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Darts-Ladies	Trisha Monto Autore	201-341-5849		Carol Bendl, VP	973-778-2836
Darts-Men's	Anthony Mazza	908-209-7421	Welcome Committee	Marylou Galiano	908-770-5176
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GENERAL MEETING

May 8, 2025
1 pm

BRING YOUR NEIGHBOR

**Bring a can of food to each
General Meeting for
People's Pantry
1769 Hooper Ave., Toms River**

REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTER MEETING

Should there be inclement weather on the second Thursday of each month, which is our "General Meeting" day, the Board will postpone the general meeting and it would be held on the following Wednesday at the discretion of the Board.

OFFICE INFORMATION

Our Notary services are available at our association office by appointment. If a Shareholder is homebound, notary service will be provided in their home. Please call the office at (732) 349-1050 to schedule an appointment.

Photo IDs are available for new homeowners. Call the office to make an appointment.

Our office hours are:

Monday	9-12 Open	12-1 Closed	1-4 Open
Tuesday	9-12 Open	12-1 Closed	1-4 Open
Wednesday	9-12 Open	12-1 Closed	1-4 Open
Thursday	9-12 Open	12-4 Closed	
Friday	9-12 Open	12-1 Closed	1-4 Open

These hours are in effect as of 1/8/25.

GRASS-CUTTING DATES MAY 2025

The following dates are the start dates in the grass-cutting cycle – weather permitting.

- Friday – May 3rd
- Tuesday – May 15th
- Tuesday – May 27th

Joseph R. Palmerson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ray Mecca

We are into our fifth month of the year, and moving forward. April proved to be a busy month. We scheduled the replacement of curbing and some sidewalks in our parking areas along with the paving of the parking areas.

As I am writing this message on March 27th for the May Gazette I am hoping that the parking lots are paved and striped by the time you read this. Our hope is that we are ready for business and thank you to any of the committee's or clubs that may have lost some time during our campus repairs. We tried to limit the down time, and our Maintenance Department – Joe, Nick and Jim did a great job closing and re-opening areas for repair.

A few final items: the flooring in the Ladies Card Room is complete and looks great, and we are working on new chairs for the pool.

Don't forget the pool opens on May 24th. Please check out the pool regulations in this issue of the Gazette. There are some changes from last year. Have a great summer!

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HOLIDAY CITY CAREFREE HOMEOWNERS CORPORATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 13, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Remembering friends and neighbors lost to us in our Carefree Community, as well as our service men and women, police, firemen and first responders. President Mecca made special inclusion of three community members lost in the last week.

ROLL CALL: President Mecca, here; Vice President Joe Palmerson, here; Secretary Debbie Nasce, here; Treasurer Cathy Stanton, here; Director Manny Remelgado, here; Director Bob Onofrietti, here; and Director Ron Delaney, here.

Director Nasce read the January minutes prepared by Director Stanton. After a motion and vote, the January Minutes were approved. Director Nasce continued by reading the February Minutes. After a motion and vote, the February Minutes were approved.

President Mecca continued the meeting with announcing that four sample new pool chairs are in the Woman's Card room. If you get a chance, stop in and see them. Test them out, and let us know of any feedback.

President Mecca called on Director Stanton for information on the Community financials.

Director Stanton reported that we have \$1,241,530.00 in our reserves. Of that total, \$265,232.44 is in a money market account. She thanked the shareholders who have paid the assessments in a timely manner and said she is hoping for another prosperous year. The accountants will soon be closing our books and reporting the year-end figures. At that time, we will transfer additional 2024 monies to our Reserve account. Director Stanton thanked the Bingo Board individually, and all the volunteers who work the floor each week, including Director Nasce. Director Stanton reported being very grateful to all our clubs and volunteers for helping to keep Carefree running so well.

Directors' Reports

Director Delaney, Director Remelgado, or Director Onofrietti had no new information to report.

Director Palmerson had Director Nasce read his report this month, after having an eye procedure earlier in the day. Director Nasce told the Community about HR-82 which is the Social Security Fairness Act. This bill relates to the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset which allows government workers with 40 quarters of social security their full allowance. Next is the Bill-4904 and A-5301 which was legislation actually introduced in 2023 by Director Palmerson that addressed the Property Alert System and extends the waiting period from two days to ten days to transfer ownership of property under the quitclaim deed process. Then there is HR-1040 which eliminates seniors from paying federal tax on their social security income. We are in support of this bill and need to take an active role in letting our Congressional representative know to vote in favor of this bill. Director Palmerson is working with Berkeley Township and the Police Department in getting speeding under control on Bimini Drive. It was also reported by Director Palmerson that Turf Tech, our new community landscaper will begin grass cutting the week of April 15th. Next on the Agenda is the report of the Club Activities:

- Hi-Rollers – Next AC trip is April 7th to Resorts Casino. Need to fill the bus, if interested please contact Fran Lucante. FYI less than 1/3 of the bus is filled with people from HCC. 2/3's is people from the surrounding communities. We need your support.
- Arts/Crafts – no report
- Bocce – Ed Pruzinskis – March 13th is sign-up for both Bocce and Shuffleboard. The schedules will be available April 10th. The games start on May 5th. The meeting of the Men's Club is 2/20. Membership is \$5 per year.
- Bingo – no report
- Book Club – Lynda Schmid – This month, our book is "I was Anastasia" by Ariel Lawson.
- Also, the Gazette is sponsoring a Painting Party on April 5th. The cost is \$20. Come on out and show your support and paint your own picture to take home.
- By-Laws – Lynda Schmid – I have met with the Board. My committee and I are hard at work updating the By-Laws as required. We hope to have them finalized by November so that the Board can vote on adoption.
- Chair Yoga – Carol Bendl – come out and join our classes. They are non-strenuous and easy for you to get your body moving
- Code – Anthony Mazza – no report
- Corn Hole – Sue Segovia – Spring Corn Hole will be outside. More details to follow.

- Dance Party – Rosemary Kosinski – no report
- Ladies Darts – Trish Monto Autore – We meet on Monday night from 6:30- 8.00. We are in the seventh week already. We have a full roster of 72 women playing Darts.
- Election – Barbara Tupper – The Carefree Election will be held on Sunday, November 9th. There will be two open spots both are 3 years. Please consider supporting the work of the Community. Director Ron Delaney is our Board Liaison.
- Financial Advisory Committee – Dick Abanto – our committee is responsible for the financial statements of the community, audits of the clubs and bingo, review of bids and proposals for project. Our Board Liaison is Cathy Stanton. What about the Pickleball Courts?
- Free Care – John Stanton – If you need any type of medical equipment on a temporary or even permanent basis, please check with us as we have wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, etc. “Care Givers of Central Jersey” cover us for liability if someone comes to your house to fix, repair, etc. Also, they are located on Hooper Avenue in Toms River. We also have Emergency Cards available for you to fill out and post in a convenient place in your home in case of an emergency. Please let me know if you need one.
- Fran Newsome – Galavanders Club – Many upcoming activities are planned. Watch the bulletin boards or the Gazette for information. Next up is “1776” on May 17th at the Algonquin Theater, bus will leave at 11:45 am, and Dinner will follow show at the Shrimp Box in Point Pleasant. Then coming up on September 3rd will be “Buddy Holly”. More information to follow.
- Gazette – Joan Quinzer – The next Flea Market will be May 3rd. Tables are \$15. The Gazette committee is also running the Paint Party on April 5th.
- Line Dancing – Jackie Price
- Library – Lynn – a big thank you to all the volunteers who assist in keeping the library functional.
- Mah Jong – Janet Cooper – no report
- Neighborhood Watch – Joe Palmerson – Director Nasce again spoke for Joe. The next meeting is Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 1 pm. I encourage all residents to attend. I have invited a number of politicians, police and fire department personnel, a few town council members and the Ocean County Senior Services group. Your participation makes it possible for these individuals to join us and talk about the various programs available.
- Peggy’s Team – Joyce Costine – the women are hard at work knitting and crocheting hats, scarfs and gloves for those in need.
- Ladies Shuffleboard – Ann Krey – Meet on Wednesday night. Thank you so much to the Director Remelgado and the Board for getting the Shuffleboard table fixed in such a timely manner.
- Sit and Stretch – Pat Lewandowski – half hour class. No charge. Held on Monday and Thursday.
- Skee Ball – Bob Kennedy – Session is ending soon. Pizza party will be held on April 11th at 2 pm. Sign-ups for September will be in August. Look for announcements.
- Social Club – Mary Puleo – on April 3rd we will have Agnes Joan Negra as our speaker.
- Welcoming Committee – Mary Lou Galiano – Director Nasce reported that we are bringing back the Welcome Breakfast for new residents. The first one will be on Saturday, May 31st at 10 am. Residents who closed on houses in 2023 and 2024 will be invited first. We will have another breakfast in early fall. This will then be continued in the future.
- Woman’s Club – Sue Pruzinskis – Our next meeting is Thursday, March 20th. This will be our annual Saint Patrick’s Luncheon. We will also be collecting Easter goodies for the Salvation Army to distribute to those in need in Toms River. In April, our speaker will be from Deborah Hospital. Don’t forget we are sponsoring a Country Western Hoedown on April 26, 2025. Cost is \$20. Ticket Sales will be in the library. July 19th will be our Community Pool Party; more information to follow. On Saturday, August 26th, the Woman’s Club will sponsor our Second Gift Auction. More details will be forthcoming.
- Woodshop – Karen Erlenmeyer – we will be updating our Veterans’ Plaque in the lobby. If you know of someone who should be added please let us know.

Thank you to all the Clubs for making Carefree the Community we all enjoy.

President Mecca asked if there was any other business to come before the Board. He asked if anyone had any questions.

President Mecca announced the next General Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 10th. If there is no further business to come before the Board. I adjourn this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Nasce, Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORTING AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

WITH REFERENCE TO MERRILL LYNCH ACCOUNTS

Capital Reserve Balance forward at 2/28/25 (includes Snow Fund CD now Capital Reserve CD)	\$ 1,241,530.00
Net Interest and Dividends	<u>4,691.00</u>
TOTAL IN CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT 3/31/25 (CD's and Money Market Account)	\$ 1,246,221.00

(\$200,000 restricted funds)

(Includes \$473,592.39 in the Money Market Account)

A reserve CD with Merchants Bank in the amount of \$ 200,000 matured on 3/5/25 and the principal of \$200,000 was deposited into our Money Market Fund. Our Money Market Account is a cash account and some of these capital reserve monies will be used for the upcoming pavement of our parking lot and curbing as well as for the replacement of the tennis/pickleball court. Both of these projects are being undertaken in accordance with our Falcon Study.

We are awaiting the closing of our 2024 books by the Accounting Firm of Jump Perry. Once that has been accomplished additional monies due to be placed into our capital reserve accounts will be deposited to those accounts. That accounting will be provided immediately once it has been finalized. A first quarter, 2025 finance report will be provided as well upon completion of same.

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OPENING DAY IS MAY 24, 2025 through MONDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2025.

NO LIFEGUARDS ARE ON DUTY

POOL HOURS - Monday – Sunday from 10 am to 7 pm

POOL HOURS FOR CHILDREN - Children 3 or older are permitted to swim daily 10 am -1 pm and 5 pm – 7 pm.

- NO swimming diapers are allowed in the pool
- Children may **NOT** use floatation devices in deep water
- NO child under the age of 10 is permitted in the pool alone, a parent or guardian must be in the pool with the child.
- Children 10-16 that are in the pool must have a parent or guardian if not in the pool with their child must be at least sitting at the pool side watching their child not at a table.

EVERYONE MUST BE OUTSIDE THE POOL GATE AT CLOSING, NO EXCEPTIONS!

SMOKING/CIGARS/VAPING IS PROHIBITED IN POOL AREA AND ONLY ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS.

LAP SWIMMING - Lap swimming is only allowed Monday-Friday between the hours of 4 pm-5 pm.

ID CARDS- NO ONE will be allowed entry to the pool area without a Carefree photo ID and it **MUST** be presented to the badge checker. **ALL GUESTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A HOMEOWNER/RESIDENT AND THEY MUST REMAIN AT THE POOL WITH THEIR GUEST(S). EACH HOUSEHOLD IS ALLOWED ONLY 2 GUESTS.** ALL guests under the age of 16 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. Additional daily guest passes may be purchased from the badge checker for \$5.00 a pass. Under **NO** circumstances will an individual be allowed at the pool without the appropriate ID or guest pass.

POOL ID/PASSES- Are available at the Carefree Association office Mon-Tue-Wed-Fri from 9 AM -12 PM then 1PM – 4 PM and Thursday – 9 AM – 12 PM only. Call (732) 349-1050 to make an appointment for pool ID/Passes between these hours.

POOL RESTRICTIONS-

- NO RESERVING TABLES AND CHAIRS
- NO GLASS CONTAINERS ALLOWED IN THE POOL AREA
- ALCOHOL IS **NOT** PERMITTED IN THE POOL AREA
- NO RUNNING, DIVING, CANNON BALLING, JUMPING OR BALL PLAYING IN THE POOL
- NO FLOATS OF ANY KIND OTHER THAN NOODLES ARE ALLOWED
- NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO SIT OR BLOCK THE STEPS TO THE POOL
- HANGING TOWELS OR ANY ATTIRE ON THE FENCE OR UMBRELLAS IS PROHIBITED
- ONLY BATHING SUITS AND APPROVED SWIM CLOTHING ARE ALLOWED IN THE POOL, NO EXCEPTIONS
- HAIR BEYOND SHOULDER LENGTH MUST BE IN A BATHING CAP OR PUT UP
- SHOES MUST BE WORN IN RESTROOMS
- BARE FEET OR BATHING SUITS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE CLUBHOUSE
- UMBRELLAS MUST BE CLOSED WHEN THE HOMEOWNERS AND GUESTS VACATE A TABLE, AS SOON AS IT BECOMES WINDY OR WHEN THE BADGE CHECKER ORDERS THEM CLOSED.
- ALL TRASH MUST BE PLACED IN THE APPROPRIATE TRASH OR RECYCLABLE RECEPTACLE.
- **THE POOL AND SURROUNDING AREA MUST BE VACATED IMMEDIATELY WHEN THE BADGE CHECKERS OR BOARD DEEMS IT NECESSARY.**

RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE STAFF ON DUTY AT THE POOL- It is required that the Staff be given the complete cooperation and respect of everyone in the pool area. It is their responsibility to enforce the Rules and ensure the safety of all Homeowners, Residents and their Guests. If anyone should have any questions or concerns regarding these Rules, the Staff has been directed to immediately contact a Board Director for clarification.

INJURIES OR SAFETY VIOLATIONS must be reported immediately to the Badge Checkers/Association office.

SHAREHOLDERS (OWNERS) are responsible for any damage incurred by themselves or their guests.

THE RULES SHALL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED AND ANYONE WHO VIOLATES THEM SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE CAREFREE BY-LAWS PENALTIES AND FINES.

These Rules are in compliance with State law and have been established for the safety and comfort of our homeowners, residents and their guests.

Enjoy your 2025 Pool Season, Respectfully the **Carefree Board of Directors**

HONOR ROLL

We are pleased to announce, The Honor Roll committee, Karen & Rick Erlenmeyer and Sam Saporite, will begin updating the "Veterans Honor Roll" located in the auditorium lobby. The Honor Roll is for Carefree residents only.

All "new" candidates need to complete the form provided. Additional forms are available at the Carefree office. Veterans present their DD-214 or Veterans ID card.

If you know of a Veteran currently on the Honor Roll

and deceased, please fill out the form indicating they are deceased. A cross will be placed next to their name.

1st step is to gather new candidate information for 3-4 months, 2nd step to work with a Printing Company to design a new Honor Roll. Ray Mecca will be assisting the committee in the printing process.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Erlenmeyer at 316-640-5595.

HOLIDAY CITY CAREFREE VETERANS

HONOR ROLL *PRINT CLEARLY*

Name (AS TO APPEAR ON THE HONOR ROLL):

Phone: _____

Deceased: _____ YES _____ NO

PLEASE BRING PROOF OF MILITARY SERVICE TO THE CAREFREE OFFICE FOR VERIFICATION.

OFFICE HOURS:

MON-FRI 9-4 / CLOSED 12 -1; EXCEPT WEDNESDAY – HOURS ARE 9-12 PM)

Military DD-214: _____ YES OR Veteran's ID CARD: _____ YES

Military Branch of Service: _____

Verified by: _____

Date Submitted: _____

DOCUMENTATION WILL BE IMMEDIATELY RETURNED UPON PRESENTATION BY THE OFFICE. DO NOT LEAVE DOCUMENTATION/DO NOT LEAVE A COPY. Any questions, please contact Karen Erlenmeyer – 316-640-5595 or Sam Saporite – 201-931-6675

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Check #			
Amount			
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Due Date	10/1/2025	Name Quarterly Amount Due Address Payment Amount	\$150.00
Date			
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HCC Homeowners 4th Qtr Dues		After 25 days a charge of \$25.00 will be added per month until payment is made.	

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ONLINE: NJ DIVISION OF TAXATION – PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS **nj.gov/treasury/taxation/relief.shtml**

FILING DEADLINE: October 31, 2025

- The **online** application requires identity verification through **ID.me**.
- You must have one of the following: driver's license, state ID, passport card, or passport.
- Additional documentation may be required such as:
 - Property details from your Tax Collector's office or property tax bill for 2023 and 2024.
 - Gross income reported on your 2023 and 2024 NJ-1040.

I have arranged for State Senator Carmen Amato and his Staff to give a presentation at our Holiday City Carefree Clubhouse Auditorium on the **NEW APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR 2025**. He and his Staff will guide you through the process and answer any questions you may have.

DATE: Thursday – May 22, 2025

TIME: 1:00 pm

LOCATION: Holiday City Carefree Auditorium

I **STRONGLY ENCOURAGE** you to attend this presentation/seminar. I will not be able to assist you in the filing of the application.

Joseph R. Palmerson

SOCIAL CLUB

By Joan Quinzer

Welcome Spring!

We want to thank author Ronald Negra and his wife, Valerie, for coming and presenting his program on his book, "Waves of Hope".

Our May 1, 2025 meeting is going to be an interesting, one as Heidi Dziardziel, our Carefree resident author, will be our guest. She will give us some insight on writing a novel as well as explain the publishing process to get a book to the public. We will also have Beverly Jakalow talk about how she became interested in chair yoga.

On May 18th we will have "The Fabulous Dueling Pianos" for a Sunday afternoon program. Tony T. and Wildman Joe will be performing and inviting us to sing along with them. This an energetic duo who will have you singing along and up on your feet dancing. Program runs from 2 pm to 5 pm. Cost is \$15. BYOB. Cake, Coffee and tea will be served. Tickets will be on sale May 5th and May 12th in the Library.

Our June 3rd program we will be entertained by the "Berkeley Melodiers". The choral group will be singing music from Broadway shows. A free will offering will be taken to support the Berkeley Melodiers. So come on out and have a fun afternoon. June 22nd – we welcome back DJ Billy Phillips with his "From Motown to Yo 'Town". Billy is a fabulous performer and will have you up on your feet singing along with him and dancing to Motown hits. BYOB and Snacks. We will have coffee, tea and cake. Ticket cost \$17 and will be on sale May 19th, June 2nd, 9th, and the 16th. See flyer in the Gazette.

WOMEN'S CLUB

By Maureen Barbieri

The Woman's Club hosted a successful Country Western dance in April.

Our May 15th meeting will host Fran from Silverwood's. She will do a presentation on the "Power of Music". This will be an interactive event for the entire club.

The upcoming June 19th meeting is our Ice Cream Social. The Salvation Army will be on hand to collect Back to School items. Berkeley Senior Services will attend this June event to discuss programs available for all Seniors.

The Carefree Pool Party is scheduled for Saturday, July 19th and we are gearing up for our Gift Auction scheduled for September 27. More info to come.

MEN'S CLUB

By Steve Jakalow

The Men's Club meets the third Thursday of each month. Our volunteers staff the kitchen on Tuesdays for Bingo, as well as, the Poolside Café. The Poolside Café will be open Memorial Day Weekend (May 24th) with the opening of our pool. The Café will be open every weekend and holidays. We can always use more volunteers for the Bingo kitchen and the Poolside Café.

Our next meeting will be May 15th at our NEW TIME at 6:00 pm. Our guest speaker will be Veronica from Beacon of Life.

The Men's Club is sponsoring two 50/50 raffles. Memorial Day raffle tickets are \$ 5 each to be drawn on May 26th. The July 4th tickets are \$ 20 each and will be drawn on the 4th of July. Contact any Men's Club officer to purchase.

On May 3rd the Gazette will be holding a Flea Market and the Men's Club will be preparing and selling breakfast and lunch items between 7:00 am and 1:00 pm. So come on out and enjoy shopping and breakfast or lunch out!

New members are always welcome. You can join us at our monthly meetings or contact our President Ed Pruzinskis @ 908-721-2197 or Vice President Steve Colao @ 845-304-1365.

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THE NEXT MEETING AFTER THIS MAY MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

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ELECTION COMMITTEE

Hello Carefree Shareholders,

There will be a Board of Directors election in November, and we are recruiting Shareholders to join the Election Committee. This is a new year; a new beginning and suggestions and ideas are welcome. The Board of Directors granted the Election Chair direct contact with Carefree attorney, Karl Meth, by email to ensure we are in compliance with the laws and our Election proceeds legally and smoothly. The Election Chair shall provide the Board of Directors and the Bylaws Chair, Lynda Schmid, full disclosure of all communication with the attorney by being included in the emails.

No experience is needed to join the Election Committee. We will be under the guidance of the attorney, working closely with the Bylaws Committee and Board of Director; Ron Delaney is our Election liaison. Besides working on the Election for November 2025, we will also be writing the Election Manual which when completed, a copy will be in the Carefree office and available to Shareholders. Computer experience is helpful but there are non-computer tasks needed to be completed. It takes a village to run a community, and the Election Committee could sure use your help. Come be a part of the Election team; please contact Election Chair Barbara Tupper 732 664 9875.



GRASS CUTTING

By Joseph Palmerson, Board Liaison

SUMMER MONTHS

- If you don't want your grass cut:
 - Place a "Do Not Cut Grass" sign(s) as you have done in the past, if you did and/or;
 - Place a red and white lettering flag(s) on your lawn so as to not look like a junk yard. Flags will be provided by our grass cutting-contractor and will be available at our Clubhouse

GRASS CUTTING SCHEDULE

- Grass cutting is to commence the week of April 21st and follow for eighteen (18) cutting cycles in the start cycle (week)
- Cutting cycles shall have no more than ten (10) days and no less than eight (8) days apart
- Lawn cutting will be posted in the Gazette monthly calendar
- Every lawn shall be cut at a height of 2 ½ to 3"
- Hand trimming (weed whacking) shall be included in each cutting cycle
- All streets shall be cleaned of grass and debris
- Three (3) Round-Up applications to the curb line are included for the season

If there is a problem, contact our Office Staff to generate a complaint or concern. They will advise if you need to file a formal written complaint. Our Office Staff will determine whether or not to escalate your concern or complaint to the liaison level

- If you feel that our Office Staff has not satisfactorily addressed your concern or complaint, you may contact me 24/7 at 732-773-4234.

GALAVANTERS CLUB

By Fran Newsome

Trips have been updated. Tickets are reserved with full payment only. Without payment, you will be added to the wait list and paying customers have preference. Please book ASAP in order to not miss out. This is a new opportunity for entertainment and trips have been approved by the board. There will be no membership fees and all trips will be sold on a first come, first served basis. They will be open to Holiday City Carefree residents first. All ticket sales are final but there will be a waiting list where tickets can be resold if necessary. All trips include bus transportation from the HCC parking lot to the venue and back unless otherwise noted. All taxes and tips are included.

May 17, 2025 – \$ 120 - “1776” a musical about the shenanigans leading to the signing of the Declaration of Independence at the Algonquin 2 PM show time followed by dinner at Villa Amalfi. Dinner includes penne marinara, salad, coffee, tea and dessert with a choice of Chicken Francaise, Veal Marsala with mushrooms and Grouper Oreganata. Bus departs 12:45 PM from the Carefree rear parking lot.

August 24, 2025, \$115, Surfflight Theater 2 PM show, “The Buddy Holly Story” about the life and music of musical innovator, Buddy Holly. Dinner to follow at the Waterfront Restaurant in Lacey. Menu choices include salad, dessert and tea and coffee. Dinner choices include wild rice and Chef’s vegetables unless otherwise noted. The choices are: Filet Mignon with mashed potatoes and veg, Flounder stuffed with crab meat, Sautéed Sea Scallops, Salmon, Chicken Napoli - grilled chicken breast topped with spinach, roasted peppers and mozzarella, Drunken Parmesan - meatball and chicken parm over penne ala vodka, Eggplant Napoleon - eggplant topped with spinach, roasted peppers and mozzarella over penne marinara. Meet in the HCC rear parking lot at 12:30 pm for the bus.

Unpaid reservations for all events will be put on a wait list until ticket is paid for. There is no guarantee that seats will be available.

TICKET SALES: Tickets are available the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Library from 11 – 12 PM. Contact Fran Newsome at 732-569-3925 for additional information and/or reservations.

PEGGY’S TEAM

By Joyce Costine

Can you believe we are in May already? The outdoor activities have begun. I hope the weather allows us to participate. These (sports) keep us moving which is essential to all of us plus it’s a lot of fun.

The good weather does not stop the ladies on Peggy’s Team from making the hats, scarfs and mittens as we all know winter will creep up on us.

Let’s enjoy the here and now. The pool will open soon for all of us to enjoy. Hope to see you all there.

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MENS LEAGUE

From: Monday May 5th 2025 5 pm thru Monday August 11th 2025 5 pm. No games on Monday May 26th Memorial Day

MIXED MORNING LEAGUE

From: Wednesday May 7th 2025 9 am thru Wednesday August 13th 2025 9 am

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

From: Wednesday May 7th 2025 5 pm thru Wednesday 13th 2025 5 pm

MIXED NIGHT LEAGUE

From: Friday May 9th thru Friday August 15th 2025 5 pm. No games on July 4th 2025

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SILVER BRUSHES PAINT& CAKE PARTY

By Joan Quinzer, Gazette Sponsor

We had 40 women and men creating spring umbrellas, single or double boot flower bouquets on canvas board with acrylic paint, all under the guidance of our resident Silver Brushes painter Lynda Schmid. She guided everyone to express their individuality using paint as the medium. Painters, Grace Mataka and Trish Monte Auturo, were on the stage as visual demonstrators. It was amazing to see

40 canvases – all different! Take a look at the paintings on this page – each is a unique creation!

Everyone had a wonderful time and look forward to another Paint & Cake Party. Thank you to Lynda and her husband, Gary, for making a raining Saturday special and to Janet Cooper from the Gazette who assisted at the party. We hope to have another Paint & Cake party in late fall.





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- Currently there are 1800 solar panels – 900 not taken and will be filled when recipients leave the program or the area
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I have arranged for Mayor John Bacchione to give a presentation at our Holiday City Carefree Clubhouse Auditorium on the **Berkeley Township Community Solar Field** program. He will inform you of the program, guide you through the process and answer any questions you may have.

DATE: Thursday – May 22, 2025

TIME: 1:00 pm

LOCATION: Holiday City Carefree Auditorium

I **STRONGLY ENCOURAGE** you to attend this presentation.

Joseph R. Palmerson

V.F.W. POST 10185 NEWS

By Commander James Egan 732-644-2119

The next meeting of Silver/Holiday V.F.W. Post 10185 will be held on Thursday, May 1st, at 1:00 PM at the Silver Ridge Park West Clubhouse, 145 Westbrook Drive. We meet in the daytime, so you do not have to drive at night.

To join our post, just bring a copy of your Discharge (DD-214) to our meeting and you'll receive a hardy welcome and refreshments before the meeting. If you need a ride to the meeting or want more information without any obligation call Past Post Commander James Egan at 732-644-2219.

Remember if you hear of any Post member passing away or being in the hospital, call any Officer and let him know

Thursday, May 8th World War II ends in Europe.

Sunday, May 11th is Mother's Day.

Saturday, May 17th, is Armed Forces Day. Notice the Holiday City Berkeley First Aid Squad Memorial service will be at 10:00 AM.

On Monday, May 26th, is Memorial Day. Because it was first proclaimed this day on May 5, 1866. It was a day to honor all who died in the Civil War. Business was closed, graves were decorated with flowers and all flags were flown at half-mast.

The VFW State convention will be from 5/28 to 5/31, in Wildwood, New Jersey.

The VFW would like you to drop your old and faded Flags off at either H. C. S. Clubhouse (Main Building), S. R. P. W., S. R. P. N., S. R. P. E., S. R. P. Westerly, Holiday Heights, and Holiday City Berkeley Clubhouses.

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Holly Twig

Susan Schmied

The Annual Gift Auction which will be Wednesday, June 11th at the HC Berkeley Clubhouse 2, located at 631 Jamaica Blvd is almost sold out. Call us to arrange to buy your ticket. No tickets are sold at the door.

The price of admission is \$15 which will be your admission and one sheet of prize tickets. This year our prize value will be a minimum of \$50. Local businesses, theater companies and sports venues have been very generous. There will also be a 50/50.

Holly Twig continues to accept donations of yarn which is used to make baby hats for the newborns to wear home as well as hats and lap blankets for the oncology department.

The Second Time Around thrift and consignment shop which is operated by the Community Medical Center Auxiliary is most definitely one of Toms River's hidden gems. The shop will be celebrating its 50th anniversary next October. When it first opened it was tucked away in the basement of the hospital. Today it is a department store with a huge variety of items for everyone. It is tucked out of sight off Route 37 on Industrial Way. This is another

worthwhile place to volunteer to make a difference.

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**Holly Twig, 270 Bonaire Drive, Toms River, NJ
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2025 GRASS-CUTTING SCHEDULE

CUT NUMBER	DATE	DAY OF THE WEEK
1	04/21	MONDAY
2	05/03	SATURDAY
3	05/15	THURSDAY
4	05/27	TUESDAY
5	06/07	SATURDAY
6	06/19	THURSDAY
7	07/01	TUESDAY
8	07/12	SATURDAY
9	07/24	THURSDAY
10	08/04	MONDAY
11	08/15	FRIDAY
12	08/26	TUESDAY
13	09/08	MONDAY
14	09/20	SATURDAY
15	10/02	THURSDAY
16	10/17	FRIDAY
17	11/10	MONDAY
18	12/04	THURSDAY

Note: These are tentative dates and could be changed due to weather. It takes the contractor several days to cover all of the HHC.

**Joseph R. Palmerson, Director
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May 22 Ann Shea
May 25 Joseph Palmerson

BELATED BIRTHDAYS

April 3 Ann Krey
April 22 Barbara Reese

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11 MOTHER'S DAY	12 10-12 Noon SC T/S (Lib)	13 9 AM Outdoor Shuffle Starts 10-12 Noon WC T/S (Lib) 4:30 pm Bingo	14
18 2-5 PM Social Club "Dueling Piano's" (Audi)	19	20 4:30 pm Bingo	21
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY 10-12 Noon SC T/S (Lib) NO BOCCE BUILDINGS CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	27 GRASS CUTTING 4:30 pm Bingo	28
<u>EVERY SUNDAY</u>	<u>EVERY MONDAY</u> 8:00 am Walking (Audi) 9:30 am Sit & Fit (Audi) 10:30 am Chair Yoga (Audi) 5:00 pm Men's Bocce 6:00 pm Mah-Jongg (LCR)	<u>EVERY TUESDAY</u> 8:00 am Walking (Audi) 9:00 am Woodshop 9:00 am Arts & Crafts (SBR) 9:00 am Outdoor Shuffleboard 10:00 am Fitness Class (Audi)* <u>Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month</u> 10:00 am Book Club (LCR) 3:00-5:00 pm FAC (LCR)	<u>EVERY WED</u> 8:00 am Walking (A 9:00 am Woodshop 9:00 am Mixed Boc 12:30 pm Line Dan 1:00 pm Mah Jongg 5:00 pm Women's B

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Bocce Starts High Rollers T/S 's Bocce Starts	8 1 PM General Meeting (Audi)	9 5:00 PM Mixed Bocce Starts	10
	15 GRASS CUTTING 1 PM WC (Audi) 6 PM MC (Audi)	16	17 12:45 PM Bus Departs for Galavanners Trip
	22 1 PM Neighborhood Watch	23	24 10AM-7PM POOL OPEN
	29	30 9:15 AM FreeCare (SBR)	31
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Verizon: 800-837-4966
Do Not Call - Stop Telemarketing: 888-382-1222

Gas, N.J. Natural Gas Co.: 800-221-0051
Gas Leaks: 800-427-5325
Sewer, Berkeley Sewer: 732-269-3500
Water, Veolia Water: 732-349-0227
Lifeline Utility Bill Support: 800-792-9745
Streetlight Outage: 1-888-544-4877

Transportation:

Ocean Ride: 732-736-8989
Berkeley Outreach: 732-244-9600

Veteran's Affairs: 732-929-2096

Community:

Caregivers of Central Ocean County: 732-505-2273
County Office of Senior Services: 732-929-2091
or 800-668-4899
Nursing Home Complaint Hotline: 800-792-9770
Holiday City Berkeley: 732-341-5707
Holiday City Carefree: 732-349-1050
Holiday City West: 732-240-4422
Holiday City Heights: 732-244-8686
Holiday City South: 732-341-8900

Medicaid Hotline: 800-633-4227
Meals on Wheels: 732-367-1400
PAAD: 800-792-9745
Senior Gold: 800-792-9745
Silver Ridge North: 732-286-4868
Silver Ridge East: 732-505-1081
Silver Ridge West: 732-244-1484
Silver Ridge Westerly: 732-341-6153
Sonata Bay Club: 732-269-8278

Berkeley Township:

Berkeley Recycling Center

(Resident Dropoff Center)
Public Works Dept., Pinewald-Keswick Rd.
Hours: M-F 7 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Hazardous materials have a special drop off day or you
can call the Public Works Dept. 732-349-4616

Garbage and Recycling 732-341-1022

Garbage and trash are NOT to be placed outside prior
to 4:00 p.m. the night before pickup.

This is not only a Carefree ruling; it is also a Berkeley
Township ordinance.



CAREFREE FRIDAY DANCE PARTY

Every Friday in the Clubhouse at 11:30 am is our Carefree Dance Party. We call it a Party because our Friday dance class is extremely popular. You do not need a partner all you have to bring is your love of the dance. You don't have to know the steps because the dance steps are easy to follow and we play a variety of 50s, 60s, 70s and current music that everyone knows and loves. Classes are 1 hour long. The fee is \$3.00 per session. Come join us for a fun and enjoyable way to exercise and feel free to bring friends along who live in and out of our community. All are welcome. If you have any questions please call Rosemary Kosinski 732-232-5430. SEE YOU ON THE DANCE FLOOR.

CHAIR YOGA



DAY: MONDAY

DOORS OPEN: 10:00 AM CLASS AT: 10:45 AM

DAY: FRIDAY

DOORS OPEN: 9:45 AM CLASS AT: 10:00 AM

COST: \$ 3.00 PER SESSION

WHERE: CAREFREE CLUBHOUSE AUDITORIUM

INSTRUCTOR: BEVERLY JAKALOW

INFORMATION:

NANCY LUCAS 973-809-8612 OR CAROL BENDL 973-778-2836

MAH JONGG

By Janet Cooper

There is enough interest in Mah Jongg that it will be two times per week that you can play:

Monday night 6 pm

Wednesday from 1 pm

Game is played in the Ladies Card Room behind the Library.

If you have wanted to learn how to play and/or need to refresh your skills, come on out and enjoy!

Please call either Janet Cooper at 732-341-2545 or Antoinette Maloney at 732-551-2510 with any questions. Hope to see you there.

CAREFREE FITNESS

by Rosemary Kosinski

The classes are doing extremely well. Participants are enjoying the classes on many levels. The class provides music, fun, strength training, balance and coordination for seniors. The equipment we use is a plastic ball 7 to 8 inches in diameter that can be gripped in one's hand, an elastic band with handles, hand weights at whatever strength you are used to and bottled water. The classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 am. The fee is \$3.00 per class. The class is open to men and women. Come out and join us for a fun 45 minute class that will bring benefits to us all.

LINE DANCING

By Kathie Schultz

Line Dancing is on every Wednesday at 12:30 pm in the auditorium except for July and August. Come on out and bring a friend to have fun learning new steps and a refresher on old steps.

ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP

The Arts & Crafts group meets year round to work on their individual projects on Tuesday mornings from 9 to 11 am.

If you want a friendly place to work and keep cool this summer, come on out to the Arts & Crafts group.

We work on various individual projects such as plastic cross-stitch, cross-stitch, knitting and crocheting while we socialize and share ideas. Everyone is welcome!

Call Carol Ann Drost at 732-557-0042, if you have questions.

Memorial Day

Last Monday in May



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CEMETERY
CEREMONY
COMMEMORATE
DECORATION
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FLAGS
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WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SHARE ONE DAY A WEEK

TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

IN OUR COMMUNITY.

TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED AS WELL AS BENEFITS.

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

732-240-3933 / 732-240-4999

NOTARY NOTICE:

We have a Notary Public working in the office.

**By Appointment
Call Office**

You must have a valid driver's license and/or another form of identification with you at the time your documents are being notarized. Please do not sign your documents prior to getting them notarized or the notaries will not be able to service your need.

Please call prior to going to the office to ensure that Notary is available.

Change of Ownership

You must notify the Homeowners Association office if you have a change of ownership of your home. We need to keep accurate records for voting purposes and to maintain our Senior Community Status.

SENIOR PUBLISHING COMPANY accepts advertisements and advertisements are based upon information provided by the advertiser. SENIOR PUBLISHING COMPANY does not independently investigate the accuracy of advertisement content and does not warrant or represent the accuracy of the content of any advertisement.

Police Tip Line

732-341-1132 prompt: Detective Bureau

Last prompt: Tip Line

Mayor John A. Bacchione

Complaint Line

732-244-7400, Ext. 1203

(24 hours a day)

NOTICE

Please Keep A Lid On Your Recycling Cans. With All The Windy Days We Have, It's Not Fair That Our Recycling or Garbage Ends Up All Over Our Neighbors Yard. Keep Carefree Clean.

Attention

Photo Identification - If you still have not received your new Photo Identification, please call the office to make an appointment. 732-349-1050

Representatives in Washington

Senator Andy Kim

2444 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515
202-224-4744

Senator Cory Booker

141 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
202-224-3224

Congressman Chris Smith

2373 Rayburn – HOB
Washington, DC 20515
202-225-3765

Representatives in Trenton

Senator Carmen F. Amato

620 West Lacey Road
Forked River, NJ 08731
609-693-6700

Assemblyman Gregory E. Myhre

620 West Lacey Road
Forked River, NJ 08731
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Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf

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FROM THE DESK OF SOPHIA GINGRICH

MAY 2025

Councilwoman Sophia Gingrich May 2025 Letter

May 11th, is the time of year when we celebrate “Mother’s Day”

“Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, comrades and friends—but only one mother in the whole world.” by Kate Douglas Wiggin

May 3rd Kentucky Derby

May 5th Cinco De Mayo

May 11th Mother’s Day

May 26th Memorial Day

Now that May is upon us, we will all be enjoying the nice weather, after a very long and unpredictable winter.

I know many residents here in our community will be making plans to work on projects to beautify their properties or just to make repairs. If you have plans to do any repairs or renovations, please remember to do your due diligence when hiring a contractor. The Berkeley Township Web site has many helpful points of information so that you protect yourself, the consumer. A few of the points given are:

TIPS FOR CONSUMERS

The Contractor must have a NJ Consumer Affairs Registration/License number and it should resemble this style number (#13VH12345600)

****Contact Consumer Affairs to see if this NJ registration/license is good and if consumers have filed any complaints against the contractor and to ensure the contractor is registered.**

**** Get written estimates from at least three contractors.**

****Ask the contractors how long they have been in business, if they have liability insurance (as required by law), and whether they will be using subcontractors on the project.**

**** Contact the references your contractor gives you. Ask the referenced person whether the job was completed on time, whether there were any unexpected costs, whether the workers showed up on time and cleaned up when they finished, and whether they would use the contractor again.**

**** Ask your contractor about his or her professional affiliations and confirm the information with those organizations.**

**** Do not pay for the entire job up front. The customary arrangement is one-third in advance, one-third halfway through the job and one-third upon completion. Do not pay with cash.**

KNOW THE LAW

Obtain a written contract. Contracts for home improvement projects costing \$500 or more must be written and must include the legal name and business address of the contractor as well as a start date, a completion date, a description of the work to be done, and the total price. To learn more information about hiring a contractor, information is provided on our website below:

Website: www.berkeleystownship.org -Berkeley Township local website has Mayor Amato, updating the website with local news and business events.

Website:www.btrec.org -Berkeley Recreational Center, located 630 RT 9 in Bayville. This Division of Recreation post all the social events that are happening here in Berkeley Township, they include our special events, concerts, golfing, adult and children programs.

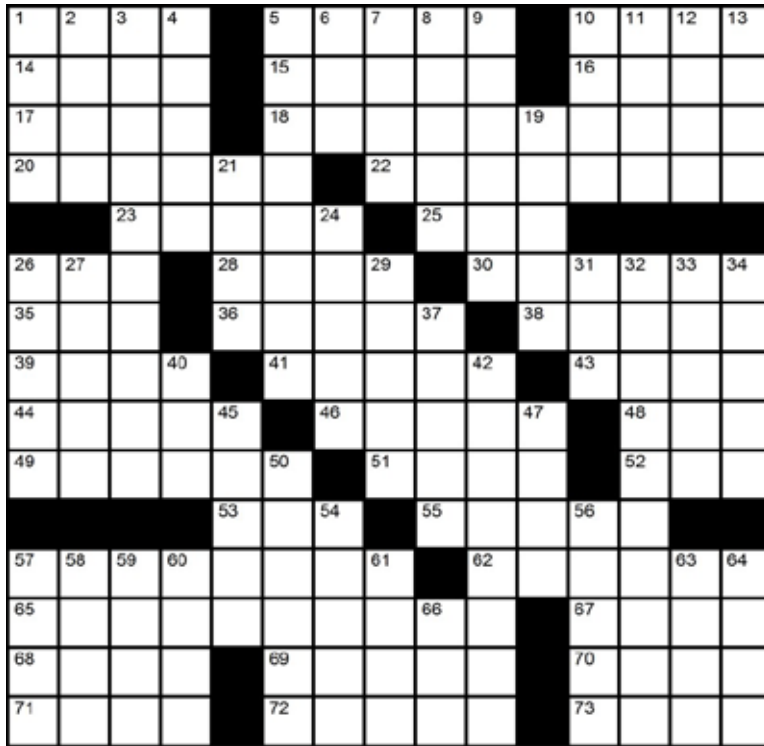
If you need to speak to me, please email or call: You can leave me a message by calling: phone 732-244-7400 ext. 205.

Sophia Gingrich, Councilwoman

Email: sophiagingrich737@gmail.com (Berkeley Township: Ward 4, HC Berkeley, HC Carefree, HC West and HC Silver Ridge Park)

Reminder: Attend your next shareholder/homeowner’s meeting, Please attend, it is important for each homeowner to be involved in their community.

Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Opposite of neither
- 5 Protect
- 10 "Four and twenty blackbirds baked in ---"
- 14 On the ocean
- 15 Publish
- 16 Route
- 17 Via
- 18 Serviced
- 20 Cotton Club setting
- 22 Jamboree
- 23 Up
- 25 Intelligence agency
- 26 Not traded on a stock exchange
- 28 Top guns
- 30 Ethnic
- 35 In favor
- 36 Adeptness
- 38 State animal of Maine
- 39 The Sultan of Swat
- 41 Talent seeker
- 43 Shuttle operator
- 44 Behaved
- 46 Wished
- 48 Beat
- 49 Accidental dive
- 51 Feeble
- 52 Some foreign Government heads
- 53 Except
- 55 Comic --- Martin

- 57 Light metal
- 62 Knuckleheads
- 65 Suspension
- 67 Duration
- 68 First to die in the Bible
- 69 Untrue
- 70 Egyptian dancing girl
- 71 Dabbling duck
- 72 Absquatulates
- 73 Drip slowly

DOWN

- 1 Tub
- 2 Workplace regulation agency
- 3 Unglazed brownish-red earthenware
- 4 Pulls
- 5 Ingenious sales devices
- 6 World's largest economy
- 7 Expression of incredulity
- 8 Scrap
- 9 Despise
- 10 Parched
- 11 Small lake
- 12 U N nuclear watchdog
- 13 Swirl
- 19 Warning signal
- 21 Touchdown forecasts
- 24 German state
- 26 O founder
- 27 Temporary peace
- 29 Single-masted sailboat
- 31 Electrically charged particle
- 32 Maritime refugees
- 33 Tea-growing Indian state
- 34 Inclines
- 37 Southern hemisphere constellation
- 40 "He'd make a lovely corpse" (Dickens: "Martin Chuzzlewit")
- 42 1,000%
- 45 Kind of card
- 47 Artificially-colored
- 50 Went on the lam
- 54 Like Mayberry
- 56 Travel stamps
- 57 "I --- my wit's end"
- 58 Projecting part of the brain
- 59 Common fertilizer ingredient
- 60 Shopping center
- 61 Height of Denver
- 63 Dull
- 64 Sudden
- 66 Employ

Solution on page 34

HCC COMMUNITY NEWS

The Board of Directors is proud to announce our new video station, Holiday City TV. If you can't get to a meeting or want to watch (on your Phone, Lap Top, TV or Computer) what was said at a meeting, you can now watch the meeting by going to our web site:

WWW.HCCAREFREE.COM

Once there scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the VIDEO icon on the right. You then will be taken to any of our videos we have posted from the Board of Directors.

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NEW COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

The Board of Directors wants to let you know a little bit about our new **Bulk Email System** that has just been implemented. Our ROBO Call system will still be used using our phone messaging system. The ROBO Call messages may have a heavier weight to the message than our Bulk Email System. So the need to deliver the message by ROBO Call might be more vital than an Email message. ROBO Call messages are usually Board of Directors notifications.

Staying informed through emails from Holiday City Carefree is essential for fostering a sense of community and connection among residents. These emails are not just messages; they are a lifeline that keeps you connected to your neighbors and the vibrant activities happening around you. From exciting events to engaging activities, our regular updates ensure that you never miss out on the fun and camaraderie that our community offers. By reading these emails, you can participate in a variety of events that enhance your experience living in Holiday City Carefree. They also serve as a vital resource for accessing essential information and local services that are available to you. We encourage everyone to appreciate the importance of these timely updates and to stay engaged with the community.



Please Read This Important Announcement

Robodial System in Place at Carefree for Emergencies

ATTENTION CAREFREE COMMUNITY

Our community started a ROBODIAL communication for emergency situations only, i.e., major storms, evacuations, extended outages, etc.

It is a pre-recorded call that will go directly to your home telephone number. Please make sure that we have your correct home telephone number.

If you wish to use your cell phone number as your main contact, please fill out the authorization to call your cell phone and return to the office. This is required by the FCC. If your cell phone number is your main contact and you do not fill out this form, you will not receive the pre-recorded messages.

Please remember to keep the office informed every time you have a change of telephone number.

ROBODIAL CELL PHONE AUTHORIZATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CELL #: _____ **HOME #:** _____

I, HEREBY, GIVE HOLIDAY CITY CAREFREE THE AUTHORIZATION TO USE MY CELL PHONE NUMBER, AS THE MAIN CONTACT FOR THE PRE-RECORDED NOTIFICATION MESSAGES (ROBODIAL CALLS).

Signature _____

Date _____

Recipe Page

Dolly's Stampede Soup

Ingredients:

4 Tbsp butter
¼ cup all-purpose flour
1 tsp garlic powder
1 tsp onion powder
¾ tsp ground white pepper
14.5 oz. can chicken broth
15 oz. can mixed vegetables, drained
2 cups half and half

Directions:

In a large saucepan heat butter, stir in flour, garlic and onion powders, pepper and salt. Simmer for one minute. Whisk in broth and drained vegetables. Bring to a simmer for five minutes. Using a potato masher, a blender or an immersion blender, mash the mixture to your desired consistency. Whisk in half and half and heat for an additional five minutes until heated but not boiling. Serve with biscuits, hotcakes or cornbread.

Dolly's 5-Layer Dinner Casserole

Ingredients:

3 large potatoes, thinly sliced
1 lb. ground beef cooked and drained
1 large onion, thinly sliced
1 ½ green and/or red bell peppers, sliced
1 15 oz. can diced tomatoes
Salt and pepper to taste

Green onions for garnish on top

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a greased, prepared casserole dish, layer all ingredients starting with the potatoes, then beef, in order ending with the tomatoes. Season each layer with salt and pepper. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 2 hours. Garnish with green onions and serve.

Dolly's Peanut Butter Pie

Ingredients:

1 ½ cups powdered sugar
8 oz. softened cream cheese
16 oz. Cool whip
1 cup peanut butter
2 prepared graham cracker crusts

Directions:

In a large bowl, mix together sugar, cream cheese and peanut butter. Fold in Cool Whip. Pour into crusts and chill for at least 2 hours or overnight. Serve cold and store leftovers in refrigerator.

Happy Mother's Day Y'all!!!!



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Crossword Solution

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35	P	R	O		36	S	K	I	L	L		38	M	O	O	S	E	
39	R	U	T	H		41	S	C	O	U	T		43	N	A	S	A	
44	A	C	T	E	D	45		46	H	O	P	E	D		48	T	A	N
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FreeCare

John Stanton

Caregivers Volunteers of Ocean County has partnered with our FreeCare group, and has provided insurance coverage for our volunteers who enter your homes. They have also provided background checks on all those who are part of this volunteer group. At our meetings, the lovely heartfelt thank you notes that are written by those who want to show their appreciation are read and saved. They are each very special to us. These notes should be mailed directly to Caregivers Volunteers of Ocean County, in care of FreeCare.

Caregivers Volunteers of Ocean County has received a grant and are now able to install in your home grab handles for your safety. Please call them at 732-505-2273 and ask for Danielle.

If feel you would like to send a card or make a donation in thanks for a job performed at your home, send your card or donation directly to Caregivers Volunteers of Ocean County, 201 Hooper Avenue, North Suite, 1st Floor, Toms River, NJ 08753.

FreeCare is a group, not a club of the Holiday City CareFree community. We are a group of neighbors who are helping other neighbors. We are here to help you stay safe from climbing ladders or getting hurt lifting things. We do not charge to help you. We want to keep you from getting ripped off by contractors for these simple tasks. We will not do anything that requires a license, like electrical. Since this group started in 2002, by Vincent Altamuro, we have done 22,697 jobs.

Please remember to call us, if you need help adjusting the timers on your lights. We do have a few notaries in our group. We are available to rotate your mattress, change light bulbs, hang pictures, put up your curtains, open and close AC vents, and reach things that are too high for you to do safely as well as many other things. Our volunteers will not do electrical work (that requires a license), we do not set up phones, TVs, tile work or plumbing. Please call us and ask first before you hire someone.

Do you need to borrow a wheelchair, walker, shower chair, cane or bedside commode? We have a supply available for you to borrow. Let us know what you need. We also have small ramps for you to borrow.

If you are feeling alone and isolated, let us know. We will make a daily call to check in and visit on the phone with you. We care!

Please note that our hours for receiving calls are Monday through Friday from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm**. If the person you call does not answer, please call the next name on the list until you reach someone who can assist you.

The phone squad takes the calls, and is glad to assist you when they are home. The person who you call will contact a volunteer who can come to your home to help. Please call the ladies. Do not call the men directly.

Please be patient. Sometimes you may have to wait for someone to come to assist you, but they will call to arrange a time.

We meet on the last Friday of the month at 9:15 a.m. in the Skee-ball Room (near the Wood Shop). Make a difference! Join our group.

Remember, all cards and donations are to be sent directly to Caregivers Volunteers of Ocean County, located at 201 Hooper Avenue, North Suite, 1st Floor, Toms River, NJ 08753.

TELEPHONE CALL NUMBERS FOR JOBS

Monday through Friday Only

Between 9 and 4 pm Only

Sue Pruzinskis	908-721-2760
Susan Schmied	732-267-5274
Marge Daunno	732-341-3612
Joan Gately	732-279-3702
Connie Kennedy	908-783-8472
Pat Koczon	732-244-8680
Ann Bange	732-240-1260
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ARTICLES MUST BE INTO GAZETTE
ON OR BEFORE DEADLINE DATE*

June 2025 Issue May 1, 2025

*Dates are subject to change. The Gazette cannot guarantee articles submitted after deadline date will be in current month edition.



CLASSIFIED ADS

New Policy on Classified Ads

The cost for a classified ad will be a flat rate or \$5.00 for 25 words or less. Your phone number will count as one word.

Ads are to be hand-printed or typed. Include your name, address and telephone number. Please enclose a check with your copy. Ads can be dropped off at the Administrative Office and placed in the Gazette box.

We only accept ads for something you want to sell or give away.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan @ 732-279-3788.

FOR SALE VINTAGE SET

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HOLIDAY CITY CAREFREE REVISED 2025 OFFICE HOLIDAYS & BUILDING CLOSURES

Office Holidays and Closure*

January 1	Monday	New Year's Day Observed
May 26	Monday	Memorial Day
July 4	Friday	Independence Day
September 1	Monday	Labor Day
November 27	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
December 25	Thursday	Christmas Day

Building A and B Closure*

January 1	Wednesday	New Year's Day
April 19-20	Sat.- Sun.	Easter Weekend
May 24-26	Sat.- Mon.	Memorial Day Weekend
July 4	Friday	Independence Day
August 30-Sept-1	Sat.- Mon.	Labor Day Weekend
December 25-26	Thurs.- Fri.	Christmas Holiday

*Dates are subject to change

CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES

Arts & Crafts	Tuesday	9:00 AM
Bingo	Tuesday	4:30 PM
Book Club	2 nd Tuesday	10:00 AM
Chair Yoga	Monday	10:00 AM
Chair Yoga	Friday	9:45 AM
Corn Hole	Thursday	5:00 PM
Dance Party Class	Friday	11:30 AM
Fitness Class	Tuesday	10:00-10:45 am
Fitness Class	Thursday	9:30-10:15 am
Ladies Darts	Monday	6:30 PM
Ladies Shuffleboard	Wednesday	5:40 PM
Line Dancing	Wednesday	12:30 PM
Mah Jongg	Monday	6:00 PM
Mah Jongg	Wednesday	1:00 PM
Men's Darts	Wednesday	6:30 PM
Men's Shuffleboard	Friday	5:30 PM
Painting	2 nd & 3 rd Mon.	1:00 PM
Skeeball	Mon., Wed., Fri.	12:30 PM
Walking	Monday-Friday	8:00 AM
Woodshop	Tues., Wed., Thur.	9-11 AM
Woodshop Painting	Fridays	9-11 AM

WALK YOUR DOG BY THE CURB!

“Do not use a long leash that allows your dog to walk on lawns or on your neighbor’s property.” It is Berkeley Township’s law to curb your dog. If you are identified as a person who does not pick up after your dog you will be reported and will be given a ticket. Please dispose of your dog’s waste in your own receptacles.

Please obey this law because our residents are tired of cleaning up after your dog!

Attention Residents FEEDING OF WATERFOWL AND WILDLIFE IS PROHIBITED.

No person or persons shall feed, cause to be fed or provide food for geese, ducks or other waterfowl on publicly or privately owned lands within the Township of Berkeley (Ord. No. 00-2-OAB 4).

No person shall feed, in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by Township of Berkeley, any wildlife (Ord No. 05-26-OAB 3; Ord No. 06-21-OAB 3).

Attention:

When You Are Going on a Bus Trip – Please Park Your Car in the Designated Area For “Bus Trip Parking”. The Lot Adjacent to the Bocce Courts is for the Parking of Autos For People Using The Clubhouse. Thank You For Your Cooperation.

Board of Directors

NOTICE

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE OFFICE
FOR ANY TYPE OF COMPLAINT.
ALL COMPLAINTS MUST BE IN
WRITING AND SIGNED
BEFORE THEY ARE VALID.**

Parking on the Lawn

Parking on the lawn is prohibited.
If you see anybody parking on the lawn
except during a snow storm
please report it to Berkeley Township
Code Enforcer at
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Subject to Fines

How About A Date?

We will be happy to list your birthday or anniversary in the Gazette. Just fill out this form and drop it off at the clubhouse outside drop box.

Name: _____

Birthday: _____

Names: _____ and _____

Anniversary Number _____

Anniversary Date: _____

If you are sick or lost a loved one, we will also publish that, if you wish. Enter details below.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

REPORT A SCAM

As the years have gone by, scam artists have become more creative, more innovative and more successful in preying upon unsuspecting individuals than ever before. They are out there waiting for the opportunity to steal your money whether it is by phone, the internet, or by door to door solicitation.

In an effort to catch these criminals and put them out of business, I provide you with the following law enforcement agencies to contact. All you do is provide the agency with the information and they do the work.

Call:

- BERKELEY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
Phone: 732-341-1132
- OCEAN COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT
Phone: 732-929-2044
- OCEAN COUNTY CONSUMER AFFAIRS
Phone: 732-929-2105
- OCEAN COUNTY PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE
Phone: 732-929-2027
- BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU
Local Office: 609-588-5677

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Berkeley Property Tax Due:
May 1, August 1, November 1, and February 1

Sewerage Due:
January, April, July and October

Association Fees:
January, April, July and October

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Safe Play For Your Grandchildren

When grandchildren come to visit, please, for your grandchildren's safety, caution them to look carefully before entering a street, e.g. to retrieve a ball. **Also, please be courteous toward your neighbors and make sure your grandchildren play on your own property. Visiting children should not play on other residents' property.**
Remember: This is a Senior Community.

Lost & Found

We have a Lost and Found located in the office.
If you've lost anything, please come to the office to claim the item.
Our hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please come to the administrative office to get your homeowner ID.

If you did not receive a copy of the Carefree By-Laws at time of closing, please request a copy from the office.

Thank you and Welcome to Holiday City Carefree.

The Carefree Board of Directors

Number to report unlawful calls

1-800-518-5507

also

Federal Trade Commission

1-877-382-4357

www.donotcall.gov

1-888-382-1222

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Bingo Dates 2025

May 6, 13, 20 & 27

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Games Start 6:15 pm

PROGRAMS OFFERED BY COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP

You must register with the Ocean County Sheriff Department, Office of Emergency Management in the event of a **general emergency or evacuation** by calling 800-331-8152 to obtain a form. Mail this form in as directed. This will enable the Ocean County Sheriff Department and Office of Emergency Management to assist you without delay.

PROJECT LIFESAVER

Project Lifesaver, run by the Berkeley Township Police Department, provides ID bracelets to anyone who has any form of dementia. The bracelet is a tracking device that is battery run and registered with the police department. For additional information contact, Lt. Scott Stoker at 732-341-6600 x 2117.

OCEAN RIDE

The Ocean County Transportation Services, Ocean Ride, provides door-to-door, non-emergency medical transportation services to seniors (60+) and/or persons with disabilities. You can book an advance reservation based primarily to destinations within Ocean County. Pre-registration is not required; just call us when you need your appointment. There is a fee for this round-trip service. You can book rides from two to four weeks in advance of appointment date. Call 732-736-8989 from 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday to schedule an appointment.

ATTENTION HANDICAPPED OR DISABLED

Berkeley Township is offering assistance to anyone who is truly handicapped or disabled in getting his or her garbage and recycling cans from the garage to the curb and returned.

Your doctor needs to certify that you are disabled or handicapped with his prescription form faxed directly to Berkeley Township Department of Sanitation & Recycling at (732) 349-7979. The form should include your name, address, telephone number and explain that you are not able to move your containers to the curb.

The form takes a couple of weeks to process. Your garbage and recycling containers should be left outside your garage door on collection days.



Area Religious Services

When I called you answered me;
you built up strength within me.
— Psalm 138:3

CATHOLIC MASSES

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732-279-6837

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Mule Road Extension
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Daily: Monday,
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday 8:30 am
Tuesday and Saturday 7:00 am
Monday Multiple Intention Mass 8:30 am
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm
Confessions: Wednesday 1-2 pm & Saturday 3-3:45 pm

St. Barnabas Church

Route 9, Bayville 732-269-2208
Saturday - 4:00 PM - Sunday Masses: 7:30 AM,
9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 Noon (Spanish)

St. Luke Roman Catholic Church

1674 Old Freehold Road TR
732-286-2222
Saturday 4 and 5:30 PM, Sunday 7, 8:30, 10 AM, 12 noon
M-T-Th 7:30 AM W-F 7:30, 11:00 AM

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Hooper Avenue 732-349-0018
Saturday, 5:00 PM
Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM
12:00 Noon, 5:00 PM (6:30 PM in Spanish)
Monday and Friday, 7:00 & 9:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM

St. Stephens Ukrainian Catholic Church

1344 White Oak Bottom Rd., Toms River
732-505-6293
Sundays, 9:00 AM In English
10:30 AM In Ukrainian

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Byzantine Catholic Church

1937 Church Road, Toms River 732-255-9702
Saturday, 6:00 PM — Sunday, 9:30 AM

PROTESTANT SERVICES

United Church of Christ,

1681 Ridgeway Road, Toms River 732-244-4014
Sunday 10:30 AM

East Dover Baptist Church

974 Bay Avenue 732-270-4888
Sunday, 11:00 AM

First Church of the Nazarene

188 Rte. 37 West 732-244-5463
Sunday, 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

1500 Hooper Avenue 732-255-4455
Saturday, 5:00 PM
Sunday, 10:00 AM

Pinelands Reformed Church

898 Rte. 37 West 732-349-7557
Sunday, 10:00 AM
LaRocca 732-773-1210
Call for day and time

Redeemer Lutheran Church of Manchester

2309 Route 70, Manchester 732-657-2828
Saturday 4 PM
Sunday 10:15 AM (summer hours 10:00 AM)

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Rts. 9 & 166 Beachwood 732-349-0871
Sunday, 9:00 & 11:00 AM, SS 9:00 AM

Protestant Service Salvation Army

1738 Rte. 37E, Toms River 732-270-8393
Sunday Morning Worship 10 AM - Fellowship 11:15 AM
Sunday Bible Study 1:30 PM

New Life Church

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Sunday 10:30 AM

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Sunday, 9:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Redeemer Fellowship Church

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Children's Ministry 10:15 AM

Christ Episcopal Church

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Sunday-La Santa Eucharist 12 noon
Wednesday Holy Eucharist* 10:00 am
Friday Holy Eucharist* 7:00 am

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If you are planning any renovations, improvements or additions to the outside of your home, you **MUST** obtain permission from the Homeowners Association. A Code Official will then visit your home and if plans are within the guidelines of our By-Laws, an approval letter will be given to you to present to the Zoning Officer at Berkeley Town Hall to obtain your permit. **NO WORK IS TO START WITHOUT A PERMIT.**

When you come into the office to fill out a **CONSTRUCTION APPROVAL REQUEST** and the homeowner states what they would like to do and it gets approved by the **Code Officer** please **DO NOT** change the specifications that were approved on the original form. If the specifications have been changed, the Code Official can have the homeowner take the project down or change the project to the original specifications.

Complaint forms (whether for landscaping, snow removal or nuisance complaints) **MUST** be signed by the shareholder and submitted to the office for review. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE OFFICE AND MAKE A VERBAL COMPLAINT.** All forms are available in the office between 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

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2025

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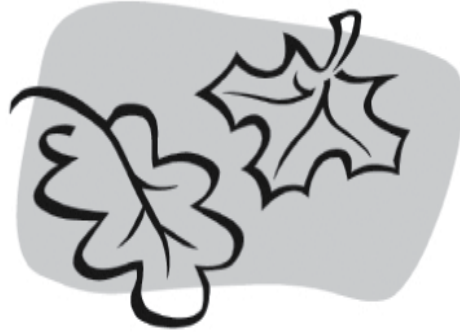
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