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Board of Trustees Meeting - May 7, 2025

Willow Hall Auditorium

Board President Ivan Gilbert called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

PRESENT:

Trustees:

- President: Ivan Gilbert
- Vice President: Al DAmato
- Treasurer: Louis Maiocco
- Assistant Treasurer: Steven Leslierandal
- Secretary: Joyce Carmody
- Assistant Secretary: Fay Weinstein
- Trustee: Wayne Steinman (via telephone)

Management Staff:

- Community Manager: Jackie Ascione
- Accounting Administrator: Michelle Lampard

ITEMS VOTED ON: *(Continued in Community Manager's Report/Unfinished Business/New Business)*

J. Carmody moved to waive the reading of the minutes. S. Leslierandal seconded. A vote was called, and all were in favor. The motion carried.

F. Weinstein moved to approve the April 2, 2025, minutes as amended. A. DAmato seconded. There was no discussion, and a vote was called. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

A. DAmato moved to approve the purchase of (24) 38" square folding card tables from P.R.E. Presales, Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$3,117.72. The funds to meet this expense will be provided by account #3150 – Property Fund. S. Leslierandal seconded. There was no discussion, and a vote was called. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

L. Maiocco moved to approve the replacement of 30 driveways, in-house at a cost not to exceed \$43,500.00. The funds to meet this expense will be provided by account #3275 – Capital Replacement/Concrete Driveways. J. Carmody seconded. There was no discussion, and a vote was called. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

S. Leslierandal moved to contract with Curry Electric Contracting LLC to replace approximately 75 electrical panels at a cost not exceeding \$105,000.00. The funds to meet this expense will be provided by account #3295 – Capital Replacement/Unit Infrastructure. J. Carmody seconded. There was no discussion, and a vote was called. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

J. Carmody moved to approve the Policy regarding "Requests for Variances to Limited Common Areas and Units." S. Leslierandal seconded. There were questions and comments from the audience. F. Weinstein moved to table the motion. L. Maiocco seconded.

S. Leslierandal – No

W. Steinman – No

J. Carmody – Yes

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L. Maiocco – Yes

A. DAmato – Yes

F. Weinstein – Yes

I. Gilbert – Yes

Motion tabled.

F. Weinstein moved to approve the Swimming Pool Rules for 2025. A. DAmato seconded. There were questions and comments from the audience. A vote was called, and all were in favor. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS:

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Barbara Owens, Chairperson, presented a report on behalf of the Architectural Committee.
 - The Board approved Kathi Gottesman and Ed Traeger as new members of the Architectural Committee.
- Anne Niebergall, Chairperson, presented a report on behalf of the Community Services Committee.
- Mary Lou Doner, Committee Member, presented a report on behalf of the Finance Committee.
 - The Board approved Patricia Hansen as the new Chairperson of the Finance Committee.
- Mary Rose McCarthy, Chairperson, presented a report on behalf of the Administration Committee.

II. M. Lighthipe, Recreation Director, presented a report on behalf of the Recreation Department.

III. COMMUNITY MANAGER’S REPORT: (J. Ascione)

- A brief explanation was provided regarding the lawn maintenance responsibilities of Turf Masters versus LVW. Turf Masters mows the lawns approximately every 10 days, depending on weather conditions. The mowers are seen moving quickly as they are commercial models designed for speed and efficiency while providing a high-quality cut. Grass is bagged when necessary; otherwise, it is mulched. Trimming is done after the grass has been cut. The LVW Grounds Department edges and removes branches before cutting, as well as the irrigation system. If anyone has issues to report regarding the lawn cutting, please send an email to grasscuttingonlyhotline@lvwa.net.
- Residents are reminded that all lawn and landscape decorations should have a 12-inch barrier or protection around them, or be placed on an elevated pedestal that cannot be damaged. All common areas must remain free and clear of objects. (There was a brief interruption in the live TV broadcast at 1:55 p.m)
- The paving project is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 12, 2025. Updates will be communicated to the area through one-call notifications.
- HOPA forms are to be submitted to the Association office to comply with HUD’s regulatory requirements for age verification of residents. A final reminder letter will be sent to those who have not submitted their form, with a deadline of 30 days. Access to the Village (transponders) will be suspended if the Association office does not receive the form by the deadline.
- V. Demeski stated that part of the Azek project is replacing the gutter systems on the units with 6” gutters and leaders. The following bids were received; Management is requesting that the Board approve Hart 2 Hart to replace the gutters and leaders for the 2025 Azek Project. The funds to meet this expense will be provided by account #3270 – Capital Replacement/Roofs. The Board will vote on this at the next open Board meeting on June 4, 2025.

Gutter Contractor	6" Gutter/Leaders Per Linear Foot	6" Gutters/Leaders Total
	10600FT	
Hart 2 Hart	\$5.50	\$58,300.00
Russo	\$6.00	\$63,600.00
Mexum	\$7.00	\$74,200.00

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- V. Demeski stated that the Maintenance Department is in the process of cleaning the maintenance yard and securing materials in the yard. There are trailers on the side of the property that need replacement. The Board of Trustees has directed them to purchase weather-tight and lockable used storage containers to replace the current trailers. Management received quotes to buy four 20-foot containers and one 40-foot container. Due to market conditions, pricing is only guaranteed for a short period. Management is requesting that the Board approve the container project in an amount not to exceed \$9,500.00. The funds to meet this expense will be provided by account #3150 – Property Additions. The Board will vote on this at the next open Board meeting on June 4, 2025.

Company	Size	Price	Total with Shipping and Tax
Containers 4 U USA Inc.	4 - 20 ft	\$5,000.00	\$9,223.06
	1 - 40 ft	\$1,400.00	
Viva Containers	4 - 20 ft	\$5,760.00	\$9,628.24
	1 - 40 ft	\$1,690.00	
Used Conex	4 - 20 ft	\$6,400.00	\$10,156.03
	1 - 40 ft	\$1,725.00	
Conexwest	4 - 20 ft	\$6,940.00	\$11,717.02
	1 - 40 ft	\$1,949.00	

- Residents are reminded of the rule in the Resident's Handbook that states all feces must be removed and properly disposed of immediately. Owners are responsible for removing their pet's waste from the common elements and units. They are to place the waste in their garbage receptacle, not in any public receptacle or storm drain.
- Residents are also reminded that garden debris must be placed at the curb the night before the scheduled pickup.
- H. Height stated that the Encore patio outdoor kitchen requires ductwork to be fabricated and installed to complete the existing commercial kitchen hood installation project. To meet code requirements, the ductwork needs to be supplied and installed by a qualified contractor. The ductwork needs to be 16-gauge welded galvanized duct with UL-listed cleanouts and wrapped in a layer of grease duct insulation. The following bids were received: (includes installation and tax)

Contractor	Equipment	Price
Franklen Sheet Metal Co Inc.	Fabricate and install the required ductwork to meet all code requirements	\$11,995.31
EVI Install	Fabricate and install the required ductwork to meet all code requirements	Did not bid
Hood Proz. Inc.	Fabricate and install the required ductwork to meet all code requirements	Did not bid
First Call Fire Protection	Fabricate and install the required ductwork to meet all code requirements	Did not bid

Management is recommending contracting with Franklen Sheet Metal to fabricate and install the required ductwork for the Encore outdoor kitchen commercial hoods for a total cost of \$11,995.31. This expense will be provided by account #3230 – Capital Replacement/Common Buildings. *S. Leslierandal moved to contract with Franklen Sheet Metal to fabricate and install the required ductwork for the Encore outdoor kitchen commercial hoods for a total cost of \$11,995.31. The funds to meet this expense will be provided by account #3230 – Capital Replacement/Common Buildings. J. Carmody seconded. There were questions and comments from the audience. A vote was called, and all were in favor. Motion carried.*

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Welcome New Neighbors

DEBORAH/ROBERT REEVES	90A BUCKINGHAM DRIVE	MIDLAND, MI
KAREN BROOKS/SCOTT BROOKS	51B CAMBRIDGE CIRCLE	HOWELL, NJ
MICHELLE CAMICIA/CATALINA CAMICIA	14B CAMBRIDGE CIRCLE	TOMS RIVER, NJ
DANIEL/CATHY MURPHY	856A WINCHESTER COURT	JACKSON, NJ
LISA JIORLE	54B EDINBURGH LANE	MANCHESTER, NJ
WILLIAM/JOE ANN FANTASIA	855C WINCHESTER COURT	TOMS RIVER, NJ
CARMEN MAGLIO	1027B THORNBURY LANE	STATEN ISLAND, NY
LEONORA LICATA	695A FRIAR COURT	STATEN ISLAND, NY
MARK/GAIL RILLI	1234B THORNBURY LANE	NUTLEY, NJ
WENDY/RAYMOND MOUNTER	81D CAMBRIDGE CIRCLE	JACKSON, NJ
SHERYL SKUTELSKY/FAYE STEIN	21B STERLING STREET	RONKONKOMA, NY
ROY BRUCE/RONALD BRUCE/DANIEL BRUCE	904B STRATFORD COURT	NEW YORK, NY

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“The Welcome Committee Channel”
for additional valuable information!**

Leisure Village West 2025 OPEN BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2 1:00PM

*WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 7:00PM
BUDGET MEETING*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 7:00PM

*FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 TBD
ANNUAL MEETING*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 1:00PM

*Open Board meetings are held in the Auditorium
at Willow Hall unless otherwise notified.*

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- H. Height noted that last year, for the first time, LVW managed pool maintenance in-house instead of hiring an outside lifeguard and pool maintenance company. Allied Universal was contracted to provide pool attendants who managed the entrances at each pool. Management believes that it was a successful pool season and would like to continue using Allied Universal's services for the next two seasons. Allied Universal has agreed to maintain the same costs for the 2025 pool season, with only a slight increase for the 2026 season. Management is recommending that the addendum to the contract with Allied Universal for pool attendants for the 2025 and 2026 pool seasons be accepted. The funds to cover this expense will come from account #8570 – Swimming Pool Repair and Maintenance. *A. DAmato moved to accept the contract addendum with Allied Universal for pool attendant services for the 2025 and 2026 pool seasons. The funds to meet this expense will be provided by account #8570 – Swimming Pool Repair and Maintenance. J. Carmody seconded. There was no discussion, and a vote was called. All were in favor, and the motion carried.*
- The hot tub at Club Encore will open on Friday, May 9, 2025.

IV. BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT: (I. Gilbert)

- The Board welcomed the new Community Manager, Jackie Ascione.
- Coffee with the Board will resume on Saturday, August 2, 2025, in Club Encore. The Election Committee will be available to answer any questions.
- The list of driveway replacements has been posted on the LVW website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. The Board presented the results of the LVW Bulk Service Survey, which received a total of 1,215 responses. Specifically, 41 percent of the units responded, while 59 percent did not. The Bulk television service with Verizon is set to expire in October 2025. Each board member selected a provider and provided an explanation regarding bulk television and internet services from the five options presented. The five options were #1 – Verizon Package 1 TV Only, #2 – Verizon Package 2 TV & Internet, #3 – Verizon Package 3 TV & Internet, #4 – Privatel TV, Internet & Home Phone, and #5 – Xfinity TV & Internet.

F. Weinstein – Option 5
S. Leslierandal – Option 5
W. Steinman – Option 2
J. Carmody – Option 5
L. Maiocco – Option 5
A. DAmato – Option 5
I. Gilbert – Option 5

I. Gilbert moved to contract for bulk television and internet services with Xfinity/Comcast. A. DAmato seconded. There were questions and comments from the audience. A vote was called, and all were in favor. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A new Architectural Specification 1_4, "Replacing Existing Patios for All Models," was presented as attached to the agenda. The Board will vote on this at the next open Board meeting on June 4, 2025.
2. The revisions to Architectural Specification 1_9, "Pressure-Treated Wood Decks, Railings, and Privacy Fences, Condo 96," were presented as attached to the agenda. The Board will vote on this at the next open Board meeting on June 4, 2025.
3. The revisions to Architectural Specification 1_1, "Landscaping in the Five-Foot Area," were presented as attached to the agenda. Since the new mulch law has taken effect and the rule has been inserted into the specification, *F. Weinstein moved to approve the revisions to Architectural Specification 1_1, "Landscaping in the Five-Foot Area." J. Carmody seconded. There was no discussion, and a vote was called. All were in favor, and the motion carried.*

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4. The revisions to Architectural Specification 1_1A, "Replace an Existing Walkway in the Five-Foot Area for the Greenery Models," were presented as attached to the agenda. The Board will vote on this at the next open Board meeting on June 4, 2025.

The next open Board meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the auditorium of Willow Hall.

There being no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at approximately 4:11 PM.

Leisure Village West Association

Audience Comments - May 7, 2025

Willow Hall Auditorium

After the business segment of the Board meeting at 4:13 PM, an open forum commenced. Residents raised questions, expressed concerns, or sought clarification on various issues. For a detailed discussion, please refer to leisurevillagewest.com, your resident portal, where you can find the video recording of this meeting.

Resident Ron Owens, residing at 1145A Thornbury Lane, mentioned that on Memorial Day, the LVW Bereavement Group will hold a caravan throughout the Village as a silent tribute. He also noted that Bingo has a new board and that a ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place on Friday, May 9th. He inquired about the Association's decision to decline a piano donation and the reason for that decision.

Response: The Board decided not to accept the baby grand piano donation, as they believe there are sufficient pianos at each of the Clubhouses. The Recreation Director has been instructed to assess all pianos in the Clubhouses.

Resident Joseph Ercolino, residing at 1009B Buckingham Drive, reported that the Route 70 guard allows the visitor and resident gates to open simultaneously, creating a hazardous situation. He suggested implementing a tree-trimming and topping program. He mentioned that since he has lived there, many trees have been removed in the Village and not replaced.

Resident Donna Dunn, residing at 687C Friar Court, inquired about the installation of gas lines in her area.

Response: Management will investigate this matter. New Jersey Natural Gas should be contacted to conduct a survey in the area to determine if there is sufficient interest in installing gas lines.

Resident Patricia Masterson, residing at 593A Burton's Court, expressed interest in having gas lines installed in her area.

Resident Jeanmarie Moustafa, residing at 2A Yorkshire Court, requested clarification regarding the Leisure Paws Club's financial responsibility for the dog park versus the Association's financial responsibility.

Response: The dog park is an amenity that the Association is responsible for maintaining. The Leisure Paws Club's mission is to get donations to enhance the dog park.

Resident Ivy Strausberg, residing at 42B Cambridge Circle, asked if the Board would consider allowing outside guests to attend exercise classes in LVW.

Resident Eugene Murphy, residing at 1071B Buckingham Drive, stated that he is willing to forgo his Xfinity rebate under the new contract to invest in purchasing additional property limits in LVW's insurance.

The meeting ended at approximately 4:37 PM.

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Manager's Corner

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Hello, Leisure Village West Residents

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. Since I am writing this in June, I am hoping for all of us that we get some beautiful, warm sunny days by July. Happy July 4th to everyone.

Some of the concerns expressed over the phone and through email need to be shared with all of us.

Feral Cats

If you are aware that cats need to be trapped, please call/text Linda at 609-709-8583 or Val at 609-661-3817. When contacting us, please be sure to provide us with your location. With your help, we can spay/neuter these cats BEFORE the kittens appear!

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Friends of Southern Ocean County Animal Shelter
<https://www.fosocas.org/tnr-trap-neuter-return/>

I would like to provide you with a few reminders for the upcoming summer season.

Friendly Reminders

- Outdoor grills—Residents who use their grills must keep them at least 10 feet away from the vinyl fence and/or house.
- Turf Masters does not bag all lawns. Mulching is done when it is applicable and is a recommended source of nutrients for our soil. When the grass season is at its height, lawns will be bagged. Trimming occurs after mowing. The trimmers, who walk behind the mowers, are not visible at the same time as the crews. Grass mowing concerns, which need to be sent to grasscuttingonlyhotline@lvwa.net, need to be sent as soon as possible after your grass is cut.
- The mowing/cutting cycle is approximately between 10 – 12 days between cuts, weather permitting, and is over the course of approximately 3 days, so time is of the essence in reporting concerns.
- Information on the Comcast/Xfinity channel lineup is posted on the website, and the company is working regularly in the community to prepare for the October 1, "going live" date.

HOPA Census –If you have not turned in your HOPA census by now, your convenient access to the

Community has been suspended.

This means that you will have to utilize the visitor's entrance on Route 70 to gain access to the Community, and your access to the buildings and amenities is also suspended. Please contact the Management Office if you have not turned in your census.

Work Orders

The website leisurevillagewest.com, which all residents have access to, provides you with the opportunity to enter a work order or work request. That information is then immediately sent to the Maintenance-Grounds Department. Often, residents send these types of requests to the BOT email address, which are then forwarded to the Maintenance-Grounds Department for entering as a work order. When you have a work order, etc., we encourage you to input the information on the website. This provides for a faster and more accurate response and the ability for us to track the same. Another alternative is to email the Maintenance-Grounds Dept directly at maintenance@lvwservice.com

Maintenance Emergency Work

The resident handbook defines maintenance emergency work as:

- Major water leaks
- Total electric power failure
- Total sewer blockage in all bathrooms
- Broken (not cracked) windows
- Units with no heat or hot water

These are also the items that take top priority during the regular workweek. We are all working together to enhance, reorganize, and update the existing work orders utilizing scheduling, response time, weather, type of work, etc. We are aware of the problems that have been faced in the past and understand resident concerns.

We are all working to ensure that the work order process is streamlined and ultimately fair to all residents.

Tree Trimming, Removal and Grass Seeding. I am aware of the numerous concerns regarding these three issues. One of our priorities is going through the long-range plans for these projects to ascertain

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MAINTENANCE FEE SCHEDULE WITH 2% REFUND

October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

IMPORTANT: "AMOUNT TO PAY" must be paid in full by October 10, 2025

MODEL:	One Occupant				Two Occupants				Three Occupants			
	Monthly Fee	Annual Fee	2% Refund	AMOUNT TO PAY	Monthly Fee	Annual Fee	2% Refund	AMOUNT TO PAY	Monthly Fee	Annual Fee	2% Refund	AMOUNT TO PAY
ETON	362.00	4,344.00	86.88	4,257.12	377.00	4,524.00	90.48	4,433.52				
GREENBRIAR	376.00	4,512.00	90.24	4,421.76	391.00	4,692.00	93.84	4,598.16	406.00	4,872.00	97.44	4,774.56
CAMBRIDGE	391.00	4,692.00	93.84	4,598.16	406.00	4,872.00	97.44	4,774.56	421.00	5,052.00	101.04	4,950.96
BARONET	404.00	4,848.00	96.96	4,751.04	419.00	5,028.00	100.56	4,927.44	434.00	5,208.00	104.16	5,103.84
WINFIELD	414.00	4,968.00	99.36	4,868.64	429.00	5,148.00	102.96	5,045.04	444.00	5,328.00	106.56	5,221.44
REGENCY	437.00	5,244.00	104.88	5,139.12	452.00	5,424.00	108.48	5,315.52	467.00	5,604.00	112.08	5,491.92
CONCORD	363.00	4,356.00	87.12	4,268.88	378.00	4,536.00	90.72	4,445.28	393.00	4,716.00	94.32	4,621.68
FALMOUTH	370.00	4,440.00	88.80	4,351.20	385.00	4,620.00	92.40	4,527.60	400.00	4,800.00	96.00	4,704.00
NANTUCKET	376.00	4,512.00	90.24	4,421.76	391.00	4,692.00	93.84	4,598.16	406.00	4,872.00	97.44	4,774.56
WHEATON	395.00	4,740.00	94.80	4,645.20	410.00	4,920.00	96.40	4,821.60	425.00	5,100.00	102.00	4,998.00
OXFORD	405.00	4,860.00	97.20	4,762.80	420.00	5,040.00	100.80	4,939.20	435.00	5,220.00	104.40	5,115.60
STRATFORD	413.00	4,956.00	99.12	4,856.88	428.00	5,136.00	102.72	5,033.28	443.00	5,316.00	106.32	5,209.68
BLAIR	423.00	5,076.00	101.52	4,974.48	438.00	5,256.00	105.12	5,150.88	453.00	5,436.00	108.72	5,327.28
ST TROPEZ	425.00	5,100.00	102.00	4,998.00	440.00	5,280.00	105.60	5,174.40	455.00	5,460.00	109.20	5,350.80
HASTINGS	433.00	5,196.00	103.92	5,092.08	448.00	5,376.00	107.52	5,268.48	463.00	5,556.00	111.12	5,444.88
ROXY	409.00	4,908.00	98.16	4,809.84	424.00	5,088.00	101.76	4,986.24	439.00	5,268.00	105.36	5,162.64
SAVOY	421.00	5,052.00	101.04	4,950.96	436.00	5,232.00	104.64	5,127.36	451.00	5,412.00	108.24	5,303.76
RITZ	426.00	5,112.00	102.24	5,009.76	441.00	5,292.00	105.84	5,186.16	456.00	5,472.00	109.44	5,362.56
PICKFORD	427.00	5,124.00	102.48	5,021.52	442.00	5,304.00	106.08	5,197.92	457.00	5,484.00	109.68	5,374.32
WALDORF	440.00	5,280.00	105.60	5,174.40	455.00	5,460.00	109.20	5,350.80	470.00	5,640.00	112.80	5,527.20
VICTORIA	447.00	5,364.00	107.28	5,256.72	462.00	5,544.00	110.88	5,433.12	477.00	5,724.00	114.48	5,609.52

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where the Grounds Department is with these programs and how best to proceed for the benefit of the entire Community. More information to follow, and thank you for your patience.

Gutter cleaning will begin prior to this publication, weather permitting. We will clean gutters throughout the entire community and then again at the end of the fall after the majority of leaves have fallen. Since we are cleaning gutters on a schedule, there is no need to put in a work order for this service.

Looking forward to working with all of you.

The budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 is posted on the LVWA portal. Copies may also be picked up at the Association office, Willow Hall or Club Encore.

LEISURE VILLAGE WEST ASSOCIATION Monthly Maintenance Fees by Model Type October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

	One Occupant	Two Occupants	Three Occupants
MODEL:	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
ETON	362.00	377.00	
GREENBRIAR	376.00	391.00	406.00
CAMBRIDGE	391.00	406.00	421.00
BARONET	404.00	419.00	434.00
WINFIELD	414.00	429.00	444.00
REGENCY	437.00	452.00	467.00
CONCORD	363.00	378.00	393.00
FALMOUTH	370.00	385.00	400.00
NANTUCKET	376.00	391.00	406.00
WHEATON	395.00	410.00	425.00
OXFORD	405.00	420.00	435.00
STRATFORD	413.00	428.00	443.00
BLAIR	423.00	438.00	453.00
ST TROPEZ	425.00	440.00	455.00
HASTINGS	433.00	448.00	463.00
ROXY	409.00	424.00	439.00
SAVOY	421.00	436.00	451.00
RITZ	426.00	441.00	456.00
PICKFORD	427.00	442.00	457.00
WALDORF	440.00	455.00	470.00
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2026 BUDGET

Dear Fellow Unit Owners:

Last September, the Board of Trustees made the reining in of monthly maintenance fee increases a top priority. Accordingly, we committed to keep any increases in the monthly maintenance fee to a minimum while still ensuring that we meet the financial needs of our community. We are pleased to report that the proposed budget honors that commitment.

After a thorough review of our budget and operating costs, the proposed budget, prior to the addition of the bulk internet costs, contains an increase in the monthly maintenance fee of \$14.00 per unit per month. This increase amounts to \$11.00 less than last year's increase and reflects only what is necessary to account for inflation, maintain our financial reserves, and cover rising costs in utilities, insurance, and contracted services. Through careful budgeting, diligent oversight, and thoughtful planning, we have maintained essential services and completed necessary maintenance projects without placing a significant additional burden on our members. The maintenance fee adjustment contained in the proposed budget remains well within the parameters we set at the start of the fiscal year.

When calculated together with the new bulk TV and Internet fee, the proposed budget reflects a \$39.00 increase in the total fee that the Association collects per unit per month and is being applied to the budget as follows:

	Monthly Fee Increase	Monthly Fee Increase Including Internet	
Reserve Fund Budget Increase	\$ 4.10	\$ 4.10	
Operating Fund Budget Increase	9.90	34.90	(includes increase for bulk internet)
	<u>\$ 14.00</u>	<u>\$ 39.00</u>	Total Increase Per Unit Per Month

The notable increases to the budget are as follows:

- Increase of \$132,304 to the various reserve funds due to increasing market prices of materials and to continue to protect the common elements of our community and homeowner investment.
- Increase of \$34,600 to Utility Expense due to increasing electric and heating costs.
- Increase of \$131,600 to Insurance Expense due to higher premiums over the prior year and an increase in the coverage limits.

IMPORTANT: The Operating Fund Budget Increase in the Association fee above (\$34.90) includes your bulk internet costs in addition to other necessary increases to the operating budget. However, this does not include any add-ons you might purchase directly from the provider. **Without the addition of the internet costs to this budget, the monthly Association Fee increase per unit per month would be \$14.00 (i.e., the same as the "Monthly Fee Increase" column, above).** If you were previously paying for internet through Verizon, you should see a **reduction** in your **personal monthly expenses**.

As part of the agreement with the new internet provider, a one-time credit (amount to be determined after the contract is signed) will be applied to your account with the Association once LVWA receives the funds from the internet provider. You may use this credit for work orders, apply any part of it or all of it to the balance if one exists on your account, or you may contact us **after October 1, 2025**, to request a reimbursement in the form of a check from the Association. Please email mschoenig@lvwa.net **after October 1, 2025** to request a reimbursement check, if applicable.

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The first payment for the new fiscal year is due October 1, 2025. Maintenance payments paid in full for the fiscal year **and** by October 10, 2025 will be eligible for a 2% refund. Please deduct the 2% refund from your payment - Page 8 lists the amount to pay for the full year after the refund by model/number of occupants.

LVWA also offers an automatic payment plan for the payment of your monthly maintenance fees. **If you do not already participate in automatic payment, please go to <https://propertypay.firstcitizens.com> to sign up with the following information:**

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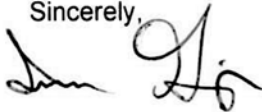
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If you have not signed up for automatic payments, your new monthly payment book will be mailed to you in September.

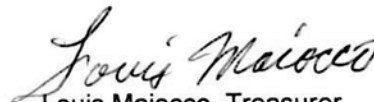
We appreciate your continued support and understanding, and we remain committed to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and preserving the value and quality of our community.

Finally, we cordially invite you to participate in the general meeting of unit owners that will be held at **7pm on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 in Willow Hall**. At the meeting, we will present the 2026 budget. Please email any budget-related questions to association@lvwa.net by Wednesday, July 18, 2025. A live broadcast will be shown on Channel 974. The meeting will also be recorded and played at a later time.

Sincerely,



Ivan Gilbert, President
Board of Trustees



Louis Maiocco, Treasurer
Board of Trustees

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Current Events

By Carol Hartman

July starts with the patriotic and noisy Fourth of July celebrations. It is a day known as a time to enjoy family and friends and outdoor activities. Often the celebrations include travel that may even extend beyond the day itself. One can only hope that busy highways, rising prices, and airport issues do not interfere with your celebrations.

But let's look closer at the reason for the Fourth of July. It is a celebration of who we are as a nation, and the Constitution of the United States that is at the core of who we are. It is a carefully crafted document designed not to be easily changed. Change requires a long process that encourages much thinking and debate and ratification by a majority of the states. It is not subject to current political whims, although change can happen, and has happened in the form of amendments.

Society has evolved in amazing ways since the adoption of the Constitution in 1787, so interpretation of the original intent is frequently necessary. What happens when action appears to be contrary to prescribed constitutional regulations? How is that determined and what is the punishment? Who is the enforcer? These questions are never far from the thoughts of Current Events participants. Although not directly discussed, they have been broached. Is it time for civil society to invoke the process of constitutional change that will help guide us for the next 200 plus years? Have you not thought about it? These are serious questions and, to be honest, the Current Events group has only discussed minimal fringe topics.

Enough serious thinking surrounding a joyful holiday celebration; this is a fun time of the year which is very welcome after the winter and a cooler, wetter than normal, spring. July is fun! How about celebrating World Chocolate Day on July 7? Acknowledgement of National Ice Cream Day on July 20 can only be a good thing.

Each day brings something new to talk about. Current Event discussions are an opportunity to talk, to ask questions, and to express frustrations or pleasure with what is happening. Topics range from Village news to state and worldly events. All Village residents are invited to participate. Discussion gatherings can be found in the A/B Room of Willow Hall, behind the stage, from 2-4 p.m. on July 7 and July 21.

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By Ellen Jenkin

Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training

A wonderful celebration of our members occurred on Thursday, June 5 at the annual Paid-Up Membership Luncheon. It was held at Club Encore at 12:15 p.m. Everyone was treated to a delicious lunch provided by AristaCare Rehabilitation and Nursing Facility who sponsored the event. Multitalented musician, Alfredo Cunha, entertained with a variety of musical songs. The afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Our summer starts off with a Fourth of July bang! ORT's picnic and barbeque celebrating America's birthday will be held on Friday, July 4 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Club Encore. A variety of food, catered by Wallach's, will be served, including burgers, hotdogs, eggplant parmesan, salads and all the trimmings. A dessert bar will be there for all those with a sweet tooth. The ever talented DJ Johnny's Magical Moments will provide continuous music. The cost is \$35. BYOB of your choice! For tickets, call Ellen (732-657-4414), Rhoda (732-657-6252) or Elaine (732-408-9474). Relax by the pool and then have a great evening.

Dick Clark's American Bandstand will be coming to Leisure Village West at ORT's August 7 meeting at 7 p.m. in Club Encore. Presenter Rick Feingold, American Business History teacher at Bergen County College, will feature a film with many highlights of American Bandstand. His program will include music from the 40 top hits and the famous stars of the day, as

well as the dancers. The show was set in Philadelphia from 1957-1963. Join us for a trip down memory lane and an evening of nostalgia. All are welcome!

Save The Date! ORT'S event "The Comedy Hour" will take to the Club Encore stage on Thursday evening, September 4. A gift auction will accompany our fundraiser.

Enjoy your summer!

Stained Glass Group

By Pam Hutchinson

Another successful Club Day! Tremendous participation (as always). Great displays and of course, we are biased towards the stained glass display ☺. Please check out the pictures of our display, should you have missed it!

Should you wish to learn a challenging new skill/hobby, please join us either Wednesdays or Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.





**Thursday, September 25
Depart Club Encore 11 a.m.**

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“Stayin” Alive – An Afternoon of the Bee Gees

12 p.m.-6 p.m. – Arrive at the lovely Tropicana Casino on the famous Atlantic City Boardwalk. Included in the package is a ticket to the 3 p.m. show Stayin’ Alive, An Afternoon of the Bee Gees. Stayin’ Alive offers songs from a full Bee Gees playlist, singing blockbusters such as Night Fever, Jive Talkin’, How Deep Is Your Love, You Should be Dancing, Nights on Broadway and Stayin’ Alive. It’s an afternoon filled with hit after hit and is the largest production of its kind, offering big screen video clips, photos and dazzling imagery. Don’t miss this quintessential tribute band capturing the excitement of the one and only Bee Gees. In addition to the show ticket, package also includes a \$20 food credit to be used in a variety of choices at the Tropicana as well as a \$25 slot credit.

No Refunds Given – If you are unable to go on this trip, the Recreation Office will attempt to resell your ticket if the bus is sold out and there is a waiting list. Tickets to all Recreation Events, which include in-house events and trips out of the Village, are limited to TWO tickets per unit, with the exception of a third registered resident living in the unit. Note: This trip includes one comp ticket for a full bus sold. These funds offset the driver’s gratuity or may be added to the Recreation budget.



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Diabetes Support Group

By Dolly Johnston

All are welcome to attend the Diabetes Support Group held each month at 1 p.m. in the Willow Hall A/B Room. This is a relatively new Group that formed recently. I think living with Diabetes is a learning process and it did help me to hear what other people shared because it seemed most people had good days, as well as not-so-good days.

I encourage anyone interested to come out to the next meeting to be held on July 23. Hope to see you there!



Cooking Club

By Carol Viola

FOOD, FUN, AND FIREWORKS - HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY LVW

This month we celebrate the Fourth of July - although, we do not have a Luncheon this month, I just couldn't miss the opportunity to wish all of my fellow Cooking Club Chefs a fun and fantastic day as we celebrate our Nation's birthday!

Here is a bit of history about our Nation's birthday - it was on July 4, 1776 that the Second Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, primarily written by Thomas Jefferson, it outlined the colonists' grievances with British rule and declared their right to self-governance. However, it wasn't until September 3, 1783 that the Revolutionary War ended with the signing of the Treaty of Paris and the United States of America came into being! Our Nation's first flag is said to have been designed by Francis Hopkinson, a New Jersey delegate to the Continental Congress and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, but it is Betsy Ross who is credited with sewing the first flag, which had 13 stripes alternating red and white and 13 white stars on a blue field, representing the 13 colonies. Our flag now has 50 stars representing the 50 states, and 13 stripes representing the 13 original colonies.

So, if we had a luncheon this month, our color theme would definitely be red, white, and blue, like the colors of our flag and a tradition across America as we celebrate our Nation's birthday!

There will be parades, concerts, family gatherings, fireworks and, of course, lots of delicious food; in fact, Americans are estimated to consume 150 million hot dogs and a significant amount of other BBQ staples, like burgers and chicken; along with corn on the cob, potato salad, baked beans, watermelon, cakes and other goodies on the fourth!

I don't know what you will be cooking or eating or where you'll be celebrating but I hope you have a wonderful, fun-filled day as you remember how fortunate we are to live in this great country, the United States of America - Home of the Brave and Land of the Free!!

Wishing you a Happy Fourth of July and a Happy Summer!!

**July Quote is from Oliver Wendall Holmes –
“One Flag, One Land, One Heart, One Nation
Evermore.”**



Fishing & Social Club

by Tom Tyls

May was a busy month. We had Club Day and the 3 T's, Ted, Tony and Tom, smelling of fish caught the day before, manned the table ready to answer questions about fishing. Understandably, not many stopped at our table.

In mid-May, Lake Willow was stocked with Bluegills for Grandkids Day and minnows to fatten the elusive bass that test our skills. Mary Lighthipe and Hank Kliem, and his people, provided invaluable assistance, and I need to thank Felix, Larry, Lynn, Liz and Rich for willing to get wet and dirty in less than desirable conditions. The stocking program has been effective, and several nice sized bass and crappies have been caught and released, that I am aware of. We should have a good year fishing at Willow Lake this year. Now, only if the weather would improve.

We had our first Sea Bass trip back in May in a season that is only a month long. Rich out-fished us all with 6, but Derek with 5, had a fish that was pool-worthy, just not big enough to earn pool money. Ted was catching and showed me how to catch a keeper or two. Tony was just too busy catching triple headers. It was a good, but chilly day on the water. Lots of fish and some limits on board were caught with Sea Bass, Ling and too many toothy Ocean Pouts making up the catch.

Although May had lots of good fishing reports, unpredictable conditions made it necessary to reschedule trips to June. June 19 finished the Sea Bass season and Head Boats switched over to full and half-day fluke trips. Although fishing was good, there is no June Club fishing news to report yet.

Looking forward to the next trip, Tom

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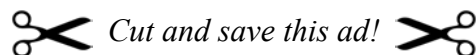
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RECREATION NOTICES

All Association Offices and Departments will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. There will be no Village bus service on the holiday.

Please refer to the LVWA BOT Election information listed on the flyer in this issue.

**Please log in to
leisurevillagewest.com
or watch TV Creeper
channels 970 & 971 for the
latest information.**

Notice: Residents are reminded if the fire alarm sounds in the clubhouse they are to evacuate the building immediately. Don't assume the alarm to be a test or false alarm.

Did You Miss the Board of Trustees Meeting?

If you missed the Board of Trustees meeting you can view the rebroadcast of the BOT meeting on channel 974.



Our sincere apologies for the typographical error that appeared on the cover of the June issue of the Leisure Village West News regarding the Juneteenth Holiday. We are aware many residents were offended by the mistake and deeply regret the error.

Important Notice:

Clubs are requested to please follow the newsmagazine submission guidelines. Club articles are not to exceed one page. Lengthy articles will be edited. Due to space limitations, we ask that no more than TWO photos per club be submitted with your monthly newspaper article. Clubs are asked to submit the correct dates advertising the happenings of the current month's magazine.

LVW NEWSPAPER RECYCLING:

LVW NEWSPAPER RECYCLING: The trailer has been relocated to the front of the Maintenance Building. The trailer will be open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm.



Township Recycling

Wednesdays, July 9 and July 23

LabCorp

is proud to present a



MOBILE UNIT PHLEBOTOMY SERVICE
WALK-IN Blood Drawing Service

Conveniently located in the
WILLOW HALL CERAMICS ROOM
EVERY TUESDAY

TIME: 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

(No appointment necessary)

LAST BLOOD DRAW IS 10:30 a.m.

**BE SURE TO BRING YOUR PRESCRIPTION,
IDENTIFICATION, INSURANCE CARDS
and/or MEDICARE CARDS**

**NOTE: PLEASE HAVE THE DOCTOR PROVIDE HIS/ HER FAX
NUMBER ON THE PRESCRIPTION FORM TO ENSURE
TIMELY RESULT REPORTS.**



Mary Lighthipe, Director

Recreation



When we think of Independence Day, we think of the love and devotion we feel for our country. Whether good times or difficult times, we stand as one nation. Democracy often embodies sacrifice. Many lives have been lost to keep the “Stars and Stripes” flying. We cherish our freedom and honor the principles upon which our nation was built. As we wave our flags, let us all remember just how wonderful it is to be an American. Happy 4th of July!

Enjoy the simple pleasures of summertime—fragrant gardens in full bloom, lazy afternoons, lightning bugs, summer rain, and crimson sunsets. We delight in long-awaited family visits, days at the beach, picnics, and barbecues. We have lots of exciting summer events planned during July.

There will be no Bingo games during the summer months. We extend our thanks to Linda Miller and all of the Bingo volunteers for this wonderful Village activity. Games will resume in September.

TECH 101- We are so pleased to welcome back the Manchester HS Football Team who will once again offer their technical assistance to our residents who may struggle with the use of their media devices. Help will be provided at Willow Hall on Tuesday, July 22 from 12 pm to 2 p.m. Please bring your device.

It’s Salsa Time at the Club Encore Pool – Our second summer pool party will feature vibrant colors and a Latin atmosphere. Join us as we welcome Saucy Studios who will conduct Salsa Line Dance Lessons followed by a dance contest. So get out your colorful attire and join us on Thursday, July 10 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. DJ music will be provided by Allstar Entertainment.

Join us for our **Super Summer Showtime – The Iconic Music of the 1970s** on July 19 at 8 p.m. in Club Encore. The Jersey Tenors, America’s hottest tribute act, will present hits from Queen, the Bee Gees, Elton John, CCR, the Eagles and so much more. Come enjoy the music that represented a turning point in musical history with Disco and modern rock. Get your tickets early....our last show was a sell-out. Please refer to the flyer for additional information.

The monthly movie will feature “The Friend” on Sunday, July 20 at 2 p.m. in Willow Hall. A woman loses her best friend and inherits his grieving Great Dane, starring Naomi Watts and Bill Murray.

We welcome back “**Grandkids Day**” on Saturday, August 2. This free event will be held in Willow Hall from 1 – 4 p.m. The little ones will be entertained by DJs Daniela and Christine. The day will include games, prizes, music, dancing, cotton candy, jewelry making, ice cream, a TV demo, a photo booth, a model railroad display, and fishing at the lake. All grandchildren are sure to enjoy this fun-filled day.

On Tuesday, August 19 we depart to the “legendary” **Moshulu**. The world’s oldest and largest square-rigged sailing vessel is still afloat. Docked permanently at Penn’s Landing on the Delaware River Waterfront, the *Moshulu* is a restaurant that deserves a spot on your must-visit list. Next, we are on to Parx Casino and Racetrack to complete the day. Please refer to the flyer for additional details.

We will depart for **Yankee Stadium** on Wednesday, August 27 to cheer on the Yankees as they go up against the Washington Nationals. All of the exciting details are listed in this issue.

The **Tropicana Casino** is our destination on Thursday, September 25 for the blockbuster show “Stayin’ Alive – An Afternoon of the Bee Gees. The trip includes the show, a \$25 slot credit, and a \$20 food credit, bus, and gratuity. Don’t miss this great trip! Details in this issue.

We are headed to **Broadway** on November 12 to see the Tony Award winning show “Maybe Happy Ending.” Due to the cost of the tickets, we find it necessary to advertise the trip a few months in advance. Please refer to the flyer in this issue for all of the exciting details.

The Association is required by law to purchase blanket music licenses. These blanket licenses permit and protect the public performance of music at any events held on Association grounds. Most clubs use copyrighted music for DJs, bands, concerts, and other forms of entertainment. We ask for your support in sharing the cost of this expense. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation. Please make checks payable to Leisure Village West Association, and deliver them to the Recreation Department at Willow Hall.

July 2025

RECURRING EVENTS

SUNDAY

2:30pm - 4:30pm Ping Pong LF

MONDAY

9am - 12pm Food Pantry 3D Buckingham
 9am - 10:15am Chair Yoga E
 9:30am - 11am KLVW-TV W
 10am - 12pm VISTON 3D Buckingham
 11am - 1pm Model Railroad W
 11am - 1pm Ceramics W
 1pm - 4pm Bridge LF
 2pm - 4pm Ceramics W

TUESDAY

7:30am - 10:45am LabCorp Blood Draw W
 9am - 12pm Food Pantry 3D Buckingham
 9am - 12pm Ping Pong LF
 1pm - 3pm Mah-Jongg for Fun E
 2pm - 4pm Ping-Pong LF
 6pm - 9:30pm Bridge LF

WEDNESDAY

9am - 10:15am Slow Flow Yoga LF
 9am - 12pm Food Pantry 3D Buckingham
 9:30am - 11:30am Stained Glass Group E
 10am - 12pm VISTON 3D Buckingham
 11am - 1pm Ceramics W
 12:30pm - 4pm Open Table Games LF
 1pm - 3pm Pine Tree Quilters E
 2pm - 4pm Ceramics W
 6pm - 8pm Model Railroad Club W
 7pm - 9pm Dominoes W

THURSDAY

9:30 - 11:30 am Stained Glass Group E
 10am - 12pm Art Class W
 10am - 11am QiGong W
 2pm - 4pm Ping-Pong LF
 4pm - 6pm Food Pantry 3D Buckingham
 6pm - 9:30pm Bridge LF
 7pm Because It's Thursday LF

FRIDAY

9am - 10:15am Chair Yoga LF
 9am - 12pm Ping-Pong LF
 9:30am - 11am KLVW-TV W
 10am - 12pm VISTON 3D Buckingham
 12pm - 4pm Open Table Games LF
 2pm - 4pm Ping-Pong LF
 6pm - 8pm Rummy Q LF
 6pm - 8pm Ping-Pong LF

SATURDAY

9:30am - 10:30am Beginner Yoga LF
 2pm - 4pm Ping-Pong LF

LVW FOOD PANTRY

The Leisure Village West Food Pantry hours are as follows:

Monday - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Donations and Registrations

Tuesday - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Donations and Registrations

Wednesday - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Donations, Registrations

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Deliveries & Pickups

Thursday - 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Donations and Registrations, Pickups



Contact Information

Email: foodpantry@lvwa.net OR ritawing41@gmail.com

Phone: 732-408-8120 OR 201-394-6218

(YOU ARE NOT ALONE)



Come Celebrate Grandkids Day

Saturday, August 2
1 pm to 4 pm – Willow Hall



Games Prizes
DJ Music Dancing
Cotton Candy
Jewelry Making
TV Studio Demo
Ice Cream
Photo Booth
Model Railroad Display
Fishing at the Lake



ENCORE POOL PARTY



Thursday, July 10

7 p.m to 10 p.m.

\$8 per person

Live Music with "Allstar Entertainment"
Professional Salsa Line Dance Lessons
& Dance Contest.

Come in Festive attire...

Bring your own light snacks, ice will be provided.

All liquid refreshments must be in a plastic container.

NO GLASS - NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Clean up on your own (please cooperate)

No reserved seating. Limited to residents only.

No children allowed.



No refunds will be given. If you cannot attend, we will attempt to resell your ticket if there is a waiting list. The party is held rain or shine and will be held in the auditorium in case of rain. Tickets to all Recreation Events, which include in-house events and trips out of the Village, are limited to TWO tickets per unit, with the exception of a third registered resident living in the unit.

Summer Showtime

THE JERSEY TENORS PRESENT THE ICONIC MUSIC OF THE 1970s



**Saturday, July 19
Club Encore – 8 p.m.
Cost: \$20 per person**

The Jersey Tenors, America's hottest tribute act, will present hits from Queen, the Bee Gees, Elton John, CCR, the Eagles and so much more. Come enjoy the music that represented a turning point in musical history with Disco and modern rock. Get your tickets early....our last show was a sell-out.

NO REFUNDS GIVEN – If you are unable to attend the Recreation Office will attempt to resell your ticket if there is a waiting list. Tickets to all Recreation events are limited to TWO tickets per unit, with the exception of a third registered resident living in the unit.



Irish American Club



By Ellen Truberg

Once more, our Spring Craft and Vendor Fair proved to be an outstanding success. We extend a big thank you to all our residents who participated in supporting our crafters and Club.

Although the sweltering days of summer have arrived, a touch of winter would be nice. Come chill with us on Tuesday, July 8 at 7 p.m. in Club Encore for our annual **“Christmas in July.”** Enjoy a “jolly old time” filled with games, prizes, and desserts! Plus, don’t miss out on joining Santa Claus in our photo booth for a memorable picture.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, August 12, in Club Encore. Be on the lookout for ticket sales for our Summer Social taking place in September.

*“Irish summers: where the mist kisses the fields
And the sun peeks through just
enough to warm the heart.”*



Garden Club



By Pat Hertz

The LVW Garden Club wishes everyone a very Happy Fourth of July! God Bless America!

"America is not just a country, it's an idea." — Bono

Mary, a dedicated Club member, proudly shared her stunning patriotic wreath as part of our **Wreath of the Month** celebration.

Let freedom bloom! 🌸 ✨



Recreation Department
Sponsored trip to.....

Yankee Stadium



New York Yankees vs. Washington Nationals

We arrive at Yankee Stadium for a match against the Washington Nationals with game time at 1:05pm. We have great seats, with a great view and perfect location. There's food available for purchase- of course all the ballpark fare will be there- have a dog, a beer, a pretzel and more!

Don't forget your credit card however as Yankee Stadium has gone paperless. **All Yankee tickets are now e-tickets- there are NO MORE paper tickets issued by the stadium. Your cell phone number will be taken at time of your bus ticket purchase reserving your stadium seat.

The week of the game, your electronic ticket will be delivered to you as an e-ticket on your mobile device. This e-ticket will be scanned at the entrance at Yankee Stadium for your admittance. More than one ticket can be delivered so if you are a party of 2 or more, all tickets can be delivered to one lead person, in other words one cell phone number, to make it easier.

Wednesday, August 27

Depart Club Encore Parking Lot: 9:30 a.m.

Game Time: 1:05 p.m.

Cost: \$89. per person

(All inclusive: Bus, Admission & Gratuity)

No Refunds Given – If you are unable to go on this trip, the Recreation Office will attempt to resell your ticket if the bus is sold out and there is a waiting list.

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Note: This trip includes one comp ticket for a full bus sold. These funds offset the driver gratuity or may be added to the Recreation budget.



**Volunteers in Service
to Our Neighbors**



By Kathy Maiocco

**HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!
STAY SAFE!
VISTON NEEDS YOU!
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR DRIVING**

Please consider giving back to your community, friends, and neighbors by becoming a VISTON volunteer. Your time can be as little as once a month for a few hours.

INDEPENDENCE DAY! Let us extend some “independence” to our friends and neighbors in the Leisure Village West Community by becoming a volunteer driver for those who can no longer drive for various reasons. VISTON is such a valuable resource to those who are in need. Be a good neighbor/friend and call the VISTON office now at **732-657-1818**. We would be happy to have you! If you call during off hours, please feel free to leave a message and your call will be returned within 24 to 48 hours. You may also visit in person on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Do not be shy! The VISTON office is located in the business suites next to Willow Hall. The official address is 3 Buckingham Drive, Suite D.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1 2 p.m. Farmers Club (LF) 7 p.m. Picklers & Social Club (E)	2 1 p.m. Trustees Meeting (W) 6 p.m. Candidates Meeting (W) 2 p.m. Current Events (W) 4 p.m. Chair Volunteering (W)
6	7 10 a.m. Helping Hands Meeting (W) 2 p.m. Current Events (W) 7 p.m. Bocce & Social Club (W)	8 11 a.m. Ladies Inside Golf (Pines) 7 p.m. Irish American Club (W)	9 Townspeople Meeting (W) 7 p.m. Karaoke (W) 7 p.m. Golf & Social Club (W) 7 p.m. Book Discussion (W)
13	14 1 p.m. Veterans Club (E) 7 p.m. Billiards Club Meeting (E) 7 p.m. LGBTQ+ & Friends (W)	15 10 a.m. Financial Information Club (E) 7 p.m. RV Club (E)	16 1 p.m. Candidates Meeting (W) 5 p.m. Tennis Club (E)
20	21 1 p.m. Creative Classes (E) 2 p.m. Current Events (W) 6 p.m. Italian American Club Fundraiser (E)	22 12 – 2 p.m. Technology Assistance (W) 1 p.m. Caritas Guild Jewelry Show (W) 7 p.m. Players Club (W)	23 Townspeople Meeting (W) 7 p.m. Candidates Meeting (W) 1 p.m. Diabetes Support Group (W) 7 p.m. Pet Club (W)
27	28 7 p.m. Nature Club (W)	29	30 7 p.m. Acoustic Music (W)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Board Meeting (W) Dates Orientation</p> <p>Events (W) Tennis (LF)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Ladies Inside Golf (Pines) 2 p.m. Fishing Club (W)</p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>Happy Independence Day</i> <i>All Association Offices and</i> <i>Departments are closed</i></p> <p>9 a.m. Men's Inside Golf (Willows) 4 p.m. ORT 4th of July Event (E)</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>Ship Recycling</p> <p>Group (LF) Social Club (W) Discussion Group (W)</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>7 P.M. Recreation Pool Party (E)</i></p> <p>1 p.m. Writers Group (E) 2 p.m. Travelers Club (W)</p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>African American Club Out of Village</i></p> <p>1:30 p.m. Art Class (W)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6 p.m. Veterans Club Dance (E)</p>
<p>Candidates Meet & Greet (E)</p> <p>Club Round Robin</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Ladies Inside Golf (The Pines)</p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>7 p.m. Candidates Forum (W)</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. Men's Inside Golf (The Pines) 11 a.m. Leisure Paws Club (LF) 1:30 p.m. Art Class (W)</p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>Showtime - Jersey Tenors</i></p>
<p>Ship Recycling Annual Budget Meeting</p> <p>Support Group (E)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 p.m. Jewish American Club Fundraiser (W)</p>	<p>25</p> <p><i>6 p.m. Candidates Meet & Greet (W)</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>2 p.m. Boomers BBQ (E)</p>
<p>Group (E)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Ladies Inside Golf (Willows) 12 p.m. Travel Club Picnic (E)</p>		



Wednesday, November 12

Depart Encore: 9 a.m.

Cost: \$205 per person

Broadway - Maybe Happy Ending

11 a.m.: We're heading to the Big Apple for Broadway! Our first stop will be the Tik Tok Diner, conveniently located on the corner of 34th and 8th Avenue, the largest diner in NYC and minutes away from the theatre. We are welcomed with reservation only seating at their popular Diner. Whether it's breakfast, lunch or dinner, you'll find it is all delicious. Whether you choose lunch or an early dinner, the meal is on your own.

2 p.m: Showtime! Leading this year's Tony Awards, and winning a total of 6 Tony's altogether including the top prize of best musical and best director, is the new romantic musical comedy "Maybe Happy Ending", at the historical Belasco Theatre. Inside a one-room apartment on the outskirts of Seoul, Oliver lives a happily quiet life, listening to jazz records and caring for his favorite plant. But what else is there to do when you're a Helperbot 3, a robot that has long been retired and considered obsolete? When his fellow Helperbot neighbor Claire asks to borrow his charger, what starts as an awkward encounter leads to a unique friendship, a surprising adventure, and maybe even...love? "Maybe Happy Ending" is the offbeat and captivating story of two outcasts near the end of their warranty who discover that even robots can be swept off their feet. This fresh, original musical is a lesson about the small things that make any life worth living.

No Refunds Given – If you are unable to go on this trip, the Recreation Office will attempt to resell your ticket if the bus is sold out and there is a waiting list. Tickets to all Recreation Events, which include in-house events and trips out of the Village, are limited to TWO tickets per unit, with the exception of a third registered resident living in the unit. Note: There is no comp offered on this trip.



Tuesday, August 19

Depart Encore Parking Lot: 9:30 a.m.

Cost: \$125 per person

**Lunch on Moshulu
Floating Square-rigged Sailing Vessel
and Parx Casino and Racetrack**

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Just what is this restaurant with the strange name- Moshulu? Only one of the most desired, award-winning restaurants in Philadelphia, made all the more stunning by being housed in the largest remaining windjammer in the world! Beautiful Moshulu was built in Scotland in 1904 and is a four-masted steel "Barque" who is now docked permanently at Penn's Landing on the Delaware River Waterfront. Enjoy lunch in this memorable setting with unparalleled views of the city skyline and waterfront while enjoying a first course of a Mixed Greens Salad, followed by a choice of Stuffed Chicken Breast with Ham and Cheddar with a Truffle Rosemary Jus, Pan Seared Salmon or Braised Angus Short Rib, ending with dessert of Chocolate Mousse Cake with coffee and tea. After lunch, depart for the Parx Casino.

2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.: The Parx Casino and Racetrack, located in Bensalem, PA is a thoroughbred horse racing venue and the largest casino gaming complex in Pennsylvania. Our group is on our own to decide where to wager first as Parx features over 3,200 slot machines, 188 live table games, live and simulcast racing action and more. Good luck! And remember, sign up for the Parx Casino card and you are automatically given \$10 slot credit upon sign up.

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LVWA BOT ELECTION 2025

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

CLUB ENCORE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025 1-4 P.M. (EDST)

WILLOW HALL

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025 6-9 P.M. (EDST)

Candidates for the 2025 election to the Board of Trustees of Leisure Village West will be available to hear your ideas, concerns or answer your questions in an informal setting.

CANDIDATE FORUM

WILLOW HALL

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025 7 P.M. (EDST)

Broadcast live on Channel 974. If you are unable to attend, you can email your question(s) to election@lvwa.net no later than Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

ELECTION DAY IS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025, WILLOW HALL.

POLLS OPEN ON AUGUST 28, 2025 FROM 6-9 P.M. (EDST) AND ON AUGUST 29, 2025 FROM 7-10 A.M. (EDST) FOR LAST MINUTE VOTING AND PROXY WITHDRAWAL. ANNUAL MEETING AT 10:00 AM (EDST). ALL AT WILLOW HALL.

WE MUST REACH QUORUM – PLEASE VOTE!

PING-PONG CLUB

A Club Where Everyone Knows Your Name



By Phyllis Pohle



Here we are, firmly rooted in summer. And summer usually means our Ping-Pong Picnic. Due to circumstances beyond our control, however, our Ping-Pong Picnic had to be rescheduled from Wednesday, June 18. It will now be held on Wednesday, September 10 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Club Encore Patio. Further details will be posted on the Creeper and the Ping-Pong Whiteboard as the time nears.



We sometimes feature our members in this newsletter, and this month we are featuring Phyllis Gudewitz. Phyllis served as Club President from 2017 to 2024. We spoke recently regarding her love of the game and participation in the LVW Ping-Pong Club.

Phyllis's mom had been an avid ping-pong player and introduced her to the sport at the age of 7. Her mom won trophies for ping-pong and displayed them proudly in their home. One of these trophies has found a new home in her living room, among her own LVW Ping-Pong Club awards.

Phyllis carried her love of ping-pong into her own family where she set up a ping-pong table in her basement. When Phyllis moved to Leisure Village West in 1999, she was still working. She found her way to the LVW Ping-Pong Club, where she played on the weekends. Here she met many players who helped her advance her game by showing her the subtler nuances of the sport.

When Phyllis retired, she became the Club's president. She advanced to the 'A' Division, where she won numerous competitions. Phyllis has been one of our most active members and ambassadors, often offering to spend time with newer players to help them learn the basics of the game. We are grateful for her time as president and look forward to her continuing membership.

Jewish American Club

By Helen Epstein



Our Club would like to thank all those who visited our table on Club Day, and especially those who became a member. We promise you won't be sorry you joined when you see what's in store for you throughout the year.

Carole Brown, president of the LVW Travel Club, spoke at our last meeting. This was a most interesting presentation. She told us how trips are chosen by the members, who work with Lisa at Toms River Travel, to come up with what they feel will appeal to the members. In 2024, the Club had trips to Barcelona, Montreal/Quebec, Woodloch Pines, cruises; just to name a few. If you have the travel bug, the Travel Club is the place to be for a review of what's in store for the coming months.

In June, our program was entitled "HeartBeats: for Adults/Seniors - an interactive drumming experience." We'll tell you all about that in our next issue.

Our meeting on July 24 will be "A Taste of Israel" with catered food and entertainment by a Klezmer band. Tickets will be sold shortly, so watch for that information.

At our May meeting, dessert was donated by Susan Karsh and Ellie Kravetz in honor of their birthdays. (Ellie is celebrating her 99th birthday!)

Stay tuned to our publicity resources to see what's on the agenda for the coming months. And make sure you put the fourth Thursday of each month on your calendar. We meet at 7 p.m. in Willow Hall.

We look forward to seeing you.



Carole Brown, Travel Club President and Ellie Kravetz, Birthday Girl



LVW Golf & Social Club

By Betty Farrell



The LVW Golf and Social Club's "Kentucky Derby" on Wednesday, May 14, was a real crowd pleaser! Derby stallions, Frank Armstrong, Bob Gratz, Bob Horn, Frank Lepore, Mike Mercer and John Scholz "raced" to the finish line cheered on by excited supporters. "Bucking Bobby" Horn got off to a very slow start, but came from behind and amazed the crowd with a final burst of speed to win the event! Many of our ladies competed in the derby hat contest, but Bobby's mare, Anna Horn, kept the prizes all in the family. Thanks to all participants and stable hands! Special thanks to race caller *extraordinaire*, Pat Murray, "Call to Post" bugler Frank Hughes (resplendent in his official uniform), and coordinator/chair Mary Minor.

Don't miss the July membership meeting and fun activities planned for Wednesday, July 9, at 7 p.m. Enjoy our popular Putt-Putt Golf on Willow's putting green and/or Beer Pong (w beverage of your choice) in Willow Hall. Refreshments will be served – of course!

Mark your calendar now for an exciting return to the era of the legendary Elvis Presley. All members and guests are invited to join us for a rollicking, rocking "Elvis in the House" fundraiser/meeting on Wednesday, August 13, in Willow Hall at 7 p.m. Muster your own Memphis Mafia for a table. Stay tuned to TV Channel 971 and be on the lookout for LVW Golf Club emails for specifics.

Although the rainy weather put a damper on some of May's golfing activities, golfers made the most of their time on various courses inside and outside of the Village. Cindy Simon certainly made the most of her time at the Holiday Mixer on Saturday, May 24, at the Pines. She made a hole-in-one on the second hole and celebrated so loudly that we think she was heard in Toms River!

Golf Events Scheduled for July

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| • Thursday, July 3, at 8:30 a.m. | Women Inside Golf at The Pines: "Best Odd Holes" |
| • Friday, July 4, at 8:30 a.m. | Men Inside Golf at Willows: "Closest to the Pin" |
| • Thursday, July 10, at 9:00 a.m. | Outside Golf at Atlantis: \$35 for 18 holes |
| • Thursday, July 17, at 8:30 a.m. | Women Inside Golf at The Pines: "Best Even Holes" |
| • Friday, July 18, at 8:30 a.m. | Men Inside Golf at The Pines: "3 Club Golf" |
| • Wednesday, July 23, at 9:30 a.m. | Outside Golf at Colonial Terrace: \$30 for 9 holes |
| • Thursday, July 31, at 8:30 a.m. | Women Inside Golf at The Willows: "Casino Golf" |





AN AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

R 120 minutes
Sunday, July 20, 2025
Willow Hall Auditorium at 2 p.m.

Starring:

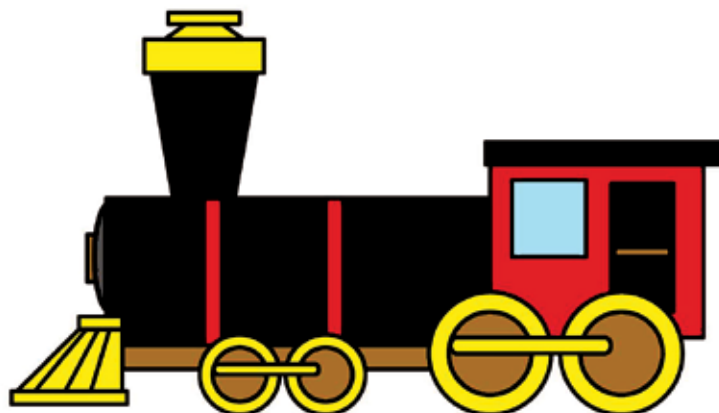
**Bill Murray, Naomi Watts, Cloé Xhaufaire,
 Constance Wu, Noma Dumezweni.**

When a solitary writer adopts and bonds with a Great Dane that belonged to a late friend, she begins to come to terms with her past and her own creative inner life.

No tickets are required. Seating will be on a first-come basis.

ALL ABOARD!
THE LEISURE VILLAGE WEST MODEL RAILROAD CLUB
WANTS YOU TO RIDE WITH US ON GRANDKIDS DAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 FROM 1 to 4 P.M. IN WILLOW HALL



BRING THE KIDS & TOUR OUR
MUCH-UPDATED LAYOUT
IT TAKES MORE THAN COAL, STEAM & DIESEL FUEL TO
KEEP THE TRAINS RUNNING



LVW Veterans Club



By Cindy Kopp

The LVW Veterans Club hosted the Leisure Village West Association's Memorial Day Ceremony. It was well attended with about 200 residents there to honor our fallen. As always, Gene Murphy was kind enough to help with his beautiful voice, singing our National Anthem and God Bless America. The Reverend Les Martin opened and closed with beautiful prayers and our BOT Vice President, Al Damato, gave a beautiful speech that moved everyone. Phil Zimmerman, Director of Veterans Service Bureau in Ocean County told wonderful stories about his military service and brought some levity to the otherwise solemn occasion. Our wreath was presented and Tapps were played for those that gave it all.

Our annual, FREE, bring your own food and beverage Dance was canceled due to illness. We have rescheduled it for Saturday, July 12, in Club Encore at 6:30 p.m. to benefit the Veterans Home in Vineland, NJ. We will be adding a free hot dog for each of you and a game to win door prizes. As we have done previously, we will be collecting specific brand new or unused items that the residents of the Veterans Home have requested. A list of the accepted items will accompany this article and will be available in the clubhouses. We ask that each person attending consider donating from this list or bring a cash, or check, donation to help us reach our goal. Checks can be made out to LVW Veterans Club. For those that cannot attend, but still would like to help make our event a success, you can drop a donation by check in our mailbox in Club Encore or email us at lvwveterans@gmail.com to arrange for collection of your items. In addition to the great music, door prizes and some hot dogs, we will also be running our 50/50. Don't miss out on the fun. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

As some of you may or may not know, our Club is a charitable Club. It uses your donations in benefit of other Veterans, not our Club. Helping those heroes in need is our only goal. Please help us out by attending our events, donating to make our mission a success or joining our Club.

The Club meets on the second Monday of every month in the Stained Glass Room in Club Encore at 1 p.m. There are always refreshments. All are welcome.



Vineland Veterans Home Resident Wish List

RESCHEDULED **We are running a FREE Dance for Residents on July 12th in Encore at 6:30PM. **We would greatly appreciate each person** bring an item or items from the list, or a cash or check donation, to help support Veterans. Make checks out to LVW Veterans Club or drop your check in our Encore Mailbox

Please **LIMIT YOUR DONATIONS TO ITEMS LISTED BELOW ONLY**

All items **MUST BE BRAND NEW OR UNUSED**

- Hard Soled Slippers, FULL FOOT, no slip ins. Men and Women
- Reading Glasses (all strengths) and Polarized Sunglasses
- Sweatshirts/Sweatpants for Men and Women- sizes Small thru 5XL
- Men's Undershirts (**White ONLY**)-sizes Small thru 5XL
- Wheelchair Cup Holders and Wheelchair Bags
- Electric Razors
- Books or Rolls of **FOREVER Postage Stamps** for writing to loved ones
- **WIRELESS** Headphones for TV and Music- Insignia Brand from Best Buy (Model: NS-HAWHP2 Sku#6281625)

*****Anyone who is not attending, but would like to donate, email us at lvwveterans@gmail.com to arrange collection**

LVW FOOD PANTRY

By Rita Wing

Hello, all my friends and neighbors here in Leisure Village West. I'm here to tell you that we are coming on our 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY for the Food Pantry! I know it doesn't seem like a year already, but this gives me an opportunity to thank each and every one of you who have played a part in our success.

The donations and the generosity of all of you, individuals and Clubs, is phenomenal; we have come such a long way. I'm so thankful that we have the opportunity to help our fellow neighbors in their time of need. We are helping quite a few, but we know there are more people that can use our service. So, please remember, if you know of someone that we can help, please try to bring them forward to us. After all, IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

So, August 7, Happy 1 Year Anniversary to us, LVW Food Pantry, and hopefully more years to come.

Food Pantry Hours

Monday 9-12
Tuesday 9-12
Wednesday 9-12
Thursday 4-6

Email: foodpantry@lvwa.net

Phone: 732-408-8120

Carole Brown, our president, gave a talk on travel at the Jewish American Club in May. And presently, we have 251 paid members in the Club.

The trips coming up for the rest of the year are:

- September Woodloch Pines
- October Hawaii with a stop in Vegas
- November Costa Rica

Make sure to mark your calendars for these exciting trips and bring your friends along! The Travel Club is committed to creating memorable experiences, and we encourage everyone to participate and bring their ideas for future adventures to our upcoming meetings. Whether it's a bucket-list destination or a long weekend, your input helps us make each event special.

Also, don't forget to share your travel stories and photos—there's nothing like the joy of reminiscing about past journeys with fellow enthusiasts. Let's make the rest of the year as adventurous and fun-filled as possible!

Bocce and Social Club



By Jane Siegmund



From 1776 to present day, in the month of July, we celebrate our nation's birth of independence. July 4 is a day to celebrate the United States as a nation. The Leisure Village West Bocce and Social Club want to wish everyone a Happy Fourth of July.

On June 21, Leisure Village West Bocce and Social Club held their Summer Fiesta Picnic. The day was spent on the lawns at Club Encore. As people gathered around, they were entertained by the Face 2 Face band. The band's performance enhanced the picnic's atmosphere, created a memorable experience and brought everyone together. Catering was provided by LA Tapatia and over 30 door prizes were won. We congratulate all the winners. The theme of the day was fun, which was had by all.

Upcoming events for the remaining Summer of 2025.

- Thursday, July 17 - Battle of the Sexes.
- Thursday, July 24 - Dime on the Pallino.
- Thursday, July 31 - Midnight Madness.

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Travel Club

By Maureen DiStaulo



Here we are in July. The Travel Club is hosting a wonderful picnic at the Club Encore patio on July 31 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Come to our July 10 meeting and reserve your spot; only \$15 per person. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, drinks, along with music by Ken Metcalfe. It will happen rain or shine. The auditorium will be used if the weather does not cooperate!

Hope everyone is enjoying the pool and/or the beach. We have the pools here in the Village and we're only 12 miles from the beach. What a great place to live!

Our Club had some fun things going on recently. We had the ice cream social at our June meeting.

Please do not forget to sign up for the events.

Leisure Village West Bocce and Social Club would like to wish everyone a festive summer filled with family, friends and laughter.

West Village Players



By Christopher Ritter



Something special is taking place this month at The Players Club when we continue the legacy of our scholarship program by awarding scholarships to students of the Grunin Performing Arts Academy at Ocean County Vocational Technical School. Three deserving students planning to pursue continuing education in theater arts are selected based on their accomplishments in performance, scholastics, and long-term aspirations as professionals in the theatrical arts. Areas of discipline include stage performance, song, dance, writing and technical applications. This year's recipients represent all of these disciplines, and will share their special talents with us on Tuesday, July 22, at 7 p.m. in Willow Hall Auditorium.

Over the past decades, The West Village Players have funded the scholarship program through monies collected from our 50/50 drawings, making you, our members, and patrons of the students devoting their lives to the theater. To date, your Player's Club has contributed over \$35,000 in scholarships, for which we should all be extremely proud. We hope to continue the legacy of the scholarship program which was long-ago established by Joe and Lorraine Metro, who were integral members of the Players Club.

We hope you will join us for this special evening, which is always an audience favorite.

Looking further to the future, we will not have a meeting in August, because it's summer, but come September, we have a lot going on.

Our autumn fundraiser will feature our "Rat Pac" impresarios, as they pay tribute to the Rat Pack Era with favorites by Frank, Dean, Sammy and more. There will be one performance on Saturday, September 6, at 7 p.m. in Club Encore. Watch for our flyers with ticket information.

At our regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 23, at 7 p.m. in Willow Hall, we'll begin

that favorite time of year with nominations of officers for our 2026 Executive Board. Raise your hand and be counted because...

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Pickleball and Social Club



By Catwin

Sunday, June 1 was the Club's Summer Kickoff BBQ. What an awesome day; and the weather was perfect! The day started with games of skills led by Tim Erbe. From there, we moved onto the Club Encore patio for a superb BBQ; with burgers, hotdogs, sausage, peppers & onions; along with an array of salads. The afternoon was filled with good conversations, laughter, and good food. Not to mention our popular 50/50. The day ended with dessert and music by the Jersey Shore Jazz band inside. All this came together with Bill Burns (Club President) as our leader, and each of the Board members doing their part to put things in motion. Claire Renga, who heads up our hospitality group, did a great job with her group of volunteers from setup to cleanup, making desserts and helping to serve food. To all of our cooks, great job! They kept the hot food moving for 120 people!

We would also like to recognize **Holiday Service Center**, who made a generous monetary donation to defray costs, and also **Charlies Pizza, Restaurant & Bar** for donating the trays of garden salads.

At our July meeting, we will be discussing the Board positions that will be opening up and looking for people who may be thinking about becoming a Pickleball Board member and would like to learn more. Please plan on attending; July 1, 7 p.m. at Club Encore.



TENNIS CLUB

By Roberta Klotz

Tennis (and Racquet Sport) Injuries

As we watch the tennis greats, Alcaraz and Sinner and Zerev and Sabalenka and Gauff, we admire their athleticism and skills. If we watch Ping-Pong stars like Long and Walder and Yingsh and Diaz we are amazed as they chop and block and backspin the ball. Pickleball whizzes like Johns and Parenteau and Joyce Jones do drop shots and berts and smash without breaking a sweat! And when we get out (on the court) we see in our minds doing the same thing. BUT are we in shape? How can we prevent injuries?

In addition to a good pre-game warmup, how do we protect our muscles and joints while enjoying racquet sports? Because T_PP_PB sports are full of repetitive and high-impact movement, sport medicine specialists suggest the following non-court preventive activities to ensure our bodies can twist, bend, slam and serve when we play:

1. Shoulder and elbow – strengthening exercises such as shoulder rolls and banded extensions, and wrist curls (among other drills).

2. Legs muscles (ankles, calf) – resistance-band foot drills, lunges, toe-touches.
3. To protect your lower back – ensure a strong core with exercises such as planks and squats

And the medical experts want the social player to follow up if pain persists or returns when playing – see your doctor or a physical therapist to prevent lifelong injury.

Did you know there are daily scheduled tennis games, but The LVW Tennis Club always will fit in a new player – new to the Village, or newly retired – contact Ann Therway at 732-657-4385 or Helen Epstein at 732-674-5141 for more information. Or just bring your tennis racquet and have some fun – RSVPs not required for the “Open Round Robins” - 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (under the lights, if necessary) on July 16 and August 20. Tennis balls and refreshments will be provided.

*Excerpts from: New York Times, online, “How to Avoid Injuries on the Tennis Courts” May/June 2025.

LGBTQ+

& Friends

By Wayne Steinman and Lou Venezia

Greetings Leisure Village West!

The LGBTQ+ & Friends Group gloriously celebrated LGBTQ+ Pride Month at our June gathering. More than 50 people were in attendance at the Club Encore patio, decked out in our rainbow finery. We especially appreciated our allies who continuously gather with us. We truly went over the rainbow in our celebration of community! Many thanks to our group leader, Lou Venezia, for coordinating and hosting this wonderful event.

We have become quite well-versed in the art of socializing! So, we are going to do it again at our July event on Monday, July 14! Bring your smiles and happy attitudes and let's have a good time. Join us at 7 p.m. in the Willow Auditorium when we will socialize and share in friendship and good will. As always, please bring a snack to share and a beverage for yourself.

The LGBTQ+ & Friends Group continues its supportive environment for everyone in Leisure Village West. We welcome our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning residents, plus our friends, to join us.

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Italian American Social Club

By PaulaAnn Fazio



There is No General Meeting for the Month of July!

Italian American Social Club Presents:

An Italian Summer Social: The Club's First Fundraising Event of 2025

**LOOK FOR TICKET INFORMATION ON THE CREEPER
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Funds will go to the FOLLOWING:

- Joint Base Military Families – Christmas Donation for the children
- Manchester Little League – Christmas Donation to a family during the holiday

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Helping Hands

By Karen Marsh

Neighbors Helping Neighbors – and We Need You!

Helping Hands is proud to be part of what makes Leisure Village West such a special place. We're a volunteer-run Club dedicated to offering light, neighborly assistance to residents who need help with small household tasks not covered by Leisure Village West maintenance.

Whether you need help changing the batteries in your smoke alarm or even hooking up an outdoor hose to tend your 5-foot area, our volunteers are here to lend a hand. We also offer loans of mobility aids such as walkers, rollators, canes, wheelchairs, and shower chairs—all cleaned and sanitized before delivery for your safety.

We're currently seeking **new volunteers** to join our team in two important roles:

- **In-home helpers:** Residents who can safely assist neighbors in their homes with minor tasks.
- **Coordinators:** Volunteers who handle administrative tasks, such as managing phone messages, logging requests, and assigning volunteers.

If you enjoy helping others and want to stay involved in our community, we'd love to have you on board. Whether you have just a little time or a lot, every effort helps make a difference.

Need Help? Want to Join Us?

If you'd like assistance—or you would like to become a Helping Hands volunteer—please call **732-657-2842** and leave a voicemail with your name, address, phone number, and a message. (Please speak



Here are some of our volunteers at LVW Club Day at Club Encore!

slowly and clearly—our team needs the info to follow up with you. And don't be surprised if our call back comes from a number you don't recognize.)

Let's continue building a stronger, more connected Leisure Village West—one Helping Hand at a time.

LVW DANCE CLUB

By Karen Pryor



Grateful & Grooving 2024-2025 season wrapped up with a spectacular night at the Clarion on June 13; what an incredible turnout! A huge thanks to Don Pesce and everyone who attended the dance. It's your energy that made it an unforgettable evening.

Club Leadership – Join the Team We're still looking for some wonderful people to help keep the party going! Karen Pryor has enthusiastically stepped up as your new Dance Club President and is eager to keep the rhythm alive. Christine Palazzo will be taking over as Vice President. The positions that still need to be filled are Secretary and Treasurer. The current Board will remain in effect for the 2025-2026 Dance Club season. The change of officers will be June 2026. If you are interested in joining this wonderful team, drop your name, address and phone number in the Dance Club mail slot at Willow Hall and the position you are applying for.

Looking Ahead! Here's what is on the calendar for the 2025-2026 Dance Club season:

NOTE: September – No Dance – January – No Dance May – No Dance

2025	October 11 – Tommy Smooth
	November 8 – Steve & Dee Fisher
	December 13 – Joey D & Johnny B
2026	February 14 – DJ Johnny
	March 14 – Tommy Smooth
	April 11 – T-Rex

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June 12 (Friday) – Joey D &
Johnny B

**Join our Facebook Dance Club Page: Only
restriction is you must live in LVW**

You will find dance tutorials, event updates and interesting posts from members.

As always, a big Thank You to everyone who attends the dances; it's because of you this Club is such a success. Let's keep it going.

Barbara Genovese – President

Karen Pryor – Assistant President

Donna Rathbun - VP

Christine Palazzo – Assistant VP

Catherine DiPaolo - Treasurer

Stephanie Barnes - Secretary



By Jeff Schaffer

Beauty in the Details

I am currently taking an online course on how to draw and paint birds. I am not a particularly great artist, but I am enjoying the course, refining some skills and learning a great deal. It strikes me that much of this course is about paying attention to details. For example, before putting a brush to the page, it helps to consider the basic shapes and proportions of a bird as well as the various groupings of feathers that make up a bird's head and wings. Without these details, the finished painting will look more like a cartoon character than a beautiful living creature.

When I think about my relationship with nature in general, I see that observing the details is also important. Taking the time to notice the details often adds satisfaction and joy to the experience. The delicate blue shading of the hydrangea flowers in my garden; the strident twitter of the hummingbirds protecting their feeder; the sweet smell of the honeysuckle on my morning dog walk – these are all “everyday” observations. They are small details that add to the depth and richness of everyday life. They help connect me to the world I live in.

During LVW Nature Club meetings, we also take some time to celebrate the details observed in nature. At the beginning of each gathering, we invite folks to share their nature observations. One person might

share details about the bluebirds nesting near their house. Another offers the sighting of a rare butterfly. Still another offers a detailed description of how the local Gray Squirrels overcome every obstacle placed in their path in order to prevent them from raiding the bird feeder. In the sharing of such details, I often find wisdom, insight, humor and connection.

My point in these musings is to extend an invitation to observe the details of the natural world around us. The details you observe need not lead to great scientific insight or a masterful work of art. It need only be something – anything - that you find interesting, beautiful or puzzling. Taking a moment to observe the details will almost certainly add to your enjoyment of life and appreciation of nature's diversity, beauty and wisdom.

There will also be an opportunity to observe nature's details during July's LVW Nature Club meeting. The event will include an opportunity to observe animals up close through a presentation by a representative of Popcorn Park which includes live animals. The meeting will take place in Willow Hall at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 28. I hope you'll join us.



AFRICAN AMERICAN CLUB



By Arthur Taylor

The AAC, through our Assistance Committee, is accepting gift cards all year long to be utilized for those in need. We are also hosting a **24/7 confidential, 800 toll-free Prayer/What's Up telephone line. One-minute calls to 800-679-4018.**

We take this opportunity to thank all who came out to our Juneteenth Freedom Day celebration. No AAC meeting for the month of July. Enjoy the family and summer fun. Stay safe.

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Book Discussion Group

by Jan Stubbs

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The author of the #1 New York Times bestseller *Orphan Train* returns with an ambitious, emotionally resonant novel about three women whose lives are bound together in nineteenth-century Australia and the hardships they weather together as they fight for redemption and freedom in a new society.

Seduced by her employer's son, Evangeline, a naïve young governess in early nineteenth-century London, is discharged when her pregnancy is discovered and sent to the notorious Newgate Prison. After months in the fetid, overcrowded jail, she learns she is sentenced to "the land beyond the seas," Van Diemen's Land, a penal colony in Australia. (Van Diemen's Land was the historical name for the Australian island state of Tasmania. It was named after Anthony Van Dieman, the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies, by the Dutch explorer Abel Tasman in 1642. The name was retained by the British when they established a settlement in 1803, and Van Diemen's Land became a separate British Crown Colony in 1825 and later renamed Tasmania in 1856.)

Though uncertain of what awaits, Evangeline knows one thing: the child she carries will be born aboard the *Medea*, a repurposed slave ship, on the months-long voyage to this distant land.

During the journey, Evangeline strikes up a friendship with Hazel, a girl little older than her former pupils, who was sentenced to seven years transport for stealing a silver spoon. Canny where Evangeline is guileless, Hazel—a skilled midwife and herbalist—is soon offering home remedies to both prisoners and sailors in return for a variety of favors.

Though Australia has been home to Aboriginal people for more than 50,000 years, the British government in the 1840s considers its fledgling colony uninhabited and unsettled, and views the natives as an unpleasant nuisance. By the time the *Medea* arrives, many of these native people have been forcibly relocated, and their land seized by white colonists. One of these relocated people is Mathinna, the orphaned daughter of the Chief of the Lowreenne tribe, who has been adopted by the new governor of Van Diemen's Land.

Telling the story of Australia from a fresh perspective through the experiences of Evangeline, Hazel, and Mathinna., Christina Baker Kline brilliantly recreates the beginnings of a new society in a beautiful and challenging land. While life in Australia is punishing and often brutally unfair, it is also, for some, an opportunity: for redemption, for a new way of life, for unimagined freedom.

Reminder from the Architectural Committee

Permit Requirement for Custom Home Products

The Architectural Committee would like to kindly remind all homeowners of an important guideline when planning modifications to your home.

Before ordering any custom-made or special-order home products, such as windows, doors, or other architectural elements, it is mandatory to obtain a valid permit issued by the Architectural Committee. This step ensures that all modifications comply with community standards and specifications, preserving the harmony and aesthetic of our Village.

Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to this guideline. Should you have any questions or need assistance with the permit process, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Architectural Committee.

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Because It's Thursday

By Barbara Owens

What exactly IS



We are simply a group of Leisure Village West residents who enjoy socializing informally, and our Group is always open to all Leisure Village West residents. We never take attendance and never know who is going to “show up.” It’s FUN!

We meet every Thursday at 7 p.m. in Leisure Fair. It’s a great way to meet your neighbors, make new friends, and learn about “goings on.” Please bring your own beverages and a snack of some kind to share.

There are no dues or formal programs. We do, however, enjoy making announcements for other Clubs and activities in our Village. Essentially, we encourage attendees to bring their own beverages (of any kind) and something to contribute to our food table to share with others.

Started in August 2017, we have met live and virtually more than 350 times!

PLEASE JOIN US!

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our Village!**

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LEISURE VILLAGE WEST ASSOCIATION
SWIMMING POOL RULES
2025 SEASON

The official opening is Friday, May 23rd, for the Willow and Encore pools. Both the Willow and Encore pools will remain open until Monday, September 1st. The Willow Pool will remain open **for residents only** from September 2nd through September 30th.

Signs will be posted, not less than three feet by four feet, and shall be prominently displayed at the entrance to each swimming area, stating: 'No lifeguard will be on duty. ' Residents must always accompany guests. Notice to Parent or Guardian – Never Leave Children Unattended. No swimming alone. The Board reserves the right to rescind any rules that are abused.

POOL HOURS:	Willow Pool	11 am to 7 pm Monday–Friday 10 am to 7 pm on weekends & holidays
	Encore Pool	10 am to 8 pm daily <i>From July 1st through August 15th, the Encore pool will remain open until 9 p.m.</i>
	Aquacisers	10 am to 11 am Monday through Friday, and Monday and Wednesday 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm at Willow Pool only. (NO CLASSES on Holidays or Weekends). Only Aquaciser class members will be admitted during these hours.
	Lap Lanes	Residents must yield to lap lane swimmers in the designated lane.
	Adult Guests	15 Years and Older. (Accompanied by a resident limit of 4 per unit) Regular pool hours as listed above.
	Youth Guests	Under the age of 15 years old. (Accompanied by a resident limit of 6 per unit with approval) Only diapers specially designed for immersion in water are permitted. 10 am to 1 pm at Encore Pool & Pool Area 4 pm to 7 pm at Willow Pool & Pool Area

Youth guests under 4 years of age are not permitted in either of the pools. Children in strollers under the age of four will be allowed in the pool area only during children's swim hours.

In the event of the closure of one pool, the youth guest hours at the open pool are as follows: 11 am to 1 pm and 4 pm to 7 pm. The pool attendant will give a 10-minute warning when the children's hours will be ending, and the children must be out by 1 pm at Encore and 7 pm at Willow. Children are not allowed in the pool area at any time other than designated youth hours. Children must always be supervised when in the pool and pool area.

Unsupervised children are prohibited in the pools. Roughhousing and horseplay will not be tolerated.

POOL ENTRY: Members must swipe their photo ID badge for verification of member status at the pool gate to obtain admittance to the pool area. Violations of any pool rule will result in the suspension of the resident's privileges.

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- GUESTS:** Up to (6) Youth guests, in addition to the (4) Adult guests already allowed per unit, are permitted at the pools with pre-approval from the Association office. Guests **MUST** be accompanied by a **RESIDENT** and remain with guests at all times. Guests will be listed in a daily log.
- ATTIRE:** Proper swim attire must be worn from home to the pool, as the changing area is limited. Cut-off jeans are not allowed in the pool. A cover-up wrap is needed when entering the clubhouses. The Association is not responsible for any damage to bathing suits due to pool chemicals. Street shoes are not allowed in the pool. **DO NOT LEAVE SHOES OR SLIPPERS AT THE POOL STEPS.**
- DIAPERS:** Only diapers specially designed for immersion in water are permitted.
- SAFETY:** **NO DIVING OR JUMPING IS ALLOWED AT EITHER POOL AND WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. NO SITTING OR STANDING ON POOL STEPS UNLESS WHERE INDICATED AT THE *ENCORE POOL*. Weather-related closures are at the discretion of the Pool Attendant or LVW management. The Pool Attendant or LVW management will determine when to reopen the pool. The Pool Attendant will remain on duty during rain.**
- SWIM AIDS:** NO floats, toy surfboards, or swim toys are permitted in the pool, except for noodles. Noodles are not to exceed two per person. Mesh seat noodles are also acceptable. Swimsuits that incorporate a flotation device as part of the suit construction, along with swimmies are allowed. Residents are permitted to use therapeutic aquatic belts or Coast Guard-approved life vests.
- HEALTH:** **PERSONS WITH OPEN WOUNDS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN EITHER POOL OR JACUZZI AT ANY TIME.**
- FOOD:** Food and beverages are permitted in the pool area. **NO GLASS OR OTHER SIMILAR CONTAINERS THAT MIGHT CAUSE PERSONAL INJURIES IF BROKEN ARE PERMITTED IN THE POOL AREAS. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PERMITTED IN THE POOL AREAS.** Tables and the surrounding area are to be left clean.
- SMOKING:** Smoking and vaping are not permitted within 25 feet of the pool area. Please use designated areas.
- LOUNGES,** Lounges, chairs, or tables are not to be reserved.
- CHAIRS, TABLES:** When leaving the pool area, chairs and lounges must be returned to their designated places.
- SHOWERS:** Bathers are required to shower before entering the pools. If you wear water shoes, please rinse them before entering the pool.
- JACUZZI:** Residents are required to read and follow the rules posted at the Jacuzzi.
No one under the age of 16 is allowed in the Jacuzzi.
- MUSIC:** Please use headphones where possible; otherwise, be considerate and keep the volume down so as not to disturb fellow members.

All rules and regulations will be strictly enforced and are subject to change.

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Leisure Paws

By Donna Buccola

The Unleashed Truth About Dog Parks

In recent discussions within our Village, some residents have questioned the benefits of dog parks. This month's article is dedicated to highlighting the extensive research that consistently demonstrates the positive impact these spaces have on both dogs and their owners.

For Our Dogs: Physical and Social Benefits

Dog parks provide a safe space for exercise, helping to reduce behaviors like excessive barking and chewing. They also offer vital socialization opportunities, improving dogs' interactions with others.

For Our Community: Building Connections

Dog parks foster community connections, with 41% of dog owners meeting new neighbors through their pets. They also encourage outdoor activity, leading to better physical health (pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov).

Pet ownership in the U.S. has soared, with 66% of households now owning pets. Pets are increasingly considered family members, with 97% of owners viewing them as such (Forbes).

Dog Park Etiquette: Ensuring a Positive Experience

Leisure Paws is working with experts to develop guidelines to ensure a safe, enjoyable experience for all. These will include respecting space, cleaning up after pets, and maintaining proper supervision. We are also offering separate areas for large and small dogs and looking into sign-up times for dogs that are not yet well-socialized.

The Benefits Far Outweigh the Negatives

Despite some concerns, the benefits of dog parks far outweigh the negatives. Proper management ensures a safe and enjoyable space for both dogs and owners. Studies show that dog parks reduce anxiety, improve behavior, and contribute to better physical and mental health for all.

Sources:

- Forbes (Pet Ownership Statistics): <https://www.forbes.com/advisor/pet-insurance/pet-ownership-statistics>
- PMC (<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC4951202>)
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Leisure Paws volunteers at Club Encore for Club Day!

Pet Club

By Christina Basile



"A Dog Bill of Rights"

On May 28, we were incredibly fortunate to have Peter Campione, owner of Kindred Souls Canine Center, join us as a guest speaker. He captivated our group with his insightful presentation on dog training, accompanied by his charming Australian Shepherd, Shelby. Shelby's gentle nature and attentive focus on Peter throughout the presentation was a testament to his methods. He created a unique "Dog Bill of Rights." This innovative concept underscores the importance of recognizing our dogs' needs and creating training strategies that set them up for success in navigating our human world. They also take in consideration that all dog breeds cannot be trained using the exact same strategies.

Peter's approach is refreshingly humane, prioritizing a conversational and collaborative training style over harsh techniques. He explained how he used behavior modification, emphasizing positive reinforcement through rewards to encourage desired behaviors, while strategically ignoring unwanted ones. This fosters a positive learning environment where dogs thrive and build a strong bond with their owners. If you wish to explore Peter Campione's Kindred Souls Canine Center website <https://www.ksk9.com/> or call: 732-367-4666. His methods offer a valuable and compassionate approach to dog training.



Save the Dates:

Wednesday, July 23 – Meeting, Club Encore 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 24 – Meeting, Club Encore 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 5 - Dog Day Afternoon, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sunday, November 9, Holiday Pictures with Santa

Wednesday, November 19 – Meeting, Club Encore 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10 - Holiday Party

Our meetings are held bi-monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Club Encore Auditorium at 7 p.m. Our next formal meeting will be on July 23. You do not need to have a pet to join the Pet Club; just your love of animals. We look forward to seeing you there!

Westernaires

By Jeannine Pryor



“See you in September”

On behalf of the Westernaires, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support. We appreciate everyone who comes to support us by attending our concerts and events. We will be taking a well-deserved break for the summer and will be ready to jump into our fall season with our welcome back meeting kicking us off in September.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy summer and hope your Fourth of July is full of music and fireworks.

If you love to sing and love hanging out with a great group of people, we encourage you to join us. We will be starting up again in September. Watch for our Welcome Back Flyer that will be out in August, or feel free to contact Jeannine Pryor, President of Westernaires, at 914-649-5544. Until then, sing out loud like nobody is listening and smile often.



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