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Paul Krause

Welcome to April. Winter has passed and my favorite time of year has come. April brings with it Easter, spring, baseball season, longer daylight hours and warmer weather. It's the time of year of new life when we see grass turning green, flowers popping out of the ground, the smells of spring rains and even barbeque grills as people once again spend time outdoors. Soon we will see people enjoying the outdoors playing pickle ball, tennis, shuffleboard, bocce and golf. Check the bulletin boards and listen to the weekly robocalls to find out when, where and how to sign up for activities you may be interested in. There are always opportunities for fun and friendship in Lions Head South. Join a club, sign up for a team, sign up for a committee, invite a neighbor to your barbeque, bring a meal to a neighbor who might not be able to get out.

It's also time to spruce up your house and property. Take some time to power wash your patio, driveway and siding if needed. Check your plants and see if they need pruning or if new ones need planting. Last year everyone did a wonderful job and our community looked absolutely marvelous. This year there may be more work to do after all the snow we had, but we can do it. Be proactive, get on task and take pride in your home and community.

Our April Residents Informational Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13 at 7P.M. The Board hopes you will come out to hear what is happening in our community and spend some time with each other. A community like Lions Head South depends on residents to be involved.

If you are a new resident, having moved in since October 2025, we invite you to our New Members' evening on April 27 at 7P.M. in the Lions Den. Come out, meet the Board of Trustees and learn about the various clubs and committees that you can join. There will be some nice snacks to enjoy, too!

As mentioned at our February Residents Informational Meeting, the Board of Trustees is working on a code of conduct for the Board. Hopefully we will complete it in the near future and have it available for you. As a Board we are committed to kindness, respect, transparency and trust. Please have patience with us, with our hard working staff and with each other. Together we can continue to keep Lions Head South the wonderful community that it is.

And one more thing: Get out there and enjoy spring.



EDITORIAL

Carol Powell

Happy springtime Lions Head South. Can't wait for our beautiful cherry trees to blossom at our entrance. I look forward to seeing them every year. There is no doubt, whatsoever, in my mind, that our Garden Club members have all kinds of beautiful surprises in store for us. We'll soon see activity at our outdoor venues, including the pool, of course! Before we know it summer will be in full swing.

So get outside, walk if you can. Meet your neighbors. Try out new things. Be adventurous. Yea, even a first time bocci game can be an adventure or a walk down one of our streets that you have not walked before! Our community is just gorgeous at this time of year. Enjoy.

As always, stay safe and most importantly, stay well.



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Office staff hours will remain 8:00 AM – 1:30 PM. If required, you may contact the office to schedule an appointment outside of the scheduled business hours.

Respectfully Yours,

Lin Kolesa, Administrator

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FOOD

DRIVE

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**ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF
LIONS HEAD SOUTH:**

**PLEASE BRING
NON-PERISABLE FOOD ITEMS*
and/or PET FOODS**

**TO THE CLUBHOUSE ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST, 2026
BETWEEN 10:00 am-1:00 pm**

**(with current expiration dates)*



PET CORNER



BANJO

By Deborah Krause

Banjo is the lovable granddog of Lee and Tony Bruzaitis. He belongs to their daughter, Ashley. They both came to LHS a few years ago. Banjo is a six year old rescue from Louisiana. Lee describes his personality as that of a goofy toddler, exactly the opposite of the stereotype of a scary pitbull.



Banjo is very friendly and especially loves receiving attention from children. If you see Banjo while you're out with your grandkids please do not be afraid to let them say "Hello" to Banjo. He is very gentle and rarely barks. In order to get your attention, Banjo whines when he wants something, for example, treats, play or a walk.



The only time Banjo really barks is when he is doing his favorite thing, which is playing in his pool. If you hear crazy dog sounds in the summer and live near Lee and Tony, it's probably Banjo having a great time in his spray pool. As you can see by the pictures, Banjo is also a fashionista. He loves his hoodies and sweaters and has many outfits for different holidays and just for fun, he likes to wear his dinosaur hoodie.

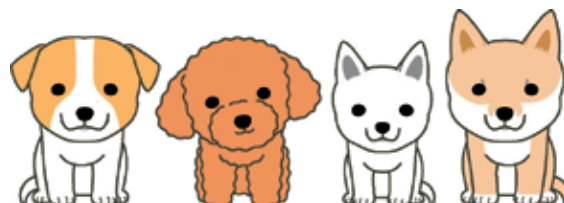


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PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR SPRINKER HEADS ARE MAINTAINED AND ARE NOT LEAKING. TURFMASTER WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE TO SPRINKLER HEADS.

MARCH

March 27 – Edging

March ~ Fertilize w/pre-emergent weed control

Dimension 10-5-10 (50%PCR). 42% Proflamime (50 LB)

Will not be responsible for stress lawns.

AUGUST

August 5 Edging

August 10 Lawn Cutting

August 20 Lawn Cutting

August 31 Lawn Cutting

APRIL

April 16 Lawn Cutting

April 16 Spring Cleanup

April -May - Late Spring w/pre-emergent weed control

23-0-10 – (1005PCR) .25 Dimension (50 LB)

SEPTEMBER

September 10 Edging

September 10 Lawn Cutting

September 21 Lawn Cutting

MAY

May 6 Edging

May 7 Lawn Cutting

May 18 Lawn Cutting

May 29 Lawn Cutting

October

October 8 Lawn Cutting

October 24 Lawn Cutting

Fall Fertilizer w/Lime (TDB/Soil Test)

20-20-10 (50%PCR) (39%DoI Lime) (50 LB)

June

June 8Edging

June 8 Lawn Cutting

June 18 Lawn Cutting

June 29 Lawn Cutting

Early Summer Weed Control

SFZ Triad Select Herbicide

Halosulfuron (Green Kylling Control)

November

November 9 Lawn Cutting

November 25 Lawn Cutting

November - December

Late Fall Weed Control

Defender Herbicide

JULY

July 9 Edging

July 9 Lawn Cutting

July 20 Lawn Cutting

July 30 Lawn Cutting

Late Summer Weed Control

Triad QC (Medusa Herbicide)

Halosulfuron (Green Kylling Control)

**ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
CURBLINE WEED SPRAYING WILL BE ONCE PER MONTH OR AS NEEDED.**

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BOB and DIANE DE FEO

By Deborah Krause



Bob and Diane DeFeo moved to LHS in 2022. Like many of our residents, they moved from northern New Jersey, Hawthorne to be specific. Since Diane was still working in Paramus, it was important that their new home should be close to Garden State Parkway. They looked at other 55+ communities but kept coming back to LHS. One of the deciding factors came when they attended an LHS Open House and met the next-door neighbors, Bill and Mary Weinberg. Bill and Mary welcomed them and that was a big reason for them moving to LHS. An interesting factor for choosing LHS was the name of the model house, “Hawthorne”!

As soon as Diane retired, she joined the Women’s Club where she was warmly welcomed. Since then, she has joined the Welcoming Club, Hospitality Club, and most recently became chairperson of the Social Club. Bob still works from home but has been able to enjoy outdoor bocce and shuffleboard and was recently named chairperson of the Recreation Committee. Leaving behind a lifetime of friendships up north, Bob and Diane were afraid they wouldn’t fit in at LHS, but everyone made them feel welcome. They wish more residents would take advantage of the wonderful amenities at LHS, and encourage everyone to join a committee or club. It’s a wonderful way to meet new people and enjoy what LHS has to offer. Their neighbors all made them feel very welcome and they all look out for each other.

Bob and Diane have two sons and five beautiful grandchildren that they adore (see family Christmas picture). They love coming down to Nanny and Grampy’s house to go to the shore and enjoy the boardwalk. Hopefully, this year they will be able to enjoy the pool as well. The Men’s Club had a wonderful ‘Breakfast with Santa’ event, and the grandkids had a great time. They are very happy that they moved ‘down the shore’ and look forward to making more memories.



LIONS HEAD SOUTH

New Residents - 2026

Garofano, John &.....23 Lions Head Blvd. S.
Valerie R/S Scarpone
Evensen, James A.....16 Thames Pl.
R/S Venezia
Mennella, Pasquale.....101 Meadowbrook Rd.
(flipper) R/S Bosco Estate
CORRECTION
Leichter, Yakov.....73 Yorkwood Rd.
(flipper) R/S Gulitti

Deceased Residents - 2026

Granados, Antonio.....57 Lauren Ln.
2/16/2026
Van Pelt, Viola.....217 Lions Head Blvd.
3/04/2026
Kraft, Grace.....25 Thames Pl.
3/03/2026

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Rosemarie Ferrainolo

Greetings to all LHS Residents,

The Clubhouse Committee had its first meeting on March 11, 2026. As the new Chairperson, I would like to invite all our residents to continue to use our clubhouse and share the many activities that are offered there. Please continue to respect your surroundings and enjoy your time there.

If you have any comments or suggestions, you can contact me. At this time, I would like to thank Mike Voto, the past Chairman, and his committee for their time and effort in keeping our clubhouse beautiful. I look forward to a great year.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Deb Rodgers

Hi Lions Head South.

I know we are all looking forward to warm weather. With that said, let's look at what's been going on in our town.

The following speakers will attend our residents meeting:

April 13 – Officer Finelli will be talking about new scams and bring the drug box.

June 8 – Vincent Camporeale – He's the Director of the Ocean County Veteran Services Bureau.

August 10 – Mayor Lisa Crate will be joining us and updating us on what's going on in town.

The following businesses are coming to town, but sorry, I don't have any dates yet:

Go Play Arcade is open and located on Brick Blvd. in the Party Store plaza. (personally, I'd go to the Silverball Museum on the boardwalk in Asbury Park. Pay one price without using any coins and you can play all the games).

Cousin's Seafood Restaurant – will be taking over Rosalita's and Tre in Brick Plaza.

Raising Cane's Chicken is working on their site plans to demolish the old Quaker Steak & Lube and rebuild.

The Gap Factory will be moving into Brick Plaza next to Barnes & Noble.

7 Brew Coffee will be put on a site pad in the Ross/Best Buy Plaza.

Kid Strong Workout Center – located on the side of Ross.

Taste of India - 506 Brick Blvd. – opened last month.

Gilded Treasures Trading Post will be moving into the plaza located at 921 Cedar Bridge Ave.

Garden State Distillery – moving from Toms River into the old China Buffet located in the plaza behind the old Boston Market. They hope to be open by the summer.

Community Threads store is open and located in Civic Plaza on Chambers Bridge Rd. They are open Mon-Thur 3pm to 7pm. Fri. 3pm-9pm and Sat 10am – 5pm. The items are FREE to anyone. Clothing, toiletries and household items are available. If you have items to drop off, please go within the time frames listed above. There is no drop box. It's run by The Choose Love, Celebrate Life Foundation.

Did you ever wonder if there are roads to avoid in our town because of closures or accidents. Text your zip code to 888777 and set up an account to get alerts. It's free and easy to do. According to their site, they do not track your location.

Since the winter hasn't been too kind to our roads, you may have encountered some potholes. You can reach out to the town's DPW at 732-262-4602 or send an email to potholes@twp.brick.nj.us. This only applies to the streets the town takes care of.

For anyone who takes the Senior Dialysis bus, the new bus is up and running. One bus will take care of the Northside of town, and one bus will take care of the Southside of town. You can contact Senior Services for additional information.

I'm waiting for the meeting minutes to find out when the Townwide Yard sale date will be. There will be 2 this year. One for the Southside and one for the Northside. One in April and one in the fall. When I have this information, I'll post it on our Facebook page.

Don't forget to check out the Senior Services Calendar for their many events and programs.

Our next meeting will be April 8, 2026 @ 10am.

Until next month, wishing you all happiness and peace in the coming months.

COUNTRY CLUB

Chuck Florio

By the time you read this, the golf community will have had it's February 16th meeting. Hopefully the snow will have melted, and the course will open on time.

I am in the process of getting tickets printed for our 20/20, and our free membership for the golf course. This year we will be selling tickets for a \$300.00 gift card for \$10.00 each with a limited number of tickets sold. Once the 80 tickets are sold, we will hold a drawing and declare a winner. We will then proceed with another raffle, same as above, \$300.00 gift card and 80 \$10.00 tickets. This will be a continuous drawing.

KINDNESS COMES IN ALL SIZES

Deborah Krause

For sixteen years we owned a small condo in Asbury Park, NJ, a small shore town with a big music history. We loved living in Asbury, but felt it was time to move on. We casually started going to open houses and early in the process met a friendly, young realtor named Gene. As time went on, we started seeing Gene at more open houses and on our walks around Asbury. Even though he was about 40 years younger than us, we had a lot in common, like baseball (NY Mets) and the beach. We asked Gene to be our realtor and spent the next year finding the right house, knowing that this would probably be our last house purchase.

This is where Gene's kindness started to show through in big and small ways. When we went on house tours he always let us do most of the talking, always listening intently to our questions, giving clear answers and never making us feel rushed. These small acts of kindness not only built trust, but also helped us feel confident in our decisions. Eventually we found the right house and new community here at LHS. At our closing on the house, Gene gifted us with a beautiful, large aerial picture of our favorite park in Asbury. The picture now hangs in our entryway and is a reminder of Gene's kindness and friendship. His unexpected kindnesses equipped us to meet all the challenges that come with moving to a new community. Even after 3 years of living here, Gene stills visits when in the area, brings us Italian pastries each Christmas and likes to call to talk about baseball. Every time I see the picture in my entryway I am reminded how blessed I am by those who take time to show kindness and am inspired to do likewise.



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Lions Head South Association
2026 Calendar of Scheduled Pool Events

Pool season – May 23rd – September 26th

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POOL HOURS

Adult Daily Hours – Monday – Friday - 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Saturday and Sunday – 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Children Hours

Children – 2 Years of Age to 15 Years of Age

Sunday thru Saturday – 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Holiday Hours – All Day Allowance – Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day

SEASON EVENTS

Pool Opening

May 23rd

Sunday Fun Day

May 24 – Ice Cream Social

June 28 incl DJ @ Pool

Sept 6 incl DJ @ Pool

Kids Day - July 18th

Residents and their guests are invited

Regular Pool Hours Apply

KEY FOB AND BADGES ARE REQUIRED

Lions Head South Association

2026 Pool Rules and Regulation

<p>1. NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY Swim at your own risk.</p>	<p>10. Adult flotation objects are limited to noodles and sling chairs. Floatation items, such as inflatable tubes, kickboards, and flippers, are not permitted in the pool. Styrofoam belts and arm “swimmies” will be permitted in the pool when an adult is in the pool with the child.</p>
<p>2. All members/residents and guests must enter with their own key fob and sign the book.</p>	<p>11. Diving and Jumping are not permitted at any time.</p>
<p>3. THUNDER AND LIGHTNING - When thunder occurs, all individuals must leave the pool area. The pool area will be reopened when conditions permit.</p>	<p>12. Snacks, plastic bottles, and cans are permitted inside the pool area and must be consumed at a table. NO GLASS OR ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED. Picnic tables are available outside the pool area for those who have sandwiches, subs, pizza, etc. A charcoal grill is available for your use outside the pool area. A fire shovel and ash can are also provided. Please clean up after use. Garbage and recyclables must be disposed of in the receptacles that are provided outside of the pool entrance.</p>
<p>4. FOR SAFETY REASONS - Pool furniture must be kept at least six (6) feet from the edge of the pool.</p>	<p>13. No sports, including ball playing or horseplay, will be permitted in the pool area. Children may have dive toys in the shallow end of the pool. Running is not permitted in the pool area. Personal music is permitted with earbuds and headsets only.</p>
<p>5. Diapers are not permitted at any age.</p>	<p>14. No animals, except for service animals, shall be allowed in the swimming pool enclosure. (N.J.A.C. 8:26)</p>
<p>6. Children 15 or under must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult. Children’s Hours are Sunday thru Saturday 11 AM - 1 PM & 5 PM – 8 PM. Children under the age of 2 are not allowed in the pool at any time.</p>	<p>15. Smoking and “vaping” are permitted only in the designated smoking area. Please check signs for smoking allowed. Smoking and “vaping” are not permitted near the pool area or in any other sports area.</p>
<p>7. At all times members/residents and/or guests 16 or over must enter the pool area with their key FOB. Owners and guests must sign in the book as well.</p>	<p>16. Chairs, tables and lounges are available to residents on first come basis. THEY MAY NOT BE RESERVED. Please bring chairs for your guests.</p>
<p>8. Restrooms will not be used as changing rooms. Dripping bathing suits and bare feet are not allowed in the clubhouse and restroom.</p>	<p>17. Before exiting the pool area, please return chairs and lounges to their regular locations. Umbrellas are to be rolled down to their closed position and tied.</p>
<p>9. Bathers must wear suitable bathing suits or swim wear. Cut-off pants or jeans are not permitted in the pool.</p>	<p>18. Our pool maintenance company is Specialized Pools.</p>

Approved March 9, 2026

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:30-11:00 Ticket Sales	9:30-11:30 Watercolor class	9:30-11:30 Acrylic Paint Class	11:00 Chair/Mat Yoga	
	1:00 Indoor Slingers Shuffleboard	1 & 7 cards/Mah Jongg	1:00 Men's Indoor Shuffleboard	1:00 Women's Indoor Shuffleboard
	1:00 Crochet, Knitting & Needlework		1 & 7 cards	1:00 Crochet, Knitting & Needlework
	1:00 cards/Mah jongg			
	Bocce-starts 4/28 4:45	Outdoor Shuffleboard- starts 4/15 5:00		
	7:00 LRC – 4/21	7:00 Rummy Cube		
	GARBAGE	RECYCLE 4/8 & 4/22		

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RESIDENTS INFORMATIONAL MTG- April

13th – 7 pm. GUEST SPEAKER: Officer

Finelli – Brick PD – Refreshments served

ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITY OFFICE:

Hours: 8:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Administration Office Phone: 732-920-9099

2:00 PM MOVIE MATINEE	9:00 AM Bd of Trustees Mtg	10:00 AM Women's Club Exec Bd	12:00 PM Women's Club	10:00 AM Lions Pride Review		
19	9:00 AM County Connection Van 3:00 PM Website 7:00 PM LHCC Meeting	5:00 PM Recreation	11:00 AM Welcoming 3:00 PM Social	12:00 PM WGA Tee-Off Luncheon 1:00 PM Book Club	10:00 AM Election Comm	24 25
26	9:00 AM Bd of Trustees-Std Comm 7:00 PM Meeting w/New Members since 10/25	6:30 PM Book-a-holics	9:00 AM Merit's Club Exec Bd	30	27 28 29	
27	GARBAGE	RECYCLE				
28	GARBAGE	GARBAGE	GARBAGE	GARBAGE		



April 2026

Monthly Planner



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:00AM WGA Meeting - C/C 11:30AM Men's Club	2 9:30 AM Travel 10:15 AM Combined Activities	3 GOOD FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	4 6:30 PM Social Stand Up Comedy Night
5 EASTER	6 10:00 AM Buildings & Grnds	7 9:00 AM Architectural 10:00 AM Women's Club Exec Bd	8 10:00 AM Comm Awareness/Security 10:30 AM Garden Club 1:00 PM Clubhouse 7:00 PM Fin & Ins	9	10	11
12	13	14 GARBAGE	15 RECYCLE	16	17	18

Mar 2026

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LIBRARY

Janet Pedersen

Happy Spring to all our Lions Head South residents and friends! This month's focus will be on our LHS library's varied selection of magazines, and a special book series we have recently acquired.

At any given time, the woven basket by the library fireplace will contain several types of informative magazine issues for your reading pleasure. A short list of possible choices may include... Reader's Digest, Time Magazine, AARP Newsletter & Magazine, People Magazine, American Legion Magazine, Better Homes & Gardens, US Magazine, Real Simple, Women's Day, Southern Living, Good Housekeeping, Coastal Living and New Jersey Magazine to name a few. Please feel free to browse through our selection next time you visit the clubhouse.

Of course, these publications offerings are changing constantly to ensure access to timely information, so search through them periodically to benefit from recent drop-offs, and when donating, please be sure that their publication date is within 3 months of the current date. Out-dated magazine donations will be discarded due to lack of space.

Due to a very generous donation, our LHS Library has been gifted with book one through 21 of author Janet Evanovich's numbered Trenton, NJ based, quirky bounty hunter Stephanie Plum series, which is known for its humor, with titles following a numerical progression starting with "One for the Money."

Adding to this colorful series is the inclusion of offbeat and unconventional characters such as Stephanie's sidekick, Lula, her gun-toting Grandma Mazur, her Trenton cop boyfriend Joe Morelli, her security expert Ranger and her hamster Rex. If you are looking for some interesting reading with a comic twist you can find these novels on the top shelves on the left-hand side of the fireplace at the jigsaw puzzle level between 2 bookends.

Enjoy this wonderful spring weather and happy reading!

MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS

For those residents who previously paid their monthly maintenance fee in advance by predating their checks, please be advised that option will no longer be made available. You can submit one check in the entire amount for the year, or send in your monthly payment each month when due. The same policy is in effect for those residents who leave for Florida in the winter.

MEN'S CLUB

Rich Szymanski

The Men's Club had a very strong turn out for the March Luncheon. There was a presentation from the Ocean County Recycling Department. They stressed that recycling the correct way will save us money in the long run. One tip was to not crush cans and plastic bottles because their sorting equipment will get clogged. I suggest going online and reviewing which items go to trash and which get recycled.

The Bingo for Saturday, April 25th has been cancelled. Tickets for the Bob Scott Game Show Night will go on sale Monday, May 11th.

Let's keep up the momentum and work on membership and help make our community a better place to enjoy life and each other's company. And steer clear of those April Showers!

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Bob DeFeo

It is finally April, and spring is rapidly approaching. Soon we will see plants, flowers, the grass getting greener, and the weather changing in a way that we all want to be outdoors.

I am pleased to tell you that the Recreation Committee has met twice and our planning is underway for 2026. Here is what we have planned so far;

The pool gate fob has been added and the weekend hours have been revised. Please refer to the 2026 Pool Calendar for the schedule of dates and times.

Pool fob allowance requires all residents requesting access to read and sign the 2026 Pool Rules Compliance Form. The form can only be obtained at the office. Once signed, your fob will be activated. Residents must continue to sign in and have their pool badges.

- Signups for Bocce will begin in mid-April. Outdoor shuffleboard sign-ups have begun, please contact C. Facciponti for further information. League play begins on or about the beginning of May. More details to come via the robo call and on the website.

- Pool Opening – May 23rd
- Ice Cream Social – May 24th
- Sunday Fun Day – June 28th
- Kid's Pool Fun Day – July 18th
- Pool Fun Day – September 6th
- Pool Close – September 26th

All outdoor courts Bocce, Shuffleboard, Pickle Ball and Tennis are available to all residents and their guests.

In addition to the above, we are hoping to have other events during the summer. Our committee is always open to innovative ideas, and we encourage you to reach out via email to bobbydif@yahoo.com.

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Diane Defeo

We had a great time at our Cozy Comfort Potluck Dinner in February. Thank you to everyone for the delicious food. It was a nice, "cozy" night to share a meal and dessert and catch up with friends.

We hope you're ready to laugh the night away at our Stand-Up Comedy Night on April 11. Doors open at 6:30 and the show begins at 7. Scott Brennan, along with two additional comedians, will be bringing their comedy show to LHS! Scott performs his show mainly in north Jersey and recently he was featured on Valentine's Day at River Rock in Brick. This promises to be a fun evening full of laughs and good company. Final chance to purchase tickets will be on Monday, April 6 from 9:30 am-11:00 am in the clubhouse. Ticket cost will be \$35 per person and will include snacks, dessert and coffee.

Get your friends together and enjoy a fun evening at our Mexican Cinco de Mayo Fiesta on Sunday, May 3 from 5-9 pm. We will have a taco bar from Sofia's Taqueria, chips and salsa, Mexican dessert, margarita setups (bring your own tequila) and a DJ for your listening and dancing pleasure. Tickets are \$30 for this event and will be on sale beginning April 6 from 9:30-11:00 am, as well as before the residents meeting on April 13 from 6:30-7:00.

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THE RECIPE BOX

Sue Auer

“Breads for Easter Sunday”

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The RING or WREATH illustrates the Crown worn by Jesus.

*The April PRIDE recipes are coast to coast family recipes and were collected by my cousin Kathleen Cannata (Ohio) and placed into a booklet as a gift!

POLISH PLACEK BREAD

Ingredients: for the bread

- 2 cups of milk
- 1 cup of margarine or butter
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup warm water
- 1 1/2 oz. dry yeast (2 1/2 pkgs.)

- 6 whole eggs
- 8-9 cups flour
- 2 tps. salt

2 cups raisins

Ingredients: for topping

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 stick butter

Directions: for bread

1. In a large mixing bowl (1), combine and beat well milk, butter, 1 1/2 cups flour and sugar.
2. In a separate bowl (2), combine warm water and yeast.
3. In a bowl (3), beat eggs.
4. Combine ALL BOWLS (1,2,3) into 1 and add 8-9 cups flour and salt. Combine and knead adding raisins.
5. Place it in a large greased bowl, cover to rise. (approx. 1 hr.) Then punch down.
6. Divide evenly and place into 4 greased loaf pans.
7. Put crumb topping on top of each loaf and let rise approx. 1 hr.
8. Bake at 325° for 35 mins.

Directions: for topping

1. Combine all topping ingredients until crumbly.

ST. JOSEPH BREAD

Ingredients:

- 6 cups flour
- 1 cup scalded milk, minus 4 tbsp.
- 1 1/2 tbsp. shortening
- 2 pkgs. dry yeast
- 3 eggs, beaten well
- 3/4 sugar
- 1 tbsp. salt
- 1 tbsp. anise oil

Directions:

1. Prepare a large, greased cookie sheet. (parchment paper lined).
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine all ingredients and knead well.
3. Let rise.
4. Form into small loaves and place on prepped cookie sheet, far apart.
5. Preheat oven to 400° and bake for 25 mins.

BASIC EASTER BREAD

Ingredients:

- 1 pkg. dry yeast
- 4 eggs
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup oil
- 3 1/2 cup flour
- 1 tsp. orange rind
- 1 tsp. lemon rind
- 1/3 cup warm water

Directions:

1. Prepare a greased cookie sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a large mixing bowl, dissolve yeast in water. Add eggs, oil, sugar, flour and flavoring.
3. Knead and let rise overnight.
4. Shape into 3 loaves, and place on cookie sheet. Let rise again.
5. Preheat oven to 350° and bake for 15 mins.

Wishing everyone a HEALTHY, HAPPY & SAFE spring season. sauer1948@hotmail.com....to send recipes & ideas!



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WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Rosemarie Ferrainolo

Hello Lions Head Residents,

Our committee has been welcoming new residents this past month and we are hosting a “Meet and Greet” on April 27th in the Lions Den for residents who are new to our community from October 1, 2025 - April 1 of this year. You will be contacted in advance for your reply. It is a great opportunity to meet our Trustees, your neighbors and the Club and Committee Chair people that evening. The meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. Refreshments will be served and we look forward to meeting you.

WOMEN’S CLUB

Deb Rodgers

Hi everyone,

Thank you everyone who came out to play and, to those who worked our BINGO LUNCH!! Congratulations to the winners. I hope you’ll be able to attend our Bagels & Bingo in September.

At our April meeting, Bridget from Ocean County Parks will talk about the Parks in Ocean County and the events that are coming up this spring/summer.

On Wednesday, April 1, 2026, we will be collecting for our bi-annual Food Drive. Please bring all non-perishable food (if possible please bring pull-top cans as they do not have can openers) or pet food and place in the bins in the lobby between 10am – 1pm. Any questions, please contact Deb Rodgers.

Are you new to the community and don’t know anyone? Come join the Women’s Club the third Wednesday of each month (no meetings July & August), doors open 11:30am. Your first meeting is free. If you had a nice time and want to join, dues are \$30 per year. We always have lunch, dessert and a speaker or fun activity. If interested, please contact Linda Parlock so she has an accurate count for lunch and seats. Want additional information? Contact Deb Rodgers.

We are always looking for a speaker or fun activity to do at our meetings. Feel free to let myself or the Women’s Club Executive Board members know if you have any ideas.

Until next month, happy socializing!!



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GARDEN CLUB

Submitted by Carmela Ferraro

When April weeps, she wakes the flowers That slept the winter through . . .

Nannie R. Glass

As I'm writing this, there is still snow on the ground from the two recent snow storms. Thankfully we've had a few days well-above freezing and it looks like spring has really arrived.

Because of our *Pride* deadline for this article, I cannot report on our first meeting of the year. We'll catch up next month.

If you prepared your gardens in the fall, you are all set to go for this season.

- Start by removing any diseased, dead or broken branches
- Prune roses before new growth appears
- Divide and transplant perennials such as chrysanthemums, delphiniums and day lilies
- Deadhead tulips and daffodils but leave foliage to die naturally

Reminder: Be aware that the upcoming months of May and June are the greatest season for tick bites. When working outdoors, use precautions like wearing light clothing and check yourself carefully when coming inside.

This year Arbor Day falls on Friday, April 24, and Earth Day is Wednesday, April 22 (Earth week April 19–25). Arbor Day focuses specifically on planting and celebrating trees, promoting their benefits for the environment. Earth Day is a global event for all environmental issues raising awareness about pollution, climate change and conservation with a wider range of actions like recycling, cleanup and advocating for policy change. Make a difference today. Explore actions you can take to protect our planet and involve your children and grandchildren.

Worth repeating: If you've lived here for a while, you are aware that deer eat many of our plants and flowers. Be aware that deer will eat almost anything depending on the circumstances. Following are a few suggestions from Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension for some common plants that may be resistant.

Ageratum	Snapdragon	Dusty Miller	Anise	Rosemary
Candytuft	Lobelia	Basil	Parsley	Salvia
Nasturtium	Verbena	Nasturtium	Zinnia	Mint
Common Foxglove	Daffodil	Calla Lily	Hyacinth	Tulip

These are but a few from a very long list that you can obtain from The Rutgers Extension of Ocean County at 1623 Whitesville Road, Toms River, 732-349-1246.

Be sure to check our bulletin board prepared by Carol Farley and Sandra Laurie. It is beautifully done and has a great deal of important information about gardening and bees.

You are invited to join our Club. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month, March through November. Dates of our monthly meetings can be found in the LHS Calendar. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 8 at 10:30 AM in the Lion's Den. Please join us and see if you would like to become a member of this active, fun group.

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