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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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2025

APR 22 7:00 PM – HOA FORUM (live – clubhouse only)

MAY 20 7:00 PM – BOT OPEN MEETING
(zoom & simulcast at clubhouse)

JUN 17 7:00 PM – BOT OPEN MEETING
(zoom & simulcast at clubhouse)

(To receive a Zoom invitation: register at the *Residents Connection* link on the www.whitingstationcommunity.org website under the Homeowners Association tab and follow the instructions. To view the whole year meeting calendar, go to the Whiting Station website at the following link: *For Current HOA Members: Information.*)

The Spring market has sprung!

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SAVE THE DATE(S): MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!!

April 26, 9:30 AM – FREE BAGEL BASH

- This is always one of our popular free events
- Enjoy a variety of bagels, pastries, butter, cream cheese, coffee, tea, and conversation with your neighbors
- RSVP by 4/19
- Reminder: guests of residents pay \$5 if they attend.

Stay tuned for a possible POOL OPENING EVENT in May (depending on when pool work is completed)

June 2, 7 PM – Toms River Multigenerational Orchestra Performance

- We are privileged to have this impressive and talented 72-piece orchestra perform FOR THE THIRD TIME in our Clubhouse
- You don't want to miss this FREE popular event

June 21, 2 PM – Free ICE CREAM SOCIAL

- Watch for details; RSVP by 6/14

September 27 (rain date September 28) – COMMUNITY WIDE TRASH TO TREASURE DAY

- Start planning now to clean out and sell in your driveway

ONGOING EVENTS:

WEEKLY

Mondays 11AM – SENIOR FITNESS

- Join us as we exercise to streamed Senior Fitness and Walking videos – free

This is a fun, very beneficial, and bonding hour

MONTHLY

1st Friday, 6:30PM – BINGO - \$

- Bring your own snacks / drinks to share at your table

3rd Thursday, 12 noon – HOT DOGS / BINGO - \$

- Purchase Hot Dogs or Tuna sandwiches before play starts at 1PM

2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6:30PM – CRAFTING CLUB

SUNSHINE ACTIVITY



Sponsored by the Whiting Station Residents Club

IN FEBRUARY

Get Well or Thinking of You cards were sent to: *Larry Webb*

Sympathy cards were sent to:

*Chuck Ehrmann on the death of his wife, Eileen
The family of Bertil Hoglund*

If you learn of a resident passing or know of a resident that is not feeling well, please notify **Jeanne Cascio** at 609-618-4654 or jeannecascio@comcast.net



NEW RESIDENTS

John M. Moravek 572 PLN

The Express provides this newsletter to share news with residents. If a problem is pointed out, at least one solution must be proposed. All letters are printed as space allows, unless deemed inappropriate by the editorial staff and provided the letter is signed, including an address and a phone number. If published, only names will be included. We reserve the right to edit and format the letters. The monthly deadline is the 8th of each month, except for June and December. Letters and/or articles will only be received via email at 323express@gmail.com. Letters may be limited to one per writer quarterly. Opinions expressed in letters do not reflect those of the *Express* Staff.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

APRIL 2025

by Joe Hearon, President
Whiting Station Board of Trustees

Dear Whiting Station Residents,

Spring has arrived, and with it comes a sense of renewal and fresh beginnings. April is always a busy time in our community, with outdoor projects kicking off, landscaping coming back to life, and residents enjoying the warmer weather.

We have several important updates to share, so please take a moment to read through this month's message and newsletter.

Pool Refinishing Project & Opening Update

One of our biggest projects this season is the resurfacing of our community pool. I'm pleased to report that work is progressing on schedule, and we anticipate that the pool will be ready to open on time for the season. This upgrade will enhance the appearance and longevity of the pool, ensuring a great summer experience for all residents. We'll continue to provide updates as we get closer to the opening day.

Spring Clean-Up & Town Leaf/Brush Pick-Up – April 10

Spring is the perfect time to clean up our outdoor spaces. *Manchester Township* will be conducting a **Leaf and Brush Pick-up** on **April 10**, giving residents a convenient way to dispose of yard debris. Please check this month's newsletter for specific details on what can and cannot be placed out for collection [**EDITOR NOTE**: see page 16]. Additionally, we encourage all residents to take part in general yard maintenance and property upkeep to keep our community looking its best.

Community Maintenance & Reminders

- **Landscaping & Grounds Care:** Our landscaping team has started seasonal maintenance, including mulching, pruning, and preparing common areas for the growing season. [**EDITOR NOTE**: see page 22] Homeowners are reminded to maintain their lawns and

gardens in accordance with HOA guidelines.

- **Speed Limit & Safety:** With more residents walking, jogging, and biking, please be mindful of speed limits and always come to a **full stop** at intersections. Safety is a shared responsibility, and we appreciate everyone doing their part.
- **April 22 Live Board Meeting:** This month's board meeting will be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month due to April 15 (Tax Day) being the 3rd Tuesday. I encourage ALL residents to come out and be part of the meeting to hear what's going on and to meet your old and new neighbors.

Board & Community Engagement

The HOA Board continues to work on various projects aimed at maintaining and improving our community. Resident participation is always encouraged and we welcome feedback, questions, and ideas. If you'd like to get involved—whether through a committee or by attending our next board meeting—please reach out. Your voice matters! [**EDITOR NOTE**: see page 20].

Thank you all for making Whiting Station such a wonderful place to live. As always, if you have any concerns or suggestions, feel free to contact the HOA Board. Wishing you a great start to spring!



Whiting Station Board of Trustees Meeting

Virtual via Zoom – February 18, 2025

(Pending formal Board approval at the next Board of Trustees meeting on March 18, 2025)

Board Members Present: Joe Hearon, President; Jacki Scampato, Treasurer; Jon Michalski, Secretary; Trustees: Jim Farley, Russ Krischik; Absent: Barbara Hubbard, Mike Madorma

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Joe called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM with a quorum of Trustees present. The agenda is posted on the Clubhouse bulletin board and on the Whiting Station website.

While we have in-person open Board meetings scheduled quarterly in the Clubhouse with virtual Zoom meetings scheduled for the other months, we are open to community input on scheduling more of the monthly meetings in person, rather than via Zoom. We welcome members' feedback. We also welcome member volunteers for various ad hoc committees and community efforts (i.e., volunteers to help clean up trash debris along the Schoolhouse Road sidewalk and wood line which is Whiting Station common area property) [EDITOR NOTE: see page 15].

Approval of previous meeting minutes: All Trustees previously reviewed the draft minutes from the January 21 meeting. There being no questions or discussion, Jacki motioned to approve the December 17 minutes; Russ seconded; all unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jacki Scampato

The monthly financial summary for December is posted on the Clubhouse bulletin board and will be published in the next *Express* newsletter.

Most everyone is aware of the recent significant cost increases in homeowner gas bills. The HOA has likewise experienced a significant gas bill increase of over 50%. At the same time, there is potential for similar increases in electric utility costs.

A petition from *Manchester Township* on behalf of age restricted communities like ours is currently posted in the Clubhouse. It calls for the resignation of the *New Jersey Board of Public Utilities* Chairman, as the BPU has allowed these adversely impactful increases which are harming our community members. Concerned residents can sign the petition. Keep in mind these large utility increases will also negatively affect our HOA budget not only with heating the clubhouse during the winter, but also with operating the pool heater through the summer.

We are currently looking for interested volunteers to serve with the 2026 Budget Committee, as community input is important in determining HOA amenities and initiatives to fund going forward. [EDITOR NOTE: see page 20].

Clubhouse & Pool: Russ Krischik

Russ will be confirming that the contractor is on track for beginning the pool resurfacing project planned to start March 24 and confirming the final price. Once begun, the actual work will take about two weeks to complete and even if weather or other unforeseen issues impact the schedule, the contractor is committed to having the pool operational before the Memorial Day weekend.

Clubhouse operations are doing well. Considering what Jacki has mentioned about increased gas costs, we may consider lowering the clubhouse thermostat setting 2 degrees. We will also consider adjusting the pool heater temperature when it is open for the season.

Architectural & Common Grounds: Joe Hearon for Mike Madorma

There have been a few requests this period; some for tree removal that have been approved and completed, and others for window replacements and a partial roof replacement to address a leaking skylight. All requests have been processed with no delays.

Bus & Covenants: Jon Michalski

Our bus operations continue to run smoothly, providing regular transportation for essential shopping on Mondays and Fridays, as well as various other scheduled shopping, lunch, and entertainment trips on other days. Please keep in mind that with the winter events, some adjustments or cancellation of scheduled trips may sometimes occur due to the weather.

Regarding Covenants, some recent inquiries highlight mention of the following issues:

- As everyone should know, fingers off the main roads must always be kept clear for emergency access and parking in fingers is always prohibited. But as often as we remind residents of this, it seems the practice continues. Frequently, such vehicles park part way on lawn areas, which not only damages the turf, but also risks destroying sprinkler heads. Likewise, lawn and sprinkler damage can occur when residents try

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to park two vehicles in a driveway that clearly only fits one vehicle. Homeowners will be held responsible for all resulting repair and remediation costs.

- Storage of personal items around the exterior of homes is not allowed. This includes ladders, tools, storage containers, and recreation equipment. We will, however, note that if there is ever a compelling reason (e.g.: refinishing the garage floor) to temporarily leave personal items on the homes' exterior, homeowners should notify the HOA office in advance to obtain guidance and conditional permission.
- Feeding of wild deer and feral animals is prohibited.
- Trash bags for garbage pickup must never be placed loose at the curb; all bags must be placed in closed trash containers.

Residents should always direct inquiries to the designated Covenants Committee email address: ***whitingstationcovenants@gmail.com***.

As an additional note, homeowners interested in supporting the Covenants Committee can contact Jon either through the Covenants email or the Clubhouse office.

Joe further emphasized not placing trash bags outside of containers. Doing so can potentially create a mess if bags are ripped by animals and loose contents blow around. Also, be aware that when holidays occur on normal pickup days, the trash pickup will be done the following business day, typically earlier in the morning than usual.

Lawn Care/Snow Removal: *Joe Hearon for Barbara Hubbard*

Joe expressed appreciation for the timely and efficient snow removal during the most recent snow event. He also clarified that, according to our contract, hand shoveling of driveways and walkways may take up to 42 hours to complete.

Since our current lawn and snow contract concludes this year, we will be soliciting bids for a new multi-year contract beginning in 2026.

Please direct any questions or concerns to Barbara at ***lawncare.ws@gmail.com***.

During Barbara's upcoming absence from March 15 to April 15, residents with questions or issues may contact Joe Hearon during the first week and Jim Farley thereafter until Barbara returns.

Irrigation: *Jim Farley*

Jim has updated the irrigation schedule for the upcoming season, which will be published and posted

on the website. Sprinkler operations are planned to start up between April 1 and 15.

Residents Club: *Deb Cassens*

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Soup Luncheon.

- Saturday, March 29 at 7:00 PM will be a **GAME NIGHT**. This is a new event that will include trivia games and prizes (\$5 per person; RSVP by March 22).
- Saturday, April 26 will be a free **BAGEL BASH** (RSVP by April 19).
- Pool opening in May is currently **TBD**.
- Saturday, June 21 will be our free **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**.
- Our annual **Trash or Treasure** event will take place in September, date **TBD**.

Unfinished Business: *Joe Hearon*

No unfinished business.

New Business: *Joe Hearon*

No new business.

Final Comments:

Lynne Sweezo volunteered to lead a community cleanup effort for the common areas along Lacey and Schoolhouse Roads. She suggested possibly April 22 (since it is Earth Day) or April 25 (since it is Arbor Day), or possibly Saturday the 26 if residents are not available on weekdays. Volunteers can contact Lynne through the HOA office. **[EDITOR NOTE:** See flyer on page 15.]

Adjourn: There being no further business, Jacki motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jon seconded; all approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Next Meeting: **Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 7:00 PM** via Zoom (simulcast at the Clubhouse Ballroom).

*Respectfully submitted by
Jon Michalski, Secretary*

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ASSETS	Report Through:	January	2025		Report Date:	2/14/2025
GL#		APY	Mat.	Location	Acct. #	Gen'l Ledger
CASH ACCOUNTS		***	***	OFFICE/TD BANK	***	\$ 149,188.82
RC ACCOUNTS		***	***	TD Bank	2415	\$ 8,566.75
INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS						
1225	DISCRETIONARY FUND - MMK.	0.20%	***	TD Bank	6598	\$ 73,911.51
2000	DEFERRED MAINT. FUND - MMK.	0.01%	***	Merrill Lynch	2214	\$ 24,745.89
2020	DEFERRED MAINT. SNOW - Savings	0.05%	***	TD Bank	0791	\$ 126,204.20
2025/2200	DEPRECIATION FUND	0.72%	9/22	Merrill Lynch	2211	\$ 68,812.29
2300/2325	REPLACEMENT RESERVE FUND	2.33%	***	Merrill Lynch	2182	\$ 403,119.01
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS		***	***			\$ 17,825.25
EQUIPMENT DEPRECIATION						
3250	Vehicles (Cost)	***	***			\$ 88,299.00
3300	Equipment (Cost)	***	***			\$ 58,223.22
3350	Vehicle Accumulated Deprec.	***	***			\$ (15,279.04)
3400	Equipmt. Accumulated Deprec.	***	***			\$ (58,274.38)
	Total Assets:					\$ 945,342.52
CASH Availability:						
	Liabilities included in above: Prepaid Maintenance Fees:					\$ 32,858.00
	CASH: Asset Balance - PP - CDs - Misc.					\$ 458,123.72
			Submitted - Board Approved:		2/14/2025	Jacki Scampato

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MICHAEL MADORMA – THE SATISFYING AND SIMPLE LIFE



Michael Madorma is our new Whiting Station Architectural / Common Grounds Trustee, appointed during the 2024 Board of Trustee elections. This friendly and capable gentleman has a full life and finds the most satisfaction in helping others. Over the years, he

has amassed quite the skill set that he brings with him as he assists others with home repairs and maintenance. Michael says he finds satisfaction in life by living simply. He has lived all his life in New Jersey, had a long professional career before settling here in Whiting about two years ago and these days, enjoys spending time with his significant other, family, friends, and neighbors here in Whiting Station, and participating in our neighborhood activities.

Michael grew up in Cranford, NJ with his parents and two sisters and as a young person, spent summers in Red Bank with his family. During his school years, Michael was a talented trumpet player from 4th through 12th grade. As an adult, Michael has lived in Flemington, NJ and currently, in addition to living in Whiting Station, spends time at his second home in South Carolina. This gentleman likes to travel to warmer climates, such as Florida, in the winter.

In this part of the Garden State, we often ask people what brought them to Whiting or how they landed in this neck of the woods. Michael tells his story of ‘finding’ Whiting Station by accident. Michael loved to spend some summer days with his family in Waretown when they would drive through Whiting on to their destination by the water or on the way to visit other family members. Fast forward several decades, when Michael was searching for a retirement home, he ‘accidentally’ turned into our Whiting Station neighborhood and instantly fell in love with the neighborhood. For Michael, part of the charm was that it is nestled in the Pine Barrens, a place that is dear to him with its serene trails and clean waterways. Michael’s

cousin, a realtor, had been showing him homes in the Crestwood Villages, but once this resident looked at the home that he would eventually purchase, his mind was made up: Whiting Station was it!

Michael has three adult children (two daughters and one son) and one grandson, who calls his grandfather ‘Poppy’. This proud grandfather is lucky to have his children and grandson all living in NJ (Medford, Cranford, and Hoboken), so staying connected to them is easy and brings Michael great joy.

After graduating from **Cranford High School**, Michael attended **Union County Vocational School** for two years as he trained to be a HVAC professional. After completing the program, Michael was hired by *Elizabethtown Gas*, where he remained for 42½ years before retiring in 2021. Since then, Michael has worked a few part-time jobs to stay busy. His passion has always been and remains helping others through volunteer work. Michael has volunteered both here in NJ and in SC where he spends time working with his church at the local food bank. He also takes great pleasure in helping his children with various jobs and repairs in their homes.

Over the years of volunteering and working in HVAC, Michael has acquired many skills that include basic electrical and appliance repair, and is proficient at tackling odd jobs around the home. Michael has also studied martial arts along the way and is interested in teaching basic self-defense classes.

In addition to his volunteer activities, Michael’s church and religion are paramount in his life. Michael attends nearby **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church** in Whiting for daily mass. A perfect day starts with mass, volunteer activities, spending time with friends or family and ends with a good meal and maybe a concert (Michael plans to see **Peter Frampton** in April!). Michael also enjoys keeping in shape in our weight room.

Michael hopes that people will see him as a friendly, caring helper. He would like people to know that he is here to help in his capacity as the Architectural/Common Grounds Trustee, and as a neighbor for anyone who needs help around the house or a lift to an appointment or shopping (call

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or text 908-892-5606). Michael would like to see an increase in the number of volunteers here in our stunning village in the Pines.

Michael has found peace and serenity here and loves his simple, spiritual, and satisfying life. Thank you, Michael, for all you do to help keep Whiting Station a lovely place to live for all of us!

Everyone Has a Story is a regular *Express* feature. Do you have a story or know of another resident to feature? Contact **Ali Baker** at 609 468 1950 or alison@mikebaker.com or **Regina Desvernine** at 908-489-2251 or desregbyram@gmail.com.

SENIOR WATER EXERCISE 2025

by Pat Kologe, Certified Aqua Instructor

Start to Think "Sunny and Warm"! Another year has passed, and our intentions were to feel better and start a regular exercise program. But how many of us have put off doing that and make any excuse not to exercise. I have heard them all.

Too many of us say, 'I'm just too old', or 'I just need to take it easy', or 'I don't think my heart can take it'. The best one is 'I DON'T LIKE TO EXERCISE!!' Well, if you made just 1 excuse, stop right there.

This article is to let you know that we will be having Water Exercise again this summer at **Whiting Station** on Thursday mornings from 10AM-11AM. We will continue the classes until September (possibly having off for vacation). Start date to be announced.

Newcomers are always welcomed! For anyone who is interested, we will have a sign-up sheet in the clubhouse starting in April through May. The only change this year will be that there is an increase in the fee. The price will be **\$7.00 per class**. PAY AS YOU GO. Since I have been teaching in Whiting Station, I have not raised my fees in over 9 years. The class is well worth the increase.

I want to thank all my past students who have enjoyed and benefited from my classes and hopefully, I will see some new faces in the pool. The only equipment that you will need is a wide width pool noodle and a pair of aqua dumbbells (can be purchased on Amazon). Any questions, call 908-415-9437. Looking forward to another exciting and fun summer.



NATURE CAN BE SWEET

by John L. Yelavich

We welcome the warm touch of April,
she brings us longer days of light.
Dormant perennials begin to appear,
making gardens colorful and bright.

Love of nature can be sweet,
with rainbows above our heads,
green grass beneath our feet,
and soft meadows for our beds.

Wet and cool is the morning dew,
clinging to misty blades of grass.
Brilliant and vivid are the flowers,
fragrantly blossoming in mass.

When birds chirp merry lullabies,
magical moments are conveyed.
Hummingbirds we romanticize,
treasuring colors of every shade.

Nature creates scenes to celebrate,
blooming buttercups are sweetly pure,
they're framed by gleaming sunlight,
leaving us captivated by their allure.

Poetry Corner is recurring *Express* feature. **John Yelavich** is our current poet. However, *the Express* accepts poetry submissions from **any** resident. Send your submission to 323express@gmail.com.

MANCHESTER COORDINATING COUNCIL REPORT

by Bob Reeves

February 24, 2025

Also in attendance from **Whiting Station**: Jim Farley and Joe Hearon. The main topic of this month's meeting is a review of the *Jersey Central Power & Light* Power Outage which took place this past December, affecting Whiting. Meeting was very well attended by the surrounding communities.



(Photo by Bob Reeves)

Manchester Township Mayor Joseph Hankins spoke briefly regarding the outage and how it affected residents and that is why they invited representatives from JCP&L to provide an overview of how the outage occurred and what steps are being taken to keep this from occurring again in the future.

Jacqueline Espinoza, *Manager of External Affairs*, spoke and introduced the other representatives in attendance from JCP&L. **Chris Hoenig**, *Sr. Communications Representative* took over the presentation, starting with some statistics including:

- JCP&L covers 13 counties
- Ocean County consists of their 2nd largest number of customers
- The system is made up of circuit breakers which provide power to 40 substations
- 177 electric circuits running for more than 3,300 miles
- 23 Ocean County entities receive grants, donations, scholarships, etc.

Finally, they began to explain the power outage. On 12/23/24, 1 of 2 Transformer Banks was taken out of service when a maintenance inspection found a malfunctioning part. This part had to be removed in order to prevent what was described as a possible 'Catastrophic Incident'. As a result, Transformer Bank 1 picked up the slack. A fault (trip) condition then occurred resulting in the outage affecting the

remaining in-service banks.

The reason for the length of the outage was explained as 'you can only bring back power slowly and a section at a time to not overload the system'. This was also complicated by the extreme cold temperatures called 'Cold Loading'. A forced outage was taken a week later to connect a mobile back-up substation to replace Bank #2 until maintenance was completed.

The steps that JCP&L is taking to address as preventative measures:

- 50 reliability items to be designed/scheduled and constructed in 2025
- Improve and schedule more inspections to infrastructure
- Work to include adding additional fuses, equipment replacements, and fault indicator additions
- The **NJ Reliability Improvement Program** is being instituted in 2025. That program includes:
 - Upgrades to poles and wiring
 - Additional protective devices
 - Circuit specific improvements
- The total budget for all these improvements is 5.3 million dollars.
- Just since January the company has replaced 1200 streetlights with LED bulbs.
- Crews are currently working in Manchester addressing tree trimming and removal to protect overhead power lines.

The representative spoke to the subject that was on everyone's mind: the monthly electric bill. On the upper right-hand corner of the bill are the charges & rates. The total bill includes the JCP&L **delivery** and **supply** charges. JCP&L does not own any Power Plants. They only deliver the electricity. They must buy the electric from a supplier. **Basic Generation Service** (BGS) rates are determined through an auction process by each individual town which occurs annually. The **Board of Public Utilities** (BPU) oversees. The rates are set by a supplier that can guarantee enough electricity will be available for a specific area. Supply rates have skyrocketed. In June, there was a 3.6% increase. **This June, customers can expect an increase of 19.9%.** The rates are determined by competing suppliers of which there are fewer than in the past. They also said an increase in demand and

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a decrease in stations and suppliers is fueling the increase.

****NOTE:** Every individual has the right to shop for their own supplier. However, you must be made aware that other suppliers are trying to get your business by unsavory and misleading means, often resulting in even higher rates than they advertise. **Mayor Hankins** recommends staying with the Township rates as they will always be looking out for the senior residents in Whiting during this process.**

What can you do about these increases?

- Understand your bill and how much electricity you use. Was it the actual rate based on a reading of your usage or an estimated bill?
- Is there a big increase in the electric you use?
- Heating and cooling is the most expensive electric that you use. Adjusting thermostats even a few degrees can make a difference.
 - Utilize ceiling fans and replace filters
 - Open & close blinds accordingly
 - Replace old lighting with LED bulbs
 - Check insulation in the home around doors, windows, attics, etc.
- Dishwashing saves hot water over handwashing

SMART METERS

The audience brought up the fact that rates seemed to have increased after the installation of the SMART METERS. **JCP&L** stated that there is no correlation between the installation of the meters and the increase. This of course was met with a lot of skepticism and pushback and the meeting became contentious and very vocal from this point on as the audience was quite upset at the mention of the large rate increase.

The reps explained that SMART METERS undergo rigorous trainings and use State of the Art Technology and provide tools to help better understand electric usage and help find ways to increase efficiency.

As the audience indicated they could not afford such an increase, Mr. Hoenig advised individuals to go on the Budget Plan. He also advised to look up the **JCP&L ENERGY SAVE PROGRAM**. There are other billing assistance programs. Call to inquire at

1-800 662-3115 or **JCP&L.com/assistance**.

This program offers Appliance & HVAC Rebates, Recycling Programs, and Energy Analysis. If you choose to shop around for your own rates: Do your research. Check the price and the plan structure. Is it a fixed rate? Variable? Is it just an introductory rate? The length, terms, and conditions? Taxes, charges & fees?

Senators Carmen Amato & Brian Rumpf, who were also in attendance, said they are working diligently on addressing the high rates.

The next meeting of the MCC will be held on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 1:30 PM at the Crestwood Village 5 Clubhouse. Guest speakers will be **Pat Donahue** from *Somebody Cares* and **Melissa DePalma** from *Ocean County Senior Services*.

The **Manchester Coordinating Council** meets on the last Monday of the month and Whiting Station has a volunteer attending these meetings, but anyone can attend. The report on the meetings will be an ongoing feature for the newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns about items in the report, call Bob Reeves at 908 783-9377 or email at **rpr1559@yahoo.com**

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April 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 NO BUS	2 NO BUS	3 NO BUS	4 LOCAL Stop & Shop	5
6	7 LACEY Walmart Shoprite	8 "OUT TO LUNCH" DONOVAN's Signup by 4/2 LEAVE at 11:30 AM	9 RESORTS Signup by 4/3 LEAVE at 9:30 AM (from clubhouse)	10 NO BUS	11 LOCAL Stop & Shop	12
13	14 LACEY Walmart Shoprite	15 SMITHVILLE Signup by 4/9 LEAVE at 10:00 AM	16 MONMOUTH CANDY & DELICIOUS ORCHARDS (Lunch at Plumsted Grill) Signup by 4/9	17 NO BUS	18 NO BUS	19
20 	21 LACEY Walmart Shoprite	22 JERSEY PIZZA BOYS Signup by 4/16 LEAVE at 11:00 AM	23 MATHIS HOUSE TEA ROOM Signup required by 3/3 \$51.50/pp LEAVE at 11:30 AM	24 NO BUS	25 LOCAL Stop & Shop	26
27	28 LACEY Walmart Shoprite	29 TRADER JOE'S BRICK PLAZA Signup by 4/23	30 SHRIMP BOX Signup required by 4/23 LEAVE at 11:30 AM	UPCOMING TRIPS 5/7 Epicentre 5/13 Out to Lunch (TBD) 5/14 Resorts 5/20 Tuckerton Seaport 5/28 Cape May		

For more information on any trip or to suggest a trip, contact Joan Forgione at 201-207-6255. Sign-up sheets are in the bulletin board across from the office at the Clubhouse.

WHITING STATION ACTIVITIES



April 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  10 AM Pickleball 1PM Cards	2 6:30PM Cards	3 1PM Rummikub 2 PM Pickleball 6:30PM Cards 6:30PM Mahjong TRASH	4 6:30 PM door open 7 PM start BINGO RECYCLE	5 10 AM Pickleball
6	7 11 AM Senior Fitness 1:30PM Book Club 6 PM Bocce Ball 6:30PM Mexican Train TRASH	8 10 AM Pickleball 1PM Cards 6:30PM Crafting Club	9 6:30PM Cards	10 1PM Rummikub 2 PM Pickleball 6:30PM Cards 6:30PM Mahjong TRASH LEAF & BRUSH PICK UP	11	12  10 AM Pickleball
13	14 11 AM Senior Fitness 1:30PM Book Club 6 PM Bocce Ball 6:30PM Mexican Train TRASH	15  10 AM Pickleball 1PM Cards 7PM BOT Meeting (Zoom & Simulcast)	16 6:30PM Cards	17 12 PM HOT DOGS \$ 1 PM BINGO \$ 2 PM Pickleball 6:30PM Cards 6:30PM Mahjong TRASH	18 RECYCLE OFFICE CLOSED	19 10 AM Pickleball
20  Passover Ends at Sundown	21 11 AM Senior Fitness 1:30PM Book Club 6 PM Bocce Ball 6:30PM Mexican Train	22  10 AM 10 AM Pickleball 1PM Cards 6:30PM Crafting Club TRASH	23 6:30PM Cards	24 1PM Rummikub 2 PM Pickleball 6:30PM Cards 6:30PM Mahjong TRASH	25  Community CLEAN UP 10 AM 	26  9:30 AM 10 AM Pickleball
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Please send information, updates, or changes about any current or new calendar event(s) to 323express@gmail.com

The RESIDENTS CLUB
Invites you to
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FREE BAGEL BASH!!
Saturday, April 26 at 9:30 AM



Come enjoy some fresh delicious bagels, pastries, cream cheese, butter, coffee, and tea with your neighbors and friends!

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Your guests are welcome at \$5 per guest.

PLEASE RSVP (use form on page 24) and return the form to the 'All Events' Box in the Activity Room by APRIL 19!



COMMUNITY CLEANUP

TUESDAY, 4/22, 10 AM

(Rain Date: Friday, 4/25, 10 AM)

**Contact Lynne Sweezo at 908-783-2260 or
the Office at 732-350-3556 to volunteer**

We will gather at the clubhouse to get gloves & trash bags. We plan to clean up the Schoolhouse Road entrance & the Lacey Road entrances. If we have enough volunteers, we will do other common areas (clubhouse grounds, etc.)





REMINDER MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP LEAF & BRUSH PICKUP APRIL 10, 2025

The *Manchester Township Department of Public Works* offers this FREE pick up and disposal service twice a year

[EDITOR NOTE: WHITING STATION = APRIL 10 & NOVEMBER 4, See the Manchester Citizen pamphlet or the Manchester Township website: <https://manchestertwp.com/> for more information.]

This is your opportunity to get rid of large branches and sticks from your yard. You can place the following items on the edges of our main roads: Gardenia Road, Morning Glory Lane, Petunia Road North and South, Orchid Lane, and Lily Court.

Do not leave items on the edges of the fingers. Please consolidate and place items on one side of the main streets only.

Acceptable Items:

- **LEAVES AND PINE NEEDLES:** Must be raked to the curb in a single row. Leaves and needles will be vacuumed up by the township machinery, so a clear path is required.
- **BRANCHES AND LARGE STICKS:** These items must be placed into tied and manageable bundles, less than 4 feet long and with a maximum diameter of 3 inches (50 lb. bunches maximum).
- **BRUSH AND GARDEN WASTE:** These items must be placed in a receptacle for easy pick up (garbage cans are acceptable).

NO logs, stumps, grass clippings, bushes, or trees with roots will be picked up.

Please do not park near these items on the pickup day so the workers and equipment can easily maneuver and see what needs to be removed.

EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

BUS TRIP to BARNES MUSEUM – FEBRUARY 24



(Photo by John Yelavich)

BUS TRIP to PA FLOWER SHOW – MARCH 5



(Photo by Lou Ann Breaks)



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BINGO – MARCH 7



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1 Colonial Dr. Manchester

Thursday, April 3rd

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CANDY BAR **BINGO!**

WHITING ANNEX.

82 Lacey Rd. Whiting

Monday, April 21st

1:00PM

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CHAIR YOGA

**MANCHESTER TOWN
HALL - CIVIC CENTER**

**1 Colonial Dr.
Manchester**

10:30AM

Friday, April 4th

Friday, April 11th

Friday, April 25th

**CALL 732-849-8305
TO REGISTER.**

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WHITING ANNEX.

82 Lacey Rd. Whiting

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WHITING STATION MIXED BOCCE BALL LEAGUE

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We play on Monday night starting at 6 PM. Like last year to shorten the length of the games, the first team to reach the score of 11 will win. The first game would take place on Monday, March 9 at 6 PM. Thank you

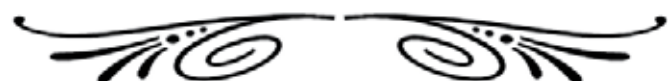
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REMINDER

Please make sure that your garbage and recycling are securely in your garbage/recycling can with the lids shut securely. While walking around, I am noticing garbage blowing around our neighborhood. If you do not have enough room in your garbage can, I am sure that you can ask a neighbor to 'rent room' in their cans, should you have a special event. I am finding more and more of trash on my lawn. While we are under a drought warning/bush fires in NJ, please make sure that your cigarettes are extinguished and take you butts home with you.

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332 Gardenia Drive



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April 18 Spring cleanup & Bed Blowout	April – Broadleaf weed Pre Emergent w/crabgrass preventer	April	April
May 2, 16, 23	May- second app of Broadleaf weed and Pre Emergent w/crabgrass preventer	May	May
June 6, 13, 20, 27	June / July - Fertilizer with Insecticide	June	June
July 3, 11, 25		July	July
August 8, 22		August	August
September 5, 26		September	September
October 10, 24, 31	October- Fall Fertilizer Weed& Feed	October	October
November 3, 14, 21		November	
November 28 Bed Blowout & Fall Leaf Cleanup	November- Lime Application		
December 5 Bed Blowout & Fall Leaf Cleanup December 12 Bed Blowout & Fall Leaf Cleanup			

***1 remaining cut to be scheduled at a later date**
All dates tentative and subject to change.

[**EDITOR NOTE:** This tentative schedule is submitted by the Lawn Care Trustee Barbara Hubbard.]

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