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## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

By John Nugent

Only a few messages this month:

1. We have formally started the competition between two insurance brokers for our 2026 policies and beyond. As previously noted, insurance costs us \$556,542 this year. We have been hit with double-digit rate increases in the last few years, and only one insurance company has been bidding on our business for over a decade. We have been told by our current broker that only 3 companies can now handle the size of the Fairway Mews complex. So, we are creating competition to be certain we secure the best rates possible going forward. The FMCA Insurance Committee just completed a review of all our insurance policies and confirmed we need what we have. Rest assured that we will not lessen our insurance coverage because that would impact the availability and interest rates of mortgages, which in turn affect our selling prices.
2. Please extend sincere thanks to our Fairway Mews staff and all the volunteers who manage our social and sports activities during the busy summer months. Any weight you put on attending the social events comes off by playing in all the athletic activities we have!! We are a full-service association!!! We could not have the special times here at the Mews without our staff and all the volunteers! Thank you!!
3. Please remember to use our Engage Enumerate app to keep up with all the latest news, major announcements, activities, Mews News editions, FMCA Board meeting recordings, etc., etc. And please know that paying the monthly dues via the app helps our office staff improve efficiency and productivity!!

I'll conclude with a "Happy Birthday" wish to the United States of America!! Here are a couple of quotes for your consideration:

Thomas Paine wrote: "Those who reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the fatigue of supporting it!"

Condoleezza Rice stated: "The essence of America, that which really unites us, is not ethnicity or nationality or religion. It is an idea, and what an idea it is – that you can come from humble circumstances and do great things!"

Enjoy the Fourth of July holiday weekend!! May God bless America!!

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## COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

*By Kathleen Walk*

The wonderful month of June brought us the Swing into Summer Social/Scramble on June 14. We had an amazing DJ, excellent line dancing and a delicious barbecue buffet dinner. We are pleased to see non-golfers attending the socials. Special thanks to Flo and Al Astoreca for chairing the event with their wonderful committee. The Clubhouse Café was held on June 21 and 22. This coincided with the Member/Member Golf matches. The food was superb and grilled to perfection, thanks to an amazing committee.

The Chili Throwdown is on July 10. Please join us for a worthy cause. All proceeds will be donated to Fulfill, the food bank. The Pool Party is on July 18 and a second Pool Party on August 15, featuring DJ Nick. The Pool Parties are complimentary events funded by the Community Chest.

Please mark your calendar for the event of the season, Margaritaville Social/Scramble & Fundraiser to support the Fairway Mews Community on July 26. In August we have more fabulous events! August is the Fun Day Celebration, next is Fairway Mews Ladies' Golf Association "Just Us Girls" tournament on August 27 and then following with an Evening Cabaret featuring Fairway Mews' celebrated singer Aileen Stahl on August 28; the net proceeds of this event will be donated to the food bank.

Thank you all for coming to our events.

Cheers

## Fairway Mews Book Buffs 2025

It's time to sit on the beach with a good book! (Remember your sunscreen and umbrella!) Need some suggestions? Here's the Book Buffs list! After reading these, why not join the Book Buffs for a lively discussion? The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 4 PM. July's meeting will be July 15th.

July 	A Summer Affair	Elin Hilderbrand	Beach read
August 	The Other Einstein	Marie Benedict	Historical fiction
September 	East of Eden	John Steinbeck	Back to school classic
October 	Small Mercies	Dennis Lehane	Mystery/novel

## IN MEMORIAM

Alfred "Al" Mizhir



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## JULY 2025 AUTHOR EVENTS

### THUNDER ROAD BOOKS –1100 3<sup>rd</sup> AVE., SPRING LAKE

July 1, 2025 (7-9 pm)	Author Kate Meyers	<i>Salty</i>
July 9, 2025 (6-9 pm)	Author Simon Van Booy	<i>Sipsworth</i>
July 18, 2025 (7-9 pm)	Author Daria Lavelle	<i>Aftertaste</i>
July 21, 2025 (7-9 pm)	Authors James Patterson and Mike Lupica	<i>The Hamptons Lawyer</i>
July 24, 2025 (7-9 pm)	Author Jo Piazza	<i>Everyone is Lying to You</i>
July 25, 2025 (6 pm)	Author Laura Munson	<i>The Wild Why</i>
July 28, 2025 (6 pm)	Poet Miranda Cowley Heller	<i>What the Deep Water Knows</i>
July 31, 2025 (6 pm)	Author Morgan Payer	<i>The Art of Vanishing</i>

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Tom Basile is extremely proud of his "Forever Susan" lily. He says it comes back more vibrant and beautiful every year. It is a popular choice for gardens and container plantings, known for its easy care, low maintenance, and striking color... Tom and Elaina would agree.



"Memorial Day Scramble Winners Tim Maloney, Karen Mineo, Pat Greene and Elsie Eldis"



The Eldis' great-grandson Charlie thinks he got a hole in one!"

## MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

*By Traye Blackburn*

Hello Summer! This is a great time of year at the MEWS as the golf course, community pool, pickleball, tennis, bocce, cornhole, and more are in peak season! The community is buzzing with activity. Here are some community updates:

- The FM Pool is now open every day from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. weather permitting. Residents will have to sign a waiver to get your updated “25” sticker on your FM ID card for pool access. Contact the FM Main Office (Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) for questions and details.
- FM Aqua Fitness classes are now underway. They run on Wednesdays & Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and are \$10.00 per person (cash only).
- Is your CARSON (front gate access app) up to date with your current visitors? Do you have your contractors, nurses, food deliveries, GRUBHUB, UBER, friends, etc. updated on your visitor list on the app, so they can easily access the community and not get stuck at the front gate? You can update your visitor list yourself or contact CARSON for assistance, 646-661-2250 ex. 2. All non-resident incoming traffic should be directed to the Warren Avenue Main Gate as that is the only way for non-gate access card holders to enter the community.
- The FM Golf Shop is now open Tuesday to Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and is packed with activity. Whether it is league play, tournaments, mini outings or tee times, the golf course is rocking and rolling. The Golf Shop is stocked with all kinds of apparel, balls, gloves, etc. Make sure you stop by the shop and check it all out.
- Have you signed up for the ENGAGE/ENUMERATE community software? There you can find all kinds of community information & actions such as: submitting community work orders; checking the FM community calendar, office holiday closures, board meetings; making your monthly HOA payments, and more! Contact the FM Office and sign up today!
- Live Oak Landscaping will continue to use Wednesdays as their service day for the community. If the weather has other plans, Thursday or Friday will be used instead.
- Work Order requests can be put in to the FM Main Office for **your unit only!**

The FM Main Office will be closed on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for the Independence Day Holiday!

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# SPORTS ROUND-UP

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*Leave all the afternoon for exercise and recreation, which are as necessary as reading. I will rather say more necessary because health is worth more than learning.*

**Thomas Jefferson**



As temperatures rise and summer vacation begins, the Fairway Mews community is ready to offer vibrant summer recreation options for residents. From golf to outdoor pool concerts to bocce and cornhole leagues, to tennis and pickle, this summer promises a wide array of activities aimed at bringing our community together after a long winter. As the days grow longer, so do the list of possibilities for summer fun and recreation at the Mews. Even if you're not the "athletic" type, the Mews offers socials, pool parties, cards and yoga. Tennis, pickle and bocce courts are always open for play, and a round of golf can be a good opportunity to test your patience. If you're not a player, come out and watch the games, meet your neighbors and enjoy the many opportunities we have for mingling. This summer is about living well, staying connected, and making every moment count. We try to make this happen at the Mews!

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## ***MEMORIAL DAY TENNIS ROUND ROBIN***



Thanks to the organizational efforts of Terry Macri, the annual Memorial Day Tennis Round Robin drew a crowd of Mews tennis enthusiasts. It was a beautiful Monday, the sun was out, and the courts were dry. Players enjoyed two hours of tennis fun with bagels and fruit as a finishing touch. All players were rewarded with tennis goody bags as a thank you for participating. If you're looking for some tennis fun, sign up for the Saturday tennis round robin on FM Court Reserve or book your own court and bring your friends.





# FRANCES PERKINS AND THE BIRTH OF SOCIAL SECURITY

*By Anne Kelly*

Ninety years ago next month, President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act. This was no quick fix to the problem of the elderly poor. Payroll tax collection began in 1937, and the first monthly benefit wasn't paid until 1940. For Frances Perkins, FDR's Secretary of Labor, passage of the Social Security Act was a personal victory among many accomplishments that improved the lives of American workers. For 85 years, the general framework of Social Security has remained the same (benefits are paid only from payroll taxes paid by employee and employer), although adjustments to benefits and tax rates have been made periodically.

Frances Perkins is the subject of Stephanie Dray's book, Becoming Madam Secretary. The book is a fictionalized biography of the first woman to hold a Cabinet position. Frances had a privileged upbringing in Massachusetts. Her education at Mt. Holyoke (Class of 1902) introduced her to the Progressive Movement and the difficult lives of the poor. Her conservative family believed that the poor were responsible for their own problems, but Frances no longer shared that view. She set off for New York City to make a difference in the lives of those who needed help.

Frances joined a group of other young women who shared her interests. Mary Harriman, a railroad heiress, became a lifelong friend and supported her ideas both financially and practically. (A fun fact: Mary Harriman founded the Junior League, originally known as the Junior League for the Promotion of Settlement Movements). After witnessing the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in 1911, she committed herself to a lifetime of acting for social reform. Another activist, Florence Kelley, sent Frances to lobby in Albany for the Progressive agenda. She developed a talent for negotiating with legislators who had rarely if ever seen a woman in their chambers. Gov. Al Smith was sympathetic to her views and installed her as Chair of the Industrial Board to deal with labor issues in New York. She remained in Albany to work in FDR's administration, and he invited her to join his Presidential Cabinet as Secretary of Labor.

This book could have been a dry recitation of Frances's accomplishments, but it wisely spends more time on the development of her relationships with Al Smith and FDR. She was single-minded in her dedication to passing laws limiting working hours, especially for children, establishing a Federal minimum wage, and providing a retirement income for the elderly. Both men supported her goals and appreciated her dealmaking ability. She saw FDR grow from a political lightweight to, as a polio survivor, a compassionate leader truly interested in improving the lives of Depression-era Americans.

Ms. Dray deals sensitively with Frances's unhappy personal life. She married happily but her husband developed symptoms of bipolar disorder shortly after the birth of their daughter. He was hospitalized for much of his life and Frances was the sole support of her family. She was estranged from her daughter but reconciled in later years. Ms. Dray has a sympathetic attitude of "Well, look at all she accomplished. It's understandable that she wasn't Mother of the Year". She also treats Frances's rumored romantic relationship with Mary Harriman fairly. Mary provided a home for Frances in her Georgetown townhouse, and the two were undoubtedly close with a shared interest in social reform. Ms. Dray concludes that a romantic relationship is not impossible but unlikely, not least because Frances was devoutly religious and would disapprove of any extramarital affairs.

As Secretary of Labor, Frances advanced several "Social Safety Net" issues in addition to Social Security. The book follows her efforts in getting the legislative support she needed (always the persistent lobbyist) and manages to create some suspense although we know that she succeeded. She was the chair of the President's Committee on Social Insurance, which drafted the legislation. The insurance concept was important because the drafters of the legislation believed that if the plan depended on government funds Congress could terminate it at any time. An insurance plan, on the other hand, would be funded by employee (and employer) contributions, all participants would receive benefits (with lower-paid workers receiving a proportionally higher percentage of their contributions), and future Congresses would have a difficult time weakening or ending the program.

This is a good book for people who enjoy historical fiction, especially about accomplished women who are not household names. Although the Roaring Twenties seems to have taken place without much participation by Frances Perkins, we do see Frances's social life in New York, with tea dances, the opera, and dinners with Sinclair Lewis and friends.

If you are a Social Security beneficiary, say "Thank you" to Frances Perkins and "Happy Birthday" to Social Security!

## **JULY EVENTS**

*Compiled by Pam Kenah*

### **Allaire Village**

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- 3,5,6      Antique Flag Display
- 12        Flea Market
- 13        Adult Craft Workshop
- 19        James Allaire Birthday Celebration

### **Algonquin Arts Theatre**

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- 12-27      The Wizard of Oz

### **Belmar Chamber of Commerce**

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- 6,13,20,27      Friday Night Concert on Plaza

### **Brookdale Community College**

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- 10-20        Macbeth

### **Count Basie Theatre**

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- 2            Todd Rundgren
- 5            Diana Krall
- 8            Graham Nash
- 11          Dawes
- 11          David Cross
- 12          Beatles Spectacular
- 12          Sam Morril
- 14          Buddy Guy
- 16          Jason Isbel & the 400 Unit
- 17          James Koz & Friends
- 18          Jimmy Dore
- 19          Moody Blues' John Lodge
- 23          Satang
- 24          Emily Compagno
- 25          Lisa Sherman
- 26          Femi Kuti-Positive Force
- 27          Chris Pinnell

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- 11            Tribute to Queen & Beatles-Candlelight Series

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- 3            NJ Symphony
- 3            Gospel Music on the Boardwalk
- 5            Patriotic Band Concert
- 6            America Sings
- 10          Solisti Ensemble
- 13,27        Songs on a Summer Afternoon
- 17          Classical Guitars & Flute
- 19          Choir Festival
- 24          Piano Virtuoso from Vienna
- 26          Pops Concert from the Silver Screen
- 31          Sonic Splendor

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- 3,24          Women's History Walking Tour
- 15,29        From Tents to Turrets-Walking Tour

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- 9-20        Annie

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- 12            Comedy, Magic & Mentalism

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- 22          The Art Of Love (1965)-film

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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT ON ROB HIRZEL, ASSISTANT GOLF PRO

*By Mark Blunda*



From a young man whose golf balls would ricochet loudly off the pine trees lining the narrow fairways at Forge Pond golf course, Rob Hirzel has refined his game to the point that he can fade and draw that dimpled sphere, at will, avoiding hazards, and curving his shots to match the contours of the hole, so that it settles safely in the coveted

short grass. He has now advanced to the final level of preparation to achieve PGA Professional status.

Growing up in Brick, Rob didn't pay much attention to golf. Rob's grandfather, father and older brother all played the game, but Rob's interests were elsewhere. Tall and athletic, his main sport was basketball at Brick Memorial High School. He also loved his dogs and fishing. It wasn't until he finished high school that his brother introduced him to golf and the challenges of the par-60 executive course at Forge Pond. It was later that Rob first played a regulation course, Lakewood Country Club, where his grandfather worked after retirement. Rob parred the 2nd hole. He then became "addicted to golf."

After high school, Rob continued his education at Ocean County College, majoring in criminal justice. He then landed a position in campus security at New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), continuing his education while there, and eventually being promoted to dispatcher. But the golf bug had bit him. Rob and his brother both had Mondays off, so they played together every chance they could. So driven to improve, Rob would work loads of overtime, and take Paid Time Off in lieu of the money, so that he could have Sunday, Monday and Tuesday to play golf. Rob said, "If I wasn't working, I was playing golf."

Rob credits his older brother for introducing him to the game of golf and being his constant playing partner. He credits his father, who was a very good player, for helping him improve his swing and game. But his most significant golf developments came when he joined Fairway Mews and teamed up with FM Golf Pro Dan O'Malley.

While at NJIT, Rob responded to an on-line ad for an entry-level assistant at the Fairway Mews golf course. He didn't know Fairway Mews even existed. Rob applied because he knew he "wanted to be around golf," not behind a police dispatcher's desk. He got the job. In his 2nd year at FM, Dan O'Malley became the new Head Pro. That's when Rob's education in the business of golf really began.

Dan taught Rob about the golf industry: how to run a tournament; build relationships with vendors; order appropriate merchandise; give lessons. In his first year at FM, Rob didn't teach at all. Dan stressed, "if you're going to work in the golf business, you need to give lessons." He also emphasized to Rob the importance of customizing his teaching methods to the different skill levels of his students. You need a different approach for a 70 or 80-year-old with physical limitations than for a limber 16-year-old, who plays every day, swings hard, and wants to be captain of his or her high school team. It excites Rob to teach people who are motivated to get better. He also believes that giving lessons improves his own game.

Dan has also been instrumental in the improvement of Rob's own golf game and his advancement toward becoming a PGA professional. Rob qualified to enter the PGA program by shooting a first round 75 at the PGA qualifier at Mattawang Country Club in Belle Mead, in temperatures over 100 degrees, wearing the PGA-required long pants. Since then, he has completed the first two levels of PGA course work in Golf Operations and has just entered the final level. Rob will travel to Texas as part of that program and the expansion of his golf portfolio.

According to Rob, from "day 1, Dan helped me with my golf game," and he still does. Rob explained that Dan was not only part of a great collegiate golf program, he learned from leading golf pros at the clubs where he worked in Florida and New Jersey. Rob lauds Dan for his willingness to share that knowledge and his own golf skills to make Rob both a better golfer and golf industry professional. During FM's off season, Rob plays a lot of golf in the Carolinas. When he returns, he has his "annual check-up with Dan" to review his mechanics. Dan "sees right away" if something is off. Rob says that Dan O'Malley "changed my golf game."

Besides completing his PGA professional course work, Rob hopes to play in more PGA-run tournaments this year. I asked Rob how FM members could make his job easier. The answer was not surprising. It applies to every golf course. "Be on time." As he and Dan say: "Hate Late." It impacts every other golfer behind you, as well as the pairings for league play and tournaments. That was my golf lesson for the day.

To me, Rob Hirzel exudes a sense of inner joy. I think it comes from his realization that he has found that very sweet spot in life: a career-path that brings both personal satisfaction and the opportunity to enhance the lives of others. We all should be so fortunate.



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# Memorial Day V





# Wine & Cheese



# **“Summertime’s Sentimental Journey”**

## **Evening Cabaret**

**Featuring – Aileen O’Neill Stahl**

**With Bob Egan on Piano**

**And Erez Lirov on Trumpet**



**Thursday August 28, 2025 at 7PM at FMCA Clubhouse**

**Cost \$10.00 per person**

**Arrive at 6:45PM with your own beverages and snacks**

**A donation will be made from the net proceeds to the Monmouth –  
Ocean Food Bank**

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Evening Cabaret – August 28, 2025

Names: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to FMCC. Please deposit in Clubhouse Activity Box.





# *Fairway Mews Ladies Golf Association*



## *Pink Ribbon Scramble Ladies Open Invitational Breast Cancer Outing*

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### ***"JUST US GIRLS"*** *Sponsored In Part By* **HACKENSACK MERIDIAN HEALTH** **NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS**

Wednesday, August 27, 2024  
(Rain Date Thursday, August 28, 2024)

9:00 am – SHOTGUN START

Golfers must arrive by 8:15 am  
Where: Fairway Mews Golf Club

8:00 am – 8:45 am

Gift Raffles, 50-50's, Trifectas, Goodie Bags, Putting Contest,  
Breakfast Bites

#### COST

Members: \$50

Non-Members: \$80

Social Members: \$25 (Lunch and Raffles)

(Choose your own foursome or we can make one for you.)

12:30 PM

Lunch, Dessert, Wine, Beer, Soda  
Golf Awards, Gift Raffles

**CASH OR CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO CASH**  
**PLACE IN THE CLUBHOUSE MAILBOX**

***REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CLUBHOUSE ON  
JULY 1***

**THIS EVENT SELLS OUT QUICKLY – FM GOLFERS GET FIRST NOTICE.**

## NEWS FROM THE BACKYARD

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### ***“THE FM BACKYARD IS OPEN FOR CHIPS, TOSSES AND ROLLS”***



A “Chip and Toss” Social was initiated this season to introduce our residents to some of the recreational activities at the Mews. Golf, bocce and cornhole were featured sports. All residents were encouraged to come out to play, learn how to play or watch the “professionals” play! There were beverages and snacks served, swag bags for the prospective golfers, music and lots of fun.

***GOLF is always open for course play, lessons and outings except for Mondays.***

***BOCCE games take place on Monday and Tuesday evenings beginning at 5pm.***

***CORNHOLE games take place on Wednesday starting at 5pm.***

***TENNIS and PICKLE Courts can be reserved through FM Court Reserve***

***Let's get more residents involved in the game.***







**THE JAMES FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
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## ***THE CHILI THROW DOWN***

***to benefit Fulfill***

***Monmouth & Ocean County Food Bank***

***5:30 pm on Thursday, July 10, 2025***

***in the FMCA Clubhouse***

Feast on over a dozen types of home-made chili,  
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*Compare your favorite chili with our judge's selection.*

*We need a few more chili makers. Please call Tom Basile  
(732-282-0241) to sign up.*

**COST: \$25 per person**

**Proceeds to Fulfill!**

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**The Chili Throw Down**

**Thursday July 10, 2025**

Names(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

No. of People \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to FMCC & drop in the activity box at the clubhouse.**



# **FUN DAY**

**AUGUST 9–RAIN DATE AUGUST 10**

**12 NOON TO 3 PM**



**Cost \$5 per person**

**Children under 16 free**

Hamburgers, hot dogs, soda,

Water, beer, ice cream truck, corn hole, putting  
contest, ping pong, bocce

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Fun Day

August 9 – 12 noon to 3 PM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

# of people \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

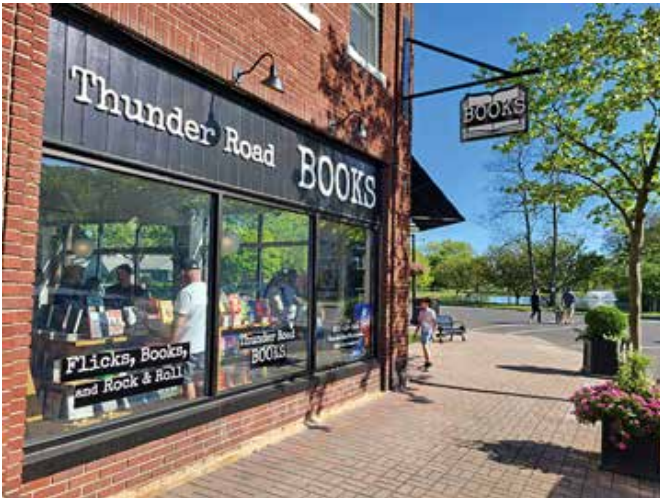
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# SL'S THUNDER ROAD BOOKS REOPENS IN EXPANDED SPACE

By Mark Blunda



Thunder Road Books, Spring Lake's independent bookstore, has reopened in its new, expanded location at the corner of 3rd and Passaic Avenues, the former home of Kate & Co. In fact, the two businesses swapped locations earlier this year.

Thunder Road (TRB) completely renovated the space, taking it down to the original, hundred-year-old hardwood floors. It created cozy reading areas with colorful rugs and plush arm chairs that face a wall of southern exposure windows offering expansive views of the trees and waters of Spring Lake. It silently harkens you to settle in with a new book and your tea or coffee.

In the rear of the shop, an expanded children's section is lined with peaked bookcases that, for me, resemble narrow, Dutch houses. There is now enough floor space for children (and their parents) to gather comfortably for a weekly story hour. "Story Time" is held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Kate Czyzewski, TBR's Manager and Event Coordinator, is most excited by the opportunity she has been given to introduce children to reading at any early age. This former kindergarten teacher's passion for children and the importance of reading is palpable. She says it comes from her grandmother, a teacher and avid reader. Kate told me, "I feel her presence here."

TBR collaborates with the Spring Lake and Sea Girt libraries so that their respective children's story times are held on different days. Often, the same families attend all three. Thunder Road has already seen its Story Time attendance increase to 25. It may be event for Fairway Mews' residents to consider for their children and grandchildren, particularly on a non-beach day. [No reservation is required].

**Monthly Book Club:** The store hosts a Fiction Book Group the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. Each month's selection can be found on its website. During the four-month hiatus between the closing of the original

location and the reopening in late May, other Spring Lake businesses rallied in support of TRB. Sun and Waves, at the corner of 3rd and Washington, opened its doors and kitchen as the substitute home for TRB's monthly Fiction Book Group. Barefoot Athleisure Boutique created weekend space amid its clothing apparel for some TRB book sales.

**Author Events:** In less than four years of existence, Thunder Road Books has become a "place to be" for authors. When the store opened in 2021, Kate and TRB had to submit written proposals to publishing companies entreating them to agree to an author's appearance. Fiona Davis, best-selling author of historical fiction, took a chance on Kate and TBR in year-one and the event sold out. The two have become close friends and Ms. Davis has since made return appearances to Spring Lake. Renowned author Mitch Albom also appeared in that first year. Best-selling thriller and suspense novelist James Patterson has come to Spring Lake on multiple occasions, and this year *he asked* Kate if he could come again. She said, "Yes." He will appear with author Mike Lupica on July 27, 2025. (See: Community Bulletin Board for list of July Author Events). Now, authors submit application *to* Thunder Road Books requesting to appear. James Patterson and Kate have become such good friends that she is one of the subjects in his non-fiction book, *The Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians*.



The establishment of Thunder Road Books in Spring Lake was the vision of owner Basil Iwanyk, a New Jersey native. Basil, a very successful movie producer in Los Angeles, under the banner Thunder Road Films, is, needless to say, a huge Bruce Springsteen fan. He is also a fan of Spring Lake and this area. So much so that he has since moved with his wife and family back here. To implement his vision, Basil needed a special person. He found it in Kate Czyzewski. Remarkably, the two had never met. Basil found this Howell, NJ kindergarten teacher through word of mouth and her book blog called *The Salty Bookworm*. Since Kate had a secure teaching job and had



no experience running a bookstore, she was flattered, but not interested. Obviously, minds change. Kate decided to take the leap because she and Basil shared the love of storytelling, and she was moved by his desire to establish a bookstore and sense of community in Spring Lake, and by the opportunity it presented to her to introduce more children to reading. The match has sparked a flame.

There are dozens of author events scheduled for this summer at Thunder Road Books. A number of them will be held at the Spring Lake Community Center because of seating capacity. **FAIR WARNING**, many of these events sell out, so check the website if you are interested. [www.thunderroadbooks.com](http://www.thunderroadbooks.com). One can also follow them on Facebook and Instagram. So, if there is a book that you would like to read, don't click on Amazon; support your community's local, independent bookstore. If it's not on TRB's shelf, they will quickly order it for you.

Thunder Road Books is open seven (7) days a week starting at 10 a.m.

## POETRY CORNER

*Submitted by Jacqueline Leonard*

### "High-Tops Hanging"

Strung from pole to pole,  
Wires gleam at dawn —  
like necklaces of gold.  
And one that's stretched across the street  
Bears a pair of sneakers hung  
By its shoestrings twined as one,  
flung up there in such a way  
that someone seems  
To be stepping upstairs  
to a realm — perhaps of dreams —  
That's set beyond the sun.

(Tom Furlong, N.Y. Times)

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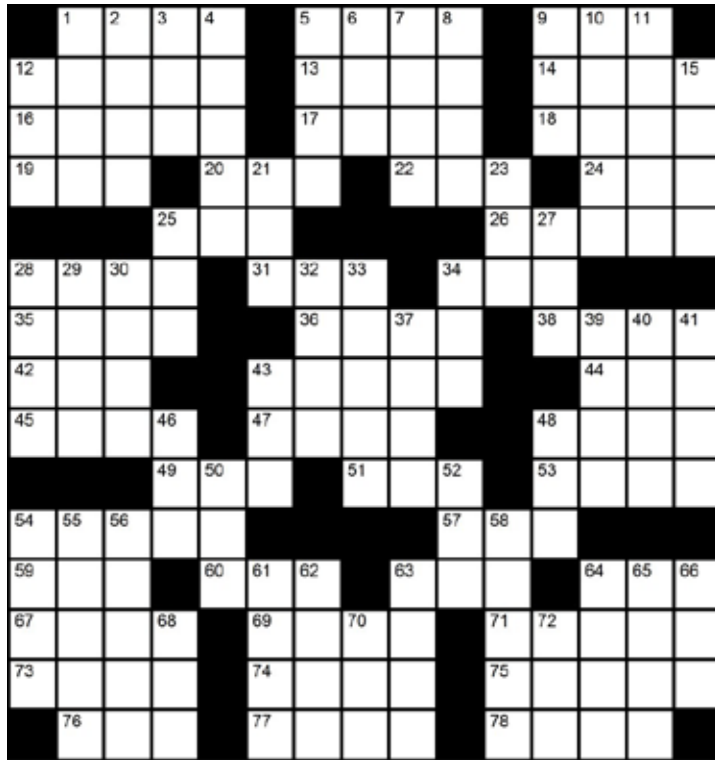
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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- 5 Conversation
- 9 P C to web link company
- 12 Persian Gulf port
- 13 Gypsy people
- 14 Immediately, in hospital
- 16 Edgar --- Poe
- 17 Upon
- 18 Insect destructive of clothes
- 19 Negative
- 20 One coming out
- 22 Big beer can
- 24 --- Grande
- 25 Solar system center
- 26 Casing
- 28 Electrical connector
- 31 Passed away (Abbr.)
- 34 Old card game
- 35 "Would it be ---?" (Presley: "Can't help falling in love")
- 36 Father's sibling
- 38 Physicians
- 42 So far
- 43 Sour-smelling
- 44 Sticky stuff
- 45 Junction
- 47 Not us
- 48 Killer whale
- 49 Rotational speed measure
- 51 Bashful
- 53 Top
- 54 Harsh treatment

- 57 Applicable
- 59 Entertainment
- 60 Bench with a back
- 63 Letters on Royal Navy ships
- 64 E.g. a street kiss
- 67 Horse controller
- 69 Spanish fashion designer --- Rabbane
- 71 Long
- 73 Aware of
- 74 Overnight stops
- 75 Law
- 76 Fight against underwater threats
- 77 Penny
- 78 U R L starter

## DOWN

- 1 Kind of hoop
- 2 Competently
- 3 Cape Town carrier
- 4 One of the Indian majority
- 5 Quarrelsome grouch
- 6 Very fashionable
- 7 Hog-wild
- 8 Recording medium
- 9 Belief system
- 10 Bad weather
- 11 Paved outdoor area
- 12 Karate degree
- 15 Hammer god
- 21 Aim
- 23 Federal fiscal watchdog
- 25 One of a hundred in D C
- 27 Eye cell
- 28 Methods
- 29 Statement of understanding
- 30 The Beatles' lovely meter maid
- 32 Apiece
- 33 Antidotes
- 34 Classic Ford model
- 37 Type of rechargeable cell
- 39 Man-eating giant
- 40 Stimulating South American shrub
- 41 Sit in a tub
- 43 Bank machine
- 46 E.g. Robinson, Doubtfire
- 48 Plump
- 50 Vigor
- 52 Thanksgiving dish
- 54 Spherical hairdo
- 55 --- Vista, Disney brand
- 56 Military groups
- 58 Outguess
- 61 Heroic
- 62 Diminish slowly
- 63 Vast multitude
- 64 Gasp
- 65 Bead
- 66 Newswoman --- Curry
- 68 The present time
- 70 Cable/satellite network
- 72 Dine

# Sudoku

Sudoku requires no calculation or arithmetic skills. It is essentially a game of placing numbers in squares, using very simple rules of logic and deduction.

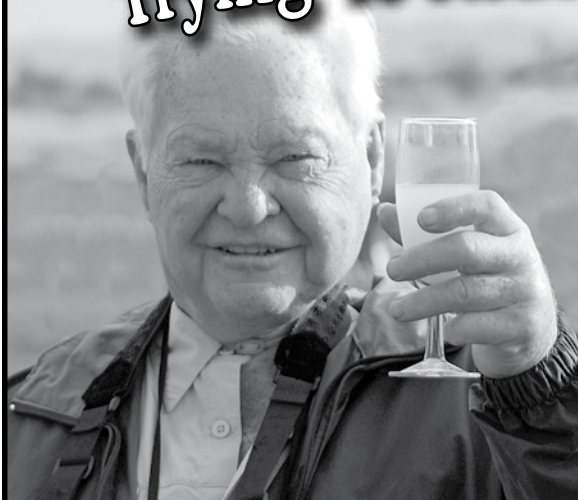
The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow. In a 9 by 9 square Sudoku game:

- Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
- Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
- Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9

Every Sudoku game begins with a number of squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is largely a function of how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

		3				6		8
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# July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>June 30</b> 9 am Yoga  5 pm Bocce	<b>1</b> Men's Golf Assoc. Red, White & Blue 8:30 Arrival 9:00am Shotgun  5 pm Bocce	<b>2</b> <b>Women's 18 Assoc</b> 4 Clubs & Putter 8:30am Arrival 9:00am Shotgun  9 am Aqua Fitness 5 pm Cornhole	<b>3</b> <b>Women's 9 Assoc.</b> 4 Clubs & Putter Scramble 8:30am Arrival 9:00am Shotgun  FM OFFICE CLOSED		
<b>6</b>  2-Person Championship Play (1) 18 Hole Round  Schedule Your Tee Time	<b>7</b> 9 am Yoga  5 pm Bocce	<b>8</b> <b>Men's Golf Assoc. Mixed Bag 6,6,6</b> 8:30 Arrival 9:00am Shotgun  5 pm Bocce	<b>9</b> <b>Women's 18 Assoc</b> <b>ALL LEAGUE SCRAMBLE</b> 8:30am Arrival 9:00am Shotgun  9 am Aqua Fitness 5 pm Cornhole	<b>10</b> <b>Women's 9 Assoc.</b> Regular Golf 8:30am Arrival 9:00am Shotgun  Over Easy Scramble 12:30pm Shotgun  5:30 pm - Chili Cook-off	<b>11</b> 9 am Aqua Fitness	
<b>13</b> <b>Club Championship &amp; Flighted Club Championship Sign Up OPENS</b>	<b>14</b> 9 am Yoga  5 pm Bocce	<b>15</b> Men's Golf Assoc. 2 Man Championship 8:30 Arrival 9:00am Shotgun  4 pm Book Buffs A Summer Affair 5 pm Bocce	<b>16</b> <b>Women's 18 Assoc</b> 8:30am Arrival 9:00am Shotgun  9 am Aqua Fitness	<b>17</b> <b>Women's 9 Assoc.</b> Low Putts 8:30am Arrival 9:00am Shotgun  4 pm Pool Party	<b>18</b> 9 am Aqua Fitness	
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<b>27</b> Club Championship & Flighted Club Championship Brackets & Play By Dates Released	<b>28</b> 9 am Yoga  5 pm Bocce	<b>29</b> <b>Men's Golf Assoc. Back Tee Scramble Pizza &amp; Beer</b> 8:30 Arrival 9:00am Shotgun  5 pm Bocce	<b>30</b> <b>Women's 18 Assoc Individual Championship RD 3</b> 8:30am Arrival 9:00am Shotgun  9 am Aqua Fitness 5 pm Cornhole	<b>31</b> <b>Women's 9 Assoc.</b> Whack & Hack 8:30am Arrival 9:00am Shotgun  Over Easy Scramble  12 Noon Arrival 12:30pm Shotgun		

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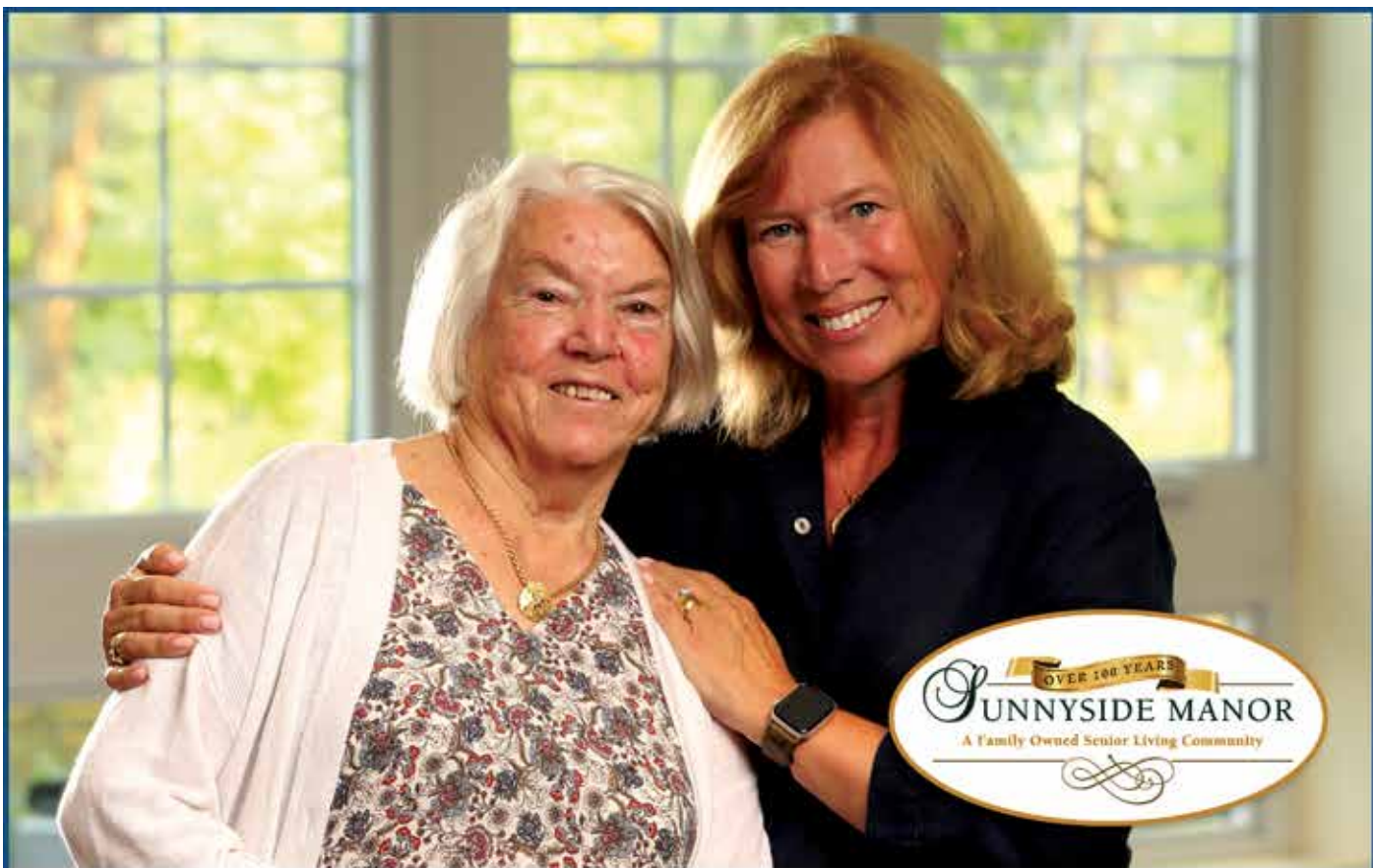
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*– MaryEllen Keane, Owner and Operator*



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