Park. Annin Flagmakers has been making flags since 1847 and is currently owned and operated by Alexander Annin's descendants – the 6th generation to do so. Currently headquartered in Roseland, a large plant in Verona was closed in 2013.

So, on June 14th, display your flag proudly on this national day honoring the Stars and Stripes!!!!



On May 12, over 70 residents attended an entertaining and informative presentation by our resident astronomer, Jerry Krassner. Billed as a 1 hour overview of astronomy, it turned out to be a very engaging 2 hour combined introductory discussion and question/answer session. A wide variety of questions and topics were offered by the attendees, such as how stars are formed, life in the universe, interstellar travel, and cosmology (formation and evolution of the universe).

This event provided one example of the breadth of expertise of our community. We hope to schedule additional talks on various topics, and are soliciting suggestions and speakers. A talk on genealogy (how to research your family history) has been proposed, and other topics (architecture, law, current events, ...) are being considered. In addition to the learning opportunity, this is a great way to meet your neighbors.

If you would like to be a speaker, contact Colby to discuss topics, dates, etc.



Broadway in our Backyard

Both the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey at Drew University in Madison and the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn have now announced their 2022-2023 seasons. The Shakespeare Theatre's season will include a production of the Bard of Avon's **Much Ado About Nothing** on the Outdoor stage at the Greek Theatre at St. Elizabeth University in Florham Park, June 29-July 31. The indoor Main Stage at the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre at Drew University will offer:

June 8-26: **Enchanted April**, by Matthew Barber, adapted from the novel by Elizabeth Von Arnim.

Aug 17-Sept 4: **The Metromaniacs**, by Alexis Piron, adapted by David Ives.

Sept 21-Oct 9: **The Caretaker**, by Harold Pinter.

Oct 26-Nov 13: **Two One-Acts** by Alice Childress.

Dec 7-Jan 1: **Twelfth Night**, by William Shakespeare.

Tickets can be ordered by contacting the Box Office at 36 Madison Avenue in Madison by phone 973-408-5600 or e-mailing BoxOffice@ShakespeareNJ.org

The Paper Mill Playhouse at 22 Brookside Drive in Millburn kicks off the season with **On Your Feet**, an inspiring true story about achieving the American dream, from Oct 7–Nov 6, 2022. The other offerings of the 2022-2023 season include:

Dec 2, 2022–Jan 1, 2023: **The Sound of Music**.

Feb 9–Mar 12, 2023: **Disney's Hercules**.

Apr12–May 7, 2023: **Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express**.

May 31–Jun 25, 2023: **Rent**.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Box Office at 973.376.4343 or e-mailing Subscriptions@Papermill.Org

The Great Swamp, Lord Stirling Park

If you are looking for a place to get outside and enjoy nature, the Environmental Center at Lord Stirling Park is a great place to visit. It is located a short ride down route 287. The park is in the western part of the Great Swamp adjacent to the Great Swamp Wildlife Refuge. The 1,000 acre park contains 9.5 miles of hiking trails, 3 miles of Boardwalk, and separate trails for horseback riding. There are two wildlife observation blinds and two observation towers located along the trails. The Discovery Garden Trail is home to gardens of herbs, ferns, and a variety of native plants. There is a small arboretum. The Rain Garden is an example of native plants used to collect, filter, and recharge ground water.



The Great Swamp is a wetland leftover of the Glacial Lake Passaic which covered the area 15,000 years ago. Native American groups, including the Lenape tribe used the area. In colonial times, the land which is now Lord Stirling Park was part of the estate of William Alexander, Lord of Stirling, a general in the Continental Army.

Agricultural activities and logging changed the area in the 19th and 20th centuries. To preserve the land as a natural habitat, it was set aside for public use. Environmental programs have been ongoing since 1971.

<http://www.somersetcountyparks.org/parksfacilities/eec/eec.html>

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

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

Plumbers

Russo Brothers and Company 973 887 1334
K. Hoeler 973 882 2803
The Real McCoy 973 900 3139
Pat Cunningham 973 985 1650

Carpenter

Ernie Klepetz 973-727-5054

HVAC

Ron Jon 973 560 919
Air Group 973 929 2080

Handyman

Michael Turner 973 885 6714

Landscape

Cardinal Landscape 862 204 9428

General Contractors

McMahon Construction 973 948 2356
Michael Finelli 973 914 2437
Ramos Home Maintenance 301 642 0015

Furniture Repair

Sam the Furniture Finisher 973-579-2763

Painters

Hue Strong Painting 908 688 2586

Vent Cleaning

Crystal Clean 866 837 2662

Storage and Home Organization

Tailored Living 917 848 1125

John DeBello 973-896-5910

Interior Design

Mason Barrister Inc. 973 509 3000

John DeBello 973-896-5910

Awning

Majestic Awning 800 363 1181

Generator

Kobe Electric 908 722 5673

Window Coverings

Melanie's Custom Cover. 973 627 3021



FROM THE DW LENDING LIBRARY...

Thanks so much for your continued support to stock the Lending Library. As the community grows in population, our library does the same...hence, we limit the donations to the copyright date of 2012 or newer. Additional information about the library can be found at the library desk. By the way, the following locations accept used books:

Thrift Barns of Morris County – www.thriftbarnsofmorriscounty.wordpress.com

The Bargain Barn – 18 Pocono Road, Denville



SCAMS, SCAMS & MORE SCAMS

Have you been scammed yet? So many of your friends and neighbors – as bright as they are – have succumbed to a sales pitch or two that turned to be grossly false. In our last home, we foolishly pre-paid a contractor for some patio decking around a pool. A day or two later lots of materials showed up – but the contractor never reappeared. If the materials were worth what our deposit was, then fine – but they were merely a portion of what we paid up front. Scam? Rip-off? Stupidity? All the same I guess, in that we were out the funds we spent and it took a long while to get someone new who would use those materials!! BUYER BEWARE.

These days scammers have become more diverse and forever evolving. Here are just two new deals out there...

1. This is Chase Bank Fraud calling. You can trust us because the caller ID is the same as the number on the back of your card. Incredibly enough, they may even have some information about you – your address or account numbers – HANG UP & CALL CHASE
2. An email saying you ordered some product. If not, call 1.800.SCAMMERS. You can ignore these or just call the company using the number on their website. I get a few of these emails a week. NEVER EVER click on those links.

Things to note:

1. Do not make bad things worse. If you are being asked for more money; do not send good after bad.
2. Do not be too embarrassed to ask for help. Even the smartest, most knowledgeable people have been scammed.
3. It's OK to just call the police and report things.
4. If you think your financial information has been compromised – contact all those companies immediately and ask what you should do
5. If you think your computer may have been hacked and you do not know how to run those malware programs and antivirus checks – JUST TURN IT OFF. Unplug if necessary and find someone who does know.

The AARP has for years been a trusted resource for all these things. If you saw the page of all the recent scams, you would just not believe how creative the bad folks have become!!

Here is just what AARP believes are the top 8 right now. When you get to the link, scroll around and read other similar stories – it's a very informative website in general.

AARP SCAM PHONE # 877.908.3360

<https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2022/top-scams>

It's Good to Be A Senior

Are you a senior? Do you like free stuff? Do you like concerts? Do you think you would like free concerts for seniors? If so, you should know about the "*Garden State Arts Foundation*". *The Garden State Arts Foundation is a nonprofit foundation that provides free musical programming for seniors at the PNC Arts Center in Holmdel, New Jersey.*

Past programs have featured Crystal Gayle, Michael Feinstein, Bobby Rydell, Bobby Vinton, Frankie Avalon, Tony Orlando and Marvin Hamlisch. Currently they have scheduled the following programs for this year:

- Thursday, June 9th, 7:30PM - PNC Arts Center – *Cousin Brucie's Palisades Park Reunion featuring Tommy James and the Shondells, Little Anthony and the 1910 Fruitgum Company.*
- Thursday, June 23rd, 1:30PM - PNC Arts Center – *The Lettermen and comedian John Pizzi.*

To get information about securing tickets you can call (732) 442-9200 or visit their website:

<https://www.gsafoundation.org>

Strawberry Spinach Salad

Ingredients: 1lb. or more fresh or 2 bags of packaged spinach
1 pt. of fresh strawberries
½ cup of slivered almonds

Dressing: ½ cup of sugar
2 tsp. Sesame seeds and 1 tsp. Of poppy seeds
1 ½ tsp. Finely chopped onions
¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
¼ tsp. Paprika
½ cup olive oil (light)
¼ cup apple cider vinegar

Clean spinach and break into salad size portions and set aside to dry. Remove the stems and slice the strawberries. Mix the dressing ingredients and shake well making sure that the sugar has dissolved. Pour a small amount on the strawberries to coat. Toss some of the spinach with small amounts of dressing until coated. Repeat as needed. Layer the spinach on a platter or in a large bowl and sprinkle with strawberries and almonds. Repeat until done. Leave the remaining dressing out until ready to serve. Place the salad in the refrigerator to chill. Pour the remaining dressing over the salad just before serving and toss. Enjoy!

Mushrooms, mushrooms, mushrooms ... everywhere!

Chicken Marsala

Ingredients: 2 chicken breasts flattened ¾ inch thick.
Pound to ¼ inch thick.

2 tablespoons butter
6 mushrooms sliced
½ cup Marsala wine
1/8 teaspoon of salt
Dash of pepper
1 teaspoon of lemon juice
2 teaspoons of fresh parsley



Melt the butter in a skillet. Add chicken and cook over a low heat for 3-4 minutes on each side until golden brown. Remove chicken to serving platter. Add next 5 ingredients and cook mushrooms until tender. Pour white wine over chicken and sprinkle with parsley.

Green Beans with MUSHROOMS

Ingredients: 1 pound string beans
2 cups sliced mushrooms
2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil
12 oz. baby sliced portobello mushrooms
2 cloves minced garlic
Thyme, kosher salt, and ground pepper to taste

1. Trim off the ends of the beans and boil in lightly salted water for a few minutes until tender-crisp.
2. Drain beans and place in ice or ice water to keep from cooking further.
3. Heat olive oil in a nonstick skillet and set over medium high heat. Add the sliced mushrooms. Sprinkle thyme and salt on the mushrooms and cook while stirring them occasionally, until the mushrooms are tender.
4. Add the drained green beans to the pan and cook for a couple of minutes stirring frequently.
5. Add the salt and pepper and stir to combine for another minute.
6. Remove and serve.

Eggs Baked Over Sautéed MUSHROOMS And Spinach

Ingredients: 1 tablespoon of olive oil
only 1 large leek, white and light green parts
Cut into ½ inch pieces
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
thinly sliced 1 pound white or creaming mushrooms,
1 tablespoon soy sauce
¼ cup dry red wine
5 ounces baby spinach
Salt and freshly ground pepper
4 large eggs
4 slices of whole-grain toast



Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a deep skillet, heat the olive oil. Add the leek and cook over moderate heat, stirring until softened, 3 minutes. Stir in the butter and mushrooms. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until the mushrooms are softened and a lot of liquid is released, 7 minutes. Uncover and add the soy sauce and red wine and cover over moderately high heat, stirring until the liquid is reduced to 2 tablespoons, 5 minutes. Add the spinach and stir until wilted, 2 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Coat four ramekins or small gratin dishes with oil. Transfer the mushrooms and spinach to the dishes and crack an egg over each. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, until the white is barely set and the yolks are runny. Let stand for 2 minutes. Serve with toast.

Caution: Since we seem to have an abundance of mushrooms growing in our gardens, you may be tempted to harvest them to use in the recipes we have provided. NOT A GOOD IDEA! The grocer has what you need.

Bocce Night!

Mondays at 6PM.

Come join your neighbors for some weekly games of bocce. If you have never played before it is quick and easy to learn.



Pickleball

In early May close to 32 residents stopped by for afternoon sessions of beginner pickleball lessons with local pickleball ambassador, Michele Dabal.

For those interested in looking for pickleball games and times remember to check the TeamReach App.

Group Code 082121.

Recent Social Events and Gatherings Around the Community



A nature walk at the nearby Zuck Arboretum at Drew University campus, only a few minutes away from our community. Please note that the trails are not paved and can get muddy.

With the warmer weather, meet and greets at the patio are back. Come meet new and old residents of the community. Check the calendar for upcoming Wednesday early evenings to get together with others.



We had over 100 residents join us for a night of comedy and desserts at the social room in the clubhouse.

Another walking group joined together for a morning walk at the Traction Line. We met at the Convent Station to walk the paved trail that follows next to the nearby train line.



Other events in May included a night out at the Mayo Performing Arts Center to see "South Pacific", a men's social with pizza and wings from local pizzeria Angelina's, a Singles Club resident gathering, Movie Night, lectures with the Museum of Early Trade and Crafts, Master Gardener Lecture, Bridge and Canasta Lessons and more.

Memorial Day Weekend BBQ

On Sunday, May 29th we had perfect weather to kickoff the summer pool season with over 200 residents joining us for our first Memorial Day Weekend BBQ at the patio and pool area. Food was catered by American BBQ Company. Local DJ Chuck Russo had everyone up and dancing throughout the event. A big thanks to all who joined us and the Social Committee members for putting together a fun afternoon.



Memorial Day Remembrance

On Memorial Day, residents gathered near the flagpoles to acknowledge and honor the military amongst us and to those that have given the ultimate sacrifice so we can enjoy the lives and freedoms we have.



Calendar of Programs and Events June 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bridge Lessons 2PM Open Bridge-7PM	2 Open Canasta- 11AM Poker Night-7PM	3 Yoga- 8:30AM	4
5	6 Open Mahjong -2PM Bocce-6PM 8 Ball Pool-7:30PM	7 Chair Yoga-10AM Needlework Club-1PM Somerset Patriots Game-6:30PM	8 Bridge Lessons 2PM Meet and Greet-5PM Open Bridge-7PM	9 Open Canasta- 11AM Poker Night-7PM	10 Yoga- 8:30AM	11
12	13 Open Mahjong -2PM Bocce-6PM 8 Ball Pool-7:30PM	14 Chair Yoga-10AM Needlework Club-1PM Poolside Bingo-6PM Open Canasta- 7PM	15 Bridge Lessons 2PM Board Game Night- 7PM Open Bridge-7PM	16 Open Canasta- 11AM Happy Hour Yoga- 5PM Poker Night-7PM	17 Yoga- 8:30AM Washington Headquarters Tour - 11AM	18
19 Father's Day	20 Open Mahjong -2PM Bocce-6PM 8 Ball Pool-7:30PM	21 Chair Yoga-10AM Needlework Club-1PM Open Canasta- 7PM Book Club "Paris Apartment"- 7PM	22 Bridge Lessons-2PM Meet and Greet-5PM Open Bridge-7PM	23 Open Canasta- 11AM Poker Night-7PM Singles Group-6PM	24 Yoga- 8:30AM Karaoke Night-6:30PM	25
26 Giralda Farms Music and Art Festival -4:30PM	27 Open Mahjong -2PM Bocce-6PM 8 Ball Pool-7:30PM	28 Chair Yoga-10AM Needlework Club-1PM Open Canasta- 7PM Doug Simon: Climate Change and Nat'l Security-7PM	29 Bridge Lessons-2PM Book Club "Paris Apartment"- 7PM Open Bridge-7PM	30 Open Canasta- 11AM Poker Night-7PM	Tuesday, June 14th-5PM COA OPEN BOARD MEETING A link to login will be sent out prior. Please note that some dates and times are subject to change due to current COVID restrictions within the community.	