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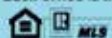
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Spring has officially arrived in our beautiful community! As you enter Riviera on Jackson Mills Road and drive along Riviera Road up to the long island, the cherry blossoms in bloom are truly a beautiful sight. A heartfelt thank you to Susan and our landscaping team at LMS for their continued efforts in keeping our grounds so exceptional.

We have several exciting projects underway as we prepare for the summer season and for the maintenance of our community infrastructure, most are funded by the Capital Reserve.

Outdoor Pool Refurbishment - The renovation of our outdoor pool is well underway. The project includes all-new coping around the pool, complete resurfacing of the pool interior, new tiles, and other upgrades. I'm looking forward to seeing the completed project, and I'm confident you'll be pleased with the improvements.

Monument Wall Redesign and Entrance Enhancements - We've also begun refreshing the monument walls at the Jackson Mills Road entrance. This project features a partial redesign of the walls, updated landscaping, and new lighting. I would like to thank Bob Campbell and the entire Building and Grounds Committee for their significant input on the design. As part of this project, we are also replacing the pavers at the community entrance gates and at the turn into the Clubhouse. These enhancements will dramatically improve the aesthetics of our entrance into Riviera.

Infrastructure Improvements - We are addressing sidewalk repairs throughout the community—focusing on areas with significant cracking or safety concerns. Another major Capital Reserve project involves replacing the Clubhouse air conditioning system and boiler. After receiving competitive bids, the Board awarded the contract to Asteroid Companies. They stood out from the other bidders based on their reputation, experience, and competitive pricing. We are hoping to start the project by the end of April or early May.

A Quick Reminder - Please remember that any modification to the exterior of your home or landscaping requires a **MOD (Modification) request**. You can obtain the form from Susan or Monica or download it from the Riviera Vantaca portal. Unauthorized changes to your home exterior may require removal or correction to comply with our Rules and Regulations—save yourself the hassle and potential expense by submitting a MOD, even for minor updates. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to Len Menconi, Architectural Review Com-

mittee (ARC) Chairperson or the Management Office prior to implementing any changes.

There are some exciting events planned by our clubs and the HOA Social and Activities Committees. You will see the various flyers in this month's Ramblings, please support these events and be sure to sign up early. Hope to see you there.

I would also like to thank Jim Carmelo and Sy Katz for volunteering as members of the newly formed Audio/Video (A/V) Committee (a sub-committee of the Clubhouse Committee). Their role is to make themselves available to assist any group who would need assistance in using the ballroom A/V systems.

Wishing you all the best, have a great month.

With gratitude,

Bob Carlino, Board President

EDITOR'S REPORT



April in Our Community: A Time of Renewal and Celebration

As we welcome April, our community comes alive with the sights and sounds of spring. The days grow longer, the air feels warmer, and nature begins to bloom in full force. It's a season of renewal, perfect for embracing outdoor activities, social gatherings, and fresh beginnings.

April is a wonderful time to step outside and enjoy the beauty of our surroundings. Whether it's taking a morning walk, tending to your garden or simply relaxing on your patio with a good book, there's no shortage of ways to soak in the season. Keep an eye out for blooming flowers, chirping birds, and the refreshing scent of spring in the air.

April is also the perfect time to refresh your home. Many find joy in a bit of spring cleaning, decluttering, organizing, and giving their space a fresh feel. It's a great opportunity to donate unused items, rearrange a room or bring in some cheerful spring décor.

Just as nature blossoms, so can our social connections. This is the perfect season to reconnect with neighbors, try a new hobby or simply enjoy the company of friends. Whether you're attending community events, starting a new project or just enjoying a sunny afternoon, April reminds us to embrace the beauty of the present moment.

Let's make the most of this wonderful season together.

Wishing you all a happy and vibrant April!

Joseph Noberini, Editor

MANAGEMENT'S MESSAGE



With the warmer weather approaching, now is the perfect time to review your homes for general maintenance and repairs. Some items to look for are shutter, front door and vent repairs, and/or painting, mailbox replacement and cleaning, lawn maintenance, landscaping maintenance of your private beds, which includes pruning and weeding, and power washing. These services can be performed by the homeowner if you are a DIYer or if not, your contractor. Also, remember that all trees in the front of your homes (on lawn) need to be edged and mulched as well. You may refer to our annual maintenance letter which will be emailed to homeowners for more details. For those of you who do not receive emails from the Association, they will be mailed to you.

LMS is currently in the community activating irrigation systems. If you haven't already, please remember to make an appointment to schedule your irrigation activation with LMS (a flyer was emailed/mailed and is available in the Clubhouse spinner.) Their telephone number is (908) 359-9868. Please note it is the homeowners' responsibility to water their lawns to ensure that they remain healthy.

So often I hear how lovely our community is, and I thank you all for your part in this. Please help us keep Riviera at Freehold the pristine community that it is by continuing to maintain your beautiful homes.

On another note, I will be adding information about the amenities over the next couple of months to my article as we get into full summer mode! This month, I am going to write about the golf target green. Please remember the following guidelines when using the target green:

The target hole is located 53 yards and 60 yards from the two tee boxes and is to be used for chipping and putting (sand wedge, pitching wedge, and putter).

Please stay off the target green unless you are chipping from the fringe or putting to maintain the condition of the green.

If you want to hit your longer irons or woods, you should use foam, rubber or plastic golf balls.

Please see me or Monica for Callaway Foam Practice Balls that you can use when you practice. You can borrow them from us and return them when you complete your practice.

You can also purchase your own practice balls from Amazon. A package of nine golf balls costs \$9.99.

For everyone's safety horseshoes, tennis/pickleball and use of the target green should not occur at the same time.

Please call the Management Office if you need information regarding the tennis/pickleball schedules to avoid any playing conflicts.

If you have any questions, please see me or Monica. Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

April 16 – Community bulk pick-up

April 18 – Management Office closed for Good Friday

Wishing you all a wonderful spring!

Susan Light, Site Manager

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ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

“Got Mutz”

The Italian American Club recently hosted a special event in collaboration with Aiello Dairy Farm called “Got Mutz”. Residents enjoyed a fun, hands-on experience in the art of making fresh mozzarella. The Aiello family began their tradition of fine Italian cheese making more than 100 years ago in Positano, Italy. In 1923, the family brought their love for artisan cheese to America. Many of the same practices from Italy are still used in today’s modern-day cheese making.

Before the demonstration, members were treated to delicious pizza and soft drinks from Mateo’s of Jackson. Then our expert instructors - James, Paul, and Joe Aiello – demonstrated the traditional cheese making process, and treated us to a tasting of mozzarella knots drizzled with pure olive oil.

Grazie to everyone who participated and made this event a success and hope you enjoyed your take home mozzarella ball!

Linda Punturieri, Event Coordinator



ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

On Sunday, March 16, residents, family, and friends of Riviera attended a special Mass of Thanksgiving (Living Intention) at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold to give thanks for the many blessings in our community.

We were honored to have Monsignor Sam Sirianni as our celebrant, who delivered a beautiful and inspiring Homily during this Lenten Season.

After Mass, we gathered in Dentisi Hall for coffee, delightful treats, and warm fellowship with friends and fellow members. It was a wonderful time to share in the spirit of community and faith.

Let's continue celebrating our faith, heritage, and the blessings of the Riviera community together. We look forward to seeing you at our next gathering!

Debbie Korn, Historical Director



COVER STORY

How Sweet It Is



There must be some people around who don't like chocolate, but I don't think I know any. If you are a chocolate lover or like to buy it for others, a visit to Old Monmouth Candies on Park Avenue in Freehold is highly recommended. Old Monmouth Candies is a family owned and operated local business established in 1939. If you want to evoke memories of being "a kid in a candy store", this is the place to see.

In 1939, Lou Dey and Warren Prest opened a luncheonette on Main Street in downtown Freehold. Lou Dey, a German candy maker, would make batches of different candies when business was slow to sell to their customers. His secret peanut brittle recipe was a big hit and soon people started coming in just to buy candy. In 1948, the two business partners built the current candy factory on Park Avenue and became full time candy makers serving the local customers. Although additions to the building were added later, the present-day candy store and factory have maintained the original look and charm of the neighborhood candy store from the past. In fact, the delicious chocolate candies, fudge, and assorted brittles are made on-site with much of the original candy-making equipment. Even some of the original display cabinets are used today, and the original metal molds are displayed and sometimes still used. The original candy conveyor belt, like the one made famous by Lucy and Ethel back in the day, is still operating just fine. Ingredients are locally sourced, with chocolate coming from Pennsylvania and beer for beer brittle coming from two New

Jersey breweries, one located on South Street in Freehold. All the candy and brittles are handmade on site.

Lou Dey retired in 1975, leaving Warren "Porky" Prest and his family to take over the reins of the successful business. Warren's son-in-law, Harold Gunther, began working at Old Monmouth Candies in 1967 where he learned how to make the popular peanut brittle and chocolate candies. Warren's daughter, Susan, also was involved in the family business from an early age. High school sweethearts, Harold Gunther and Susan Prest married, and Harold took over the reins of the family business in 1983 with Sue right by his side. In 2003, their sons Steve and David Gunther started working full time at Old Monmouth Candies, becoming the third generation of candy makers in the family. The fourth generation, Hal and Sue's grandchildren, are already starting to work part time as high school students.

In 2008, Old Monmouth Candies was chosen to receive the New Jersey Family Business of the Year award, an honor well deserved. In addition to being master candy makers and successful entrepreneurs, the Gunther family has always been involved in community activities and has a loyal following of candy lovers. Over the years, Old Monmouth Candies has supported local sports teams, the Freehold Fire Department, the ARC organization and various churches and schools through successful fund-raising programs and educational outreach opportunities.

On a personal note, Old Monmouth candy was always in the Easter baskets for our children and now for our grandchildren. Cans of peanut brittle were in many Christmas stockings over the years, and our children sold it for their school and sports teams' fundraisers. You can find delicious candy at Old Monmouth Candies anytime of year, but the busiest time is the six weeks before the Easter holiday. An entire large room is opened to display handmade Easter delights, along with other favorites. Other holiday displays throughout the year feature Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Valentines Day candy. Plan a visit. You won't regret it.

Kathy Warner

Source: Sue and Harold Gunther, www.oldmonmouth.shop

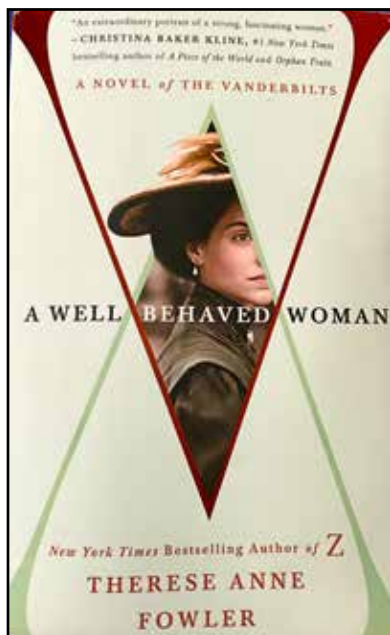


COVER STORY—CONTINUED



PAGE TURNERS

A Look into the Gilded Age



On Monday evening, March 24, the members of the Page Turners Book Club met in the Clubhouse Library to discuss this month's selection, "A Well Behaved Woman" by Therese Anne Fowler. This is a riveting tale about the strong willed Alva Vanderbilt and her illustrious family as they ruled in the Gilded Age of New York. This was the time period between the late 1870's and the early 1900's, characterized by rapid industrialization, economic growth and social inequality. Our library group had a very interesting discussion about the role of women during that period as compared to the role of modern day women. Alva Vanderbilt was instrumental in helping to see change come about! We felt that she lived up to the title of "a well-behaved woman" by her actions. Most of us found this book to be enjoyable and engrossing and we recommend it to those who enjoy historical novels.

Our next club meeting will take place on Monday, April 21, at 7pm in the Clubhouse Library. At that time, we will be discussing the novel, "Don't Forget to Write: A Novel" by Sara Goodman Confino. It is a light, fun book to read! We always welcome new residents.

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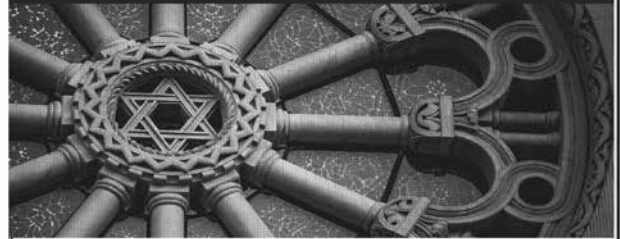
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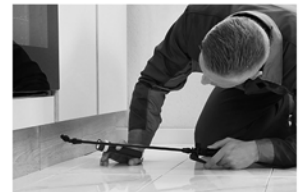
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ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE



Happy Spring!

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These are the next Activities gatherings:

May 24, Pool Opening, BYO! 1-4 pm (bring your own food, drinks, paper goods, etc).

May 29, BYOP 5-8 pm (bring your own pizza...as well as whatever else you want)

June 27, BYOP 5-8 pm (bring your own pizza...as well as whatever else you want)

More to be announced! We're thinking of game nights, chili cookoff, movie night, karaoke, pot lucks, etc.

Please contact me with any suggestions for FREE gathering events! We are always looking for good, free ideas for the community to participate in.

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Sherry Ferrick, Chairperson

AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE



As we approach warmer weather, the Ambassador Committee will be planning our annual newcomer's breakfast. We originally scheduled it to be held in June; however, we have changed the date to July 12. It will be combined with the Social Committee's summer breakfast. All newcomers will be our guests and will be invited for free.

We would also like to inform you that Debbie Korn has left our Committee to become the Co-Chairperson for the Social Committee. We wish her much success with her new endeavor. Also, we thank Jim DePatria, who has decided to step down from the Committee. Please remember that our ambassadors are here to help all new residents in our beautiful community.

Larry Conti, Chairperson

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



The purpose of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is to review *any* change contemplated by a homeowner to the *exterior* of their home or property to make certain the change complies with the Riviera Rules and Regulations. This process ensures that the community maintains the standards of excellence that make Riviera at Freehold the envy of adult communities everywhere.

Residents are required to submit a Property Modifications Application *before* any work is started. This application can be obtained at the Clubhouse from Monica or Susan who can guide residents on the feasibility of their projects. Checklists are provided in the Property Modification Application packet to help residents secure all the necessary forms to ensure that their application is complete. Incomplete applications will delay the approval and consequently the start of the project.

Applications can also be obtained on the spinner in the Clubhouse Lobby or downloaded from the Riviera at Freehold website under the *Community* tab, then the *Committee's* tab, and then the *Architectural Review Committee* tab.

The ARC's primary purpose is to ensure that any changes or additions are consistent with the community's overall design and aesthetics. The Committee will guide and facilitate homeowners' modification requests and will make every effort to accommodate reasonable applications.

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Len Menconi, Chairperson

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B&G COMMITTEE



As the spring rains wash away March, the season's change is expected to bring a variety of new life in flowers and plantings around our community.

Last year, we received a bonus grant to purchase and install over 300 daffodil bulbs from our HOA Board. These were planted by GPS (Green Planet & Sun) as a big help in addition to doing work in our vignette area. We hope you enjoy this display and will continue to do so in the future.

Additional permanent improvements are planned for the community, including an upgrade of the monument walls at the main entrance to our community. The entrance has been renewed several times over the past 20+ years since Riviera was first built but never reenvisioned and revamped. We have studied many different design concepts and have formed a consensus with the Buildings & Grounds Committee and the HOA Board. Construction is in the works to add to the existing monument walls and install new plantings along with a few transplants, integrate new hardscape, and realign the annual and perennial planting beds. Along with the planting there will be newly envisioned lighting and refreshment of the signage and lighting.

Thank you to all who participated in the selection process for the design and for all the efforts of the Property Management Office to secure the bids for the work.

Please be reminded that we occasionally experience litter problems, especially on recycling days. To mitigate this issue, tie your newspapers into manageable bundles and place them on top of other recyclables in your recycling. This can prevent them from being blown away by the wind.

Regarding safety, note that our community was built with streets allowing parking on only one side. If you live on the side with "No Parking" signs, refrain from parking cars there. Inform guests, visitors, and contractors to park on the correct side of the street, especially during holidays when traffic and parking increase. When cars are parked on both sides, the road becomes narrow, making it difficult for vehicles to pass safely and challenging for emergency vehicles to access the street quickly and easily.

Bob Campbell, Chairperson

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE



"Please April fill my days with happiness and love (and money wouldn't hurt)."

What's new at the Clubhouse?

The resurfacing of the outdoor pool and concrete repairs are underway. Repairs will be completed before the outdoor pool opens. Also, the pool area cement will be power washed.

All Riviera clubs have been asked to organize and consolidate their basement items to eliminate clutter before the community bulk pickup in April. We must follow Freehold Township safety and fire regulations in order to pass inspection and avoid fines.

We would like to remind our residents not to deposit their cardboard and personal items in the Clubhouse Dumpster. Waste Management will only accept trash when emptying our dumpster. The dumpster is not intended for residents' personal use. Please save cardboard with your newspapers, glass, and plastic items for scheduled recycled pickups. Residents can also use the Freehold Township Recycle Center located on Jackson Mills Road for larger items. They are open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. (No cost to dump for Freehold residents.)

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ed Marian/Ed McDonald, Co-Chairpersons

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Hello Riviera Friends!

We just want to thank everyone who attended the St Patty's Party. A lovely time was had by all.

We hope everyone can attend the Spring Bingo on May 9. Please register in the Clubhouse.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Woodstock Themed Party on May 17. Dress in your favorite attire from the 60s and 70s.

We encourage all residents of the Riviera to join us at all the Social Committee's upcoming events!

Debbie Korn/Denise Van Tassell, Co-Chairpersons

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CLUB NEWS

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB



As we journey through the Lenten and Easter season, we embrace a time of faith, reflection, and renewal. For many in our Italian American community, this season is deeply rooted in tradition, bringing families and friends together in prayer, fasting, and celebration.

Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days, is a time of spiritual preparation leading up to Easter. Many of us observe this period by fasting, giving up certain indulgences, and engaging in acts of charity. A cherished tradition in Italian culture is abstaining from meat on Fridays and instead enjoying delicious seafood dishes such as baccalà (salted cod), pasta with anchovies, and zuppa di pesce. It's a time for simple yet meaningful meals that bring us closer to our heritage and faith.

As we approach Holy Week, we reflect on the Passion of Christ. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of this sacred week, and many of us remember the tradition of weaving palms into intricate designs—an art passed down through generations. On Good Friday, it is customary to attend church services and prepare traditional meatless dishes such as pasta e ceci (chickpea pasta) or frittelle di cavolfiore (cauliflower fritters). In many Italian towns, solemn processions take place, reenacting the Stations of the Cross, reminding us of the profound significance of this day.

Easter Sunday is a time of great celebration, signifying the resurrection of Christ and the triumph of hope. It is a day filled with family, feasting, and beloved Italian traditions. The Easter table is adorned with specialties such as: Lamb (Agnello) – A symbol of Christ, often prepared roasted with rosemary and garlic.

Torta Pasqualina – A savory Easter pie with spinach, ricotta, and eggs.

Casatiello or Pizza Rustica – A rich, savory bread filled with cheese and cured meats.

Colomba di Pasqua – A dove-shaped sweet bread, like panettone, representing peace and renewal.

Pastiera Napoletana – A ricotta and wheat berry pie, a traditional Easter dessert from Naples.

Of course, no Italian Easter celebration is complete without the beloved chocolate eggs filled with surprises inside, bringing joy to children and adults alike!

As members of the Italian American Club, we are blessed to share these cherished traditions with one another. This season reminds us of the importance of faith, family, and the bonds that unite us. Whether through Lenten reflections, Good Friday observances or Easter festivities, we celebrate not just our faith, but also the rich heritage that makes our community so special.

May this Lenten season bring you peace and reflection, and may your Easter be filled with love, laughter, and the warmth of family and friends.

Buona Pasqua!

Joseph Noberini, President

MEN'S CLUB



“It's not what we have that will make us a great nation; it is the way in which we use it”.

Theodore Roosevelt

April is here, no fooling around, I'm sincere
The sun shines longer, and the skies are clear.
Trees and bushes bloom, many colors appear
Change your wardrobe to light summer gear.
Goodbye to cold winter, break out the beer
The past thirteen weeks, merit a Bronx cheer.
Our Billard's, Shuffleboard Day was notable
The winners quotable, the losers consolable.
The day was all about comradery and chuckles
Talking skill sets and members flexing muscles.
Italian, grilled chicken, peppers, and mozzarella
Were served for lunch just like in Goodfella's
We will do this again because it's invigorating
Back slaps, handshakes, and blood circulating.
Our next event was the community litter pickup
Many papers and branches were cleaned up.
We do this to exhibit a feeling of community
No better way to show the men's club unity.
Of course, after walking a mile, plus bending
We can anticipate the back aches impending.

Ed McDonald, President

Trash Pickup/Recyclables

Trash Pickup

April 15/18
April 22/25
April 29
May 2
May 6/9
May 13/16

Recyclables

April 26
May 10
May 24

Place your items by the curb no earlier than 6:00 pm the preceding night.

*Please note that trash receptacles must be stored in the garage on non-pickup days.

CLUB NEWS—CONTINUED

SHALOM CLUB



Our first meeting of the year takes place on Wednesday, April 23, at 7:00 pm. Following the business portion of the meeting, which will cover our plans for the year, we will view some footage of classic comedians who honed their craft in the Catskill Mountains in upstate New York. It is an opportunity to relive some of these classic bits. Light refreshments will be served. Please sign up at the Clubhouse. This is a free program for Shalom Club members.

Also, don't forget to mark your calendars for our Saturday night, June 21, program, featuring the exciting musical duo of Stiletto and The Saxman—who will perform so many of the songs we've loved throughout the years. Delicious hot food will be catered by D'Angelo of Freehold. It will be an evening of good music, good food, and good times. Please see the flyer in this issue of the Ramblings for further details.

On Saturday night, September 13, we're looking forward to dinner and a great evening of music and dancing with Brass Illusions, an eight-piece band featuring a dynamite horn section.

You won't want to miss any of these Shalom Club events along with the other great programs our Riviera community has planned for the year.

I look forward to chatting with you about all of these great events.

Bea Katz, President



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WOMEN'S CLUB

If you've heard the old saying "April Showers Bring May Flowers", we should have an abundance of beautiful blooms this year because we certainly have seen lots of rain already this month. After our cold and windy winter, this spring brings welcome relief and lots of opportunities to enjoy the warmer weather and the beautiful environment our community provides. We hope that you can find the time to enjoy both.

The Woman's Club has a variety of activities coming up in the next few months. Check the "Save the Date" flyer posted in the Clubhouse Lobby. Lots of information on each of the events, Mariachi on the Patio, Tea at Mathis House, and Music Bingo, will be posted soon. These programs are open to Women's Club members so if you would like to join, pick up a sign-up form from the spinner in the Clubhouse or contact Barbara or Ingrid. We would love to



have you!

We welcome back our members who have been away in warmer climates and look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Ingrid DeNoia/Barbara Taptich, Co-Presidents

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CLUB NEWS—CONTINUED

GOLF CLUB

Our first round of golf for the 2025 season will be at Hanover Golf Course on Wednesday, May 7. Other courses scheduled for this season are Gambler Ridge, Lakewood, Pebble Creek, and one round at Cream Ridge.

The golf schedule below details dates, scheduled courses, first tee time (subject to changes), and maximum golfers per course. All scheduled dates are on a Wednesday.

Weekly sign up will be from Wednesday afternoon and NO LATER than Saturday noon. Courses require final numbers three days before our scheduled tee times. We will continue the weekly sign up to my johngolf1946@gmail.com e-mail address.

Dues for the season will continue at \$20 payable by mid-May. Payment of cash or check payable to me should be deposited in the Golf Club mailbox in the Clubhouse. New members can contact me at the above email address or at 732-925-8284 for additional information.

2025 Golfing Tip: The best way to break 70 is to play 9 holes!

John M. Chacko, Golf Club Coordinator

2025 Riviera Golf Schedule			
DATE	COURSE	1st TEE TIME	MAX GOLFERS
May 07	Hanover \$42	9:06AM	20
May 14	Gamblers Ridge \$39	9:00AM	20
May 21	Lakewood	8:00AM	20
May 28	Pebble Creek	8:00AM	24
Jun 04	Pebble Creek	8:00AM	24
Jun 11	Hanover	8:02AM	20
Jun 18	Lakewood	8:00AM	20
Jun 25	Gamblers Ridge	8:05AM	20
Jul 02	Pebble Creek	8:00AM	24
Jul 09	Hanover	8:02AM	20
Jul 16	Lakewood	8:00AM	20
Jul 23	Gamblers Ridge	8:05AM	20
Jul 30	Cream Ridge \$50	8:00 AM	24
Aug 06	Pebble Creek	8:00AM	24
Aug 13	Hanover	8:02AM	20
Aug 20	Lakewood	8:00AM	20
Aug 27	Gamblers Ridge	8:05AM	20
Sep 03	Pebble Creek	8:00AM	24
Sep 10	Hanover	8:02AM	20
Sep 17	Lakewood	8:00AM	20
Sep 24	Gamblers Ridge	8:05AM	20
Oct 01	Hanover	8:02AM	20
Oct 08	Pebble Creek	8:00AM	24
Oct 15	Lakewood	8:00AM	20
Oct 22	Gamblers Ridge	8:05AM	20

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Dennis Martino	April 24
Matthew McGrath	April 28
Paul Chamoff	April 30
Sandy Brez	April 30

Joan Danza	May 2
Barbara Marchant	May 8
Janice DePatria	May 9
Jim DePatria	May 13

Happy Anniversary to:

Terri & Ed Marian	April 18
Mary & Peter Grandich	April 20
Rosemary & Joe Lagana	May 1
Anne & Joe Noberini	May 11

We would also like to give our best wishes to all who may be celebrating a special occasion during this month.

We would like to acknowledge birthdays and anniversaries. Please indicate your name and date on this form and return to the Concierge's Desk, at least 3 months prior to date.

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To our friends and neighbors of Riviera at Freehold,

Bob and I want to express our deepest gratitude to all who have shown such caring and concern during my recovery from my unfortunate accident. From the calls, cards, flowers, gifts, and gift baskets that we have received to just being there for us, Riviera at Freehold is truly a loving and caring community. Bob and I are so happy that we chose to be a part of Riviera. Thank you.

Louise Campbell

Best Wishes

Congratulations to Phyllis and Paul Chamoff on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Riley Willow Glinn, daughter of Hannah and Lance Glinn.

Thank You to Marie Martino

Marie Martino, one of our Associate Editors of the Riviera Ramblings, has chosen to resign at this time. Marie has been on our staff almost from the inception of the newspaper in 2005. She has worked tirelessly over the years to help make the Ramblings the outstanding publication that it is. No task was too difficult for her. We always enjoyed reading her beautiful poetry which appeared in many of our issues. As Associate Editor with Marie, I always knew I could turn to her when I needed help, and she never refused. That is just the kind of person she is!

Marie has always worn many hats. In addition to her role on the Ramblings, she also worked vigorously on the Social Committee and on the Community Affairs Committee. For those of us who are "originals", we can attest to the vital role she has played in our community. Each year at Holiday Season she would organize "The Giving Tree" so that residents could contribute clothes, toys, and gift cards for the needy. It was always so successful thanks to Marie's drive and dedication! She is one of the most caring people that I know, and it has been a privilege to work with her over all these years.

Thanks again from our Ramblings staff! We will miss you, and we wish you continued blessings and good health!

Phyllis Gottlieb Chamoff, Associate Editor

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SHUFFLEBOARD SCENE



By the time this Ramblings issue arrives, our shuffleboard season will be in its last week of competition. As we await the final standings, we would like to thank

you for your timely submission of team names. Some were creative, some were comical, and others were “apropos”!

- Team 1: What the Puck
- Team 2: The Losers
- Team 3: The Catfish
- Team 4: The Shuffle Heads
- Team 5: Puck Pushers
- Team 6: For Pete’s Sake

- Team 7: Magnificent Seven
- Team 8: Puck Luck
- Team 9: Sliding By
- Team 10: Puck Pirates
- Team 11: Puck This
- Team 12: The Puck Stops Here
- Team 13: The James Gang
- Team 14: The Fun Bunch
- Team 15: 4 Gals & A Guy

One final note. SHUFFLEBOARD PARTY: MAY 15, 6:30 PM in the Clubhouse Ballroom.

Additional details will be available closer to the event.

Jane Baker/Carolyn Wuestman, Co-Coordinators

2025 Shuffleboard Standings

week #14 4/7 - 4/9/2025

<u>Team #</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	-	<u>Total Games Played</u>	<u>Total Season Losses</u>	<u>Total Season Wins</u>	<u>Place</u>
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12	2	1		39	15	24	
9	3	0		39	16	23	5
13	1	2		39	17	22	6
8	0	3		39	18	21	7
14	0	0	bye	39	18	21	
4	1	2		39	19	20	9
10	1	2		42	22	20	
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REMINDERS

Clubhouse Corner

1. Clubhouse hours are 6:00 am to 11:00 pm.
2. Please clean up after each time you use the Clubhouse.
3. Please obey all rules of the Clubhouse.
4. Please turn off the lights before you leave.

The Clubhouse Committee would like to ask all residents of Riviera to please treat our beautiful Clubhouse as you would your own home.

If for any reason, you, your club, committee, etc., find it necessary to open windows in ANY of the Clubhouse rooms, please be sure to close them when you leave the room. This is a serious safety concern and could result in damage to the Clubhouse. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Your questions or comments regarding the rules are always welcome. Just e-mail me at:

terrimarian@hotmail.com

Terri Marian, Chairperson

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES

The *Ramblings* welcomes your submissions. If you are planning to write a short article about a trip, hobby or talent, please limit your copy to one page or less. Or perhaps you'd like to post a brief blurb on our Message Board, i.e. a thank you or an upcoming event. Please email it to me at nobijoe@yahoo.com or you can leave it in the *Ramblings* mailbox located in the Clubhouse. All submissions must be received by the end of the month for consideration (space permitting). We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Joseph Noberini

OTHER NEWS

SEEKING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There are currently openings on many of the committees. A Committee Volunteer Form (available at the Management Office) should be completed and returned to the office for consideration by the Committee Chairpersons and then final approval by the HOA Board of Directors.



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9:00 am to 7:00 pm daily

Tuesdays, from 9:30 am to 10:30 am,

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COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

The Riviera at Freehold Board of Directors (listed on page 3) as well as the Committee Volunteers listed here is what makes our community run so smoothly. Several committees have openings. Interested residents should complete a Committee Volunteer Form and submit it to the office. The Committee Chairpersons will review applications, with final approval by the HOA Board of Directors.

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WOMEN'S CLUB

We all remember Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland! But do we know the backstory of each of these iconic individuals and then as the dynamic dual? On March 20, to the delight of all those in attendance, Hollywood historian Sal St. George brought to life their legendary careers. He delved into their lifelong relationship, including the wonderful movies they made together.

Everyone truly had a wonderful experience going down memory lane and learning the backstory of both these extremely talented entertainers. We want to thank Irene

Holzer for bringing another great event to the Women's Club. Also, thank you Ingrid DeNoia for your usual beautiful decoration of our Ballroom. Magic hands! Board members baked desserts for all to enjoy as well as copies of the recipes. Members, be sure to join us on May 21 outdoor on the patio for music by a Mariachi band and Mexican lunch. We have some fun events coming up: Music Bingo (not your usual bingo - FUN FUN!) Look for our flyers for other upcoming events. Thank you as always for your support of the Women's Club.

Joanne Nuzzo

Photos by Phyllis Gottlieb Chamoff



WOMEN'S CLUB-CONTINUED



MEN'S CLUB

Billiard's, Shuffleboard Get Together

On Sunday, March 23, the Men's Club held their annual Billiards, Shuffleboard Day. Sixteen members were paired up into teams and the games began. Billiards was not the preferred game. Each member thought their skills at shuffleboard were much better because of their participation in the shuffleboard league. Contests began with a chorus of watches commenting on who did what. Nothing

like trying to concentrate on a shot with loud commentary all around. A break was given for everyone to have a lunch of sausage and peppers and grilled chicken sandwiches. All went well and everyone stuck around for the final games to see who would end up as the winning team. We will do this again next year.

Ed McDonald, President



Monmouth County launches Ride in Monmouth

Ride in Monmouth to replace SCAT

The Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners is proud to announce their latest transportation initiative, Ride in Monmouth, formerly known as Special Citizens Area Transportation (SCAT).

Ride in Monmouth is a demand response shared ride transportation service. All services are first come, first served, by availability and curb to curb. Available for transportation Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Residents can book their trip as far as six months in advance or as little as 48 hours, however, it is strongly encouraged to book as far in advance as possible to secure a ride.

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- Transit Centers
- Senior and community centers,
- Foot Pantries
- Employment training, and much more.

Ride in Monmouth also provides transportation services for other County programs and activities such as Made in Monmouth and the SUSHI program.

There is now no charge for any trips medical related, including life-sustaining trips such as chemotherapy, radiation, and dialysis, or for veterans to travel to the various VA clinics and hospitals in New Jersey. The cost of all other trips is just \$2.00 one way. We encourage those interested in learning more about Ride in Monmouth to call 732-431-6480 or email RideIn-Monmouth@visitmonmouth.com.

To learn more about the Monmouth County Division of Transportation, go to visitmonmouth.com. The announcement was live-streamed and can be viewed in its entirety on the Monmouth County Government's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube Channel](#).



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Join us for a fun night of
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Sponsored by the Social Committee



Friday, May 9, 2025
Doors open at 6:00 pm
Games begin at 6:45 pm
The Riviera Clubhouse Ballroom

Packages will be sold at the door starting at \$10
Second package \$5

Please bring smaller denominators of cash.

We will be providing cookies and coffee but also feel free to bring your own snacks and beverages.

Remember to sign up at the Clubhouse for this event in order for us to know if we will have enough attendees.

Must be 21 years or older to attend.

PLEASE SIGN UP AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE
Sign up for Guests allowed after March 28, 2025



Presents the exciting sounds of
"Stiletto and The Saxman"



Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 7:00pm

performing so many of the songs we've loved
throughout the years.

Delicious hot food catered by D'Angelo's
Coffee and dessert follows

Cost is \$45.00 per person
(Shalom Club members only)

Please sign-up ASAP, since seating is limited. Place your name on the sign-up sheet in the lobby as well as your check payable to the Riviera Shalom Club in the Shalom Club mailbox.

Any questions, please call Bea Katz at 201-826-6763



SOCIAL CLUB

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Our St. Patrick's Day event, presented by the Social Committee, was a tremendous success! Sixty guests gathered to enjoy a festive afternoon filled with great food, music, and camaraderie.

Attendees savored traditional favorites like corned beef and cabbage, as well as shepherd's pie and Caesar salad. The meal was complemented by delicious Irish soda bread and rye bread from Top Hat Catering. A big thank-you to Ed McDonald, who provided us with Irish coffee.

We were treated to wonderful Irish tunes, including performances by Twice the Spice with Jeanie and Tommy, and a special song by Joan Maloney that truly warmed our hearts. The lively music set the perfect tone for the

afternoon, which included dancing and a heartfelt tribute to our soldiers.

A highlight of the day was the generous donation from Mary and Peter Grandich—a New York Jets football helmet that was won by Gene Skowronski. Also, kudos to residents, family, and friends who collected \$600 for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

The Social Committee is excited to invite you to our next event on May 17 featuring a Woodstock theme. We encourage everyone to dress as their favorite singer from that era to celebrate the spirit of the times. Thank you to everyone who made this St. Patrick's Day celebration so memorable. We look forward to seeing you all on May 17!

Debbie Korn/Denise Van Tassell, Co-Chairpersons

Photos by Elle Starkman



SOCIAL CLUB-CONTINUED



AROUND RIVIERA

The New Jersey Brain Tumor community will come together on May 10, for a walk to raise awareness and funds to support the needs of brain tumor patients and their families. The New Jersey Brain Tumor Walk is a family-friendly event for all ages! Join us for a morning of celebration, remembrance and hope. Your community is here. Let's discover a cure together.

- Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 9 am
 - Bradley Park
101-199 5th Ave, Asbury Park, NJ 07712
 - Walk Distance: approx. 2 mi
- Contact: NJinfo@braintumor.org - 617.863.8345

Fran Katz



Suzanne Katz Bernardo, and her Mom, Fran Katz

Attention Riviera Community!

When you go on vacation or visit another state, be sure to bring along a copy of our Ramblings magazine. Snap a photo with it, and you might be featured in a future edition. Happy travels!

Joseph Noberini, Editor



Kaz & Lucy Ladzinski, Maja & Bob Carlino, John & Joan Maloney on a recent trip to St. Maarten.

RIVIERA MEN'S CLUB COMMUNITY LITTER PICK UP

On Friday April 4, the Men's Club completed their annual community litter pick up event. Close to twenty members teamed up to cover designated sections of the Riviera community. Papers plastic bottles and debris, that had accumulated over the winter, along the wood line

behind homes, around the ponds and along the roads were stabbed, bagged and brought to the clubhouse dumpster. It was great to see a good number of new residents participating in this clean up. The Riviera Men's Club, doing their part to make the Riviera the outstanding community it is.

Ed McDonald, President



APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Bowling 6:30pm	3	4 Spring BINGO 6:00pm	5
6	7	8 Bocce Meeting in Ballroom 7:00pm	9 Bowling 6:30pm	10 Open Board Meeting 7:00pm	11 Men's Club Breakfast at Gus's Diner	12 Passover Begins at Sundown
13	14	15 Men's Club Meeting 7:00pm	16 Bowling 6:30pm	17 Men's Club Food Drive	18 Management Office Closed Good Friday	19
20 Easter Passover Ends at Sundown	21	22	23 Shalom Club Meeting and Event 7:00pm	24	25	26 Italian American Club Murder Mystery 7:00pm
27	28	29 Singles Club 7:00pm	30	<u>Weekly Classes</u> Mondays – Yoga – 10:00am Tuesdays – Water Aerobics – 9:30am Wednesday – Strong Bones – 8:45am Fridays – Water Aerobics – 9:30am Pickleball – Tuesday and Friday – 9:30am		

MAY 2025

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4	5 Cinco De Mayo	6 EMS Fundraiser Ballroom	7	8	9 BINGO 6:00pm	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15 Shuffle Board End of Season Party Ballroom 6:30pm	16 Men's Club Bocce and Horse Shoes	17 Social Committee Event
18	19	20	21 Women's Club Event (TBD)	22	23 Men's Club Lunch at Mateo's 12:00pm	24 Pool Opening Party BYOB 1:00pm-4:00pm
25	26 Management Office Closed Memorial Day	27 Singles Club 7:00pm	28	29 BYOP (Bring Your Own Pizza) by the Pool 5:00pm-8:00pm	30	31



Riviera at Freehold
Will be having a Fundraiser for
***Freehold EMS* (Donations Appreciated)**

Hosted by Riviera at Freehold Resident, Peter Grandich

Date: Tuesday, May 6th

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Clubhouse Ballroom

Coffee and Cake will be served

Please sign up in the Clubhouse Lobby under the TV.



Peter Grandich (www.petergrandich.com) will be providing his book
“Confessions of a Former Wall Street Whiz Kid”
free of charge and will share his outlook on the financial markets.



“In the world of finance, where far too often people speak in platitudes, Peter Grandich delivers a concise, intelligent, and at times humorous look at the markets. Peter may ruffle a few feathers, but his expertise should not be ignored. I was a fan long before I was his friend, but I am happy to be both at this point in my life!” — Guy Adami, CNBC-TV Contributor

“There is nobody on Wall Street who is kinder than Peter. Listen to him and enjoy his book. Even when he is wrong (and everyone is at some time or another) you can be sure that Peter will give you honest advice.” — John Crudele, Columnist, New York Post