



Vintages



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CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

Steve Schlesinger
For the Board

Happy Fall and a warm Four Seasons welcome to all our new residents!

Unfortunately, Covid is still with us.

The Board monitors the situation carefully and has recently raised the capacity of the Clubhouse from 10 to approximately 25. However, there are still Clubhouse rules in effect designed to keep all our residents safe, while NJ contends with approximately 1000 new cases daily.

Complete rules can be found on the Clubhouse door and in the July edition of Vintages.

Vintages is available on the TaylorNow website.

Most importantly:

- Clubhouse access is for residents only.
- Covid waivers must be signed and left in my mailbox, 12 Wyckoff Way.
- Each individual entering the clubhouse must use their key "fob".

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.



CLUBHOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Joan Off
Chair, Clubhouse Committee

It's not too late to sign up for December and it's not too early to sign up for 2022.

Pick a month, any month to help with taking out trash and recycling containers each week.

There is a sign up sheet on the fridge in the clubhouse so please stop by and add your name to the list.

If you have any questions feel free to email me at ro1945@sbcglobal.net or give me a call at 614-940-7516.

Thanks for your help!



FOUR SEASONS CARING COMMITTEE

Valerie Kent
Chair, Caring Committee

The Caring Committee, organized in 2003, consists of residents who are willing to offer "emergency" and short-term aide to our fellow neighbors, such as, delivering meals, shopping for groceries, picking up prescriptions, or just "visiting". We also have our "welcomer", Colleen Hamrah, who reaches out to new residents, and we send cards to those who are ill or bereaved.

Since we have had such a large turnover in our residents, the list of those willing to help has dwindled, so please consider this article as an appeal for help!

If you are able to help in any of the aforementioned areas, please text me at 908-642-5303.

Thank you very much. Valerie Kent

i care

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING is scheduled for Monday, November 1 at 10:45am at the clubhouse. All residents are welcome to attend and participate in this meeting.

BOOK EXCHANGE on Wednesday, November 3 starts at 1pm. Limited to the first 25 residents that sign up.

Please Note

**Symphony Night and
Opera Night**

Is currently discontinued



Fitness Program Update

Fitness at the clubhouse will be Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 9:30am

Due to the low attendance the Saturday morning class has been cancelled

Book Exchange - BYOB

Hear ye hear ye

We the Fabulous Four Season's Book Club are going to hold our first annual seasonal Club House Cafe book exchange!

"Bring a book" or don't

"Take a book" or not

"But do bring yourselves"

For a chat, a snack, a cup of coffee or tea .

Maybe even a sweet treat.

Date: November 3 at 1 pm at the clubhouse following community guidelines.

All residents are welcome to sign up.

We are now allowed 25 people in the clubhouse sooooo be the first 25 to sign up with either:

Colleen Hamrah:

908-955-7781 (H) 908-347-9984 (C)

email colleenhamrah@gmail.com

or

Lisa Resnick,:

908-510-9026/email hairslisa4u@comcast.net

BOOKSWAP



Four Seasons at Chester is on Facebook

All you need to do to participate is have a Facebook account and become a friend of "Four Seasons at Chester"

Facebook administrators are:

Hope Swartz, Karen Shuffler, Allan Newcomb



Like us on
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CHESTER LIBRARY ADULT PROGRAMS FOR NOVEMBER 2021



11/1 at Noon: Senior Resource Center - Zoom Lunch and Learn
11/2 at 7pm: Journaling and Affirmations Workshop
11/3 at 4pm: All about Medicare Part D and how to choose the right plan
11/3 at 7pm: Living off the Land in 19th century New Jersey.
11/8 at 10am: Computer and Device assistance for seniors
11/9 at 7pm: November Authors' panel: Julie Maloney, Maryann McFadden, Donna Baier Stein
11/10 at 10am: Learn Google Docs and Gmail
11/10 at 11:30am: Learn Google Docs and Gmail
11/11 at 10am: Adult quilting group, open to new members
11/16 at 10am: Morning Adult Book Club
11/16 at 1:30pm: Afternoon Book Club
11/16 at 7pm: Journaling and Affirmations Workshop
11/22 at 10am: Computer and Device assistance for seniors
11/22 at 12:30pm: Afternoon movie classic Dames (1934)
11/29 at 10:30am: Monthly Career Club - Learn LinkedIn so recruiters can find you

Recurring Activities

11/9, 11/23 at 12:30pm: Mahjonn instruction and open play for Adults.
11/3 11/17 10:30am; Bunco in the Morning
11/18 7:00pm: Bunco in the Evening

**Register for all programs at
chesterlib.org
or call Donnella Tilery at
908-879-7612.**

BREAKFAST BAGS VOLUNTEERS

Hope Swarts

Thank you very much to the Four Seasons residents who contributed Breakfast Bags to children and senior citizens in Morris County.

We collected over 300 bags which will be distributed through the Nourish facility in Morristown. Your contributions are sincerely appreciated.



BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

Submitted by Lisa Resnick

The Book Club meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 1pm.

Note: Time maybe adjusted due to special meetings.

Please note the change of Book Selections for November and December

November 10: **Lighthouse Bay** by Kimberly Freeman

December 8: **The Island of Sea Women** by Lisa See

Interested in joining the club or attending a meeting?

Please feel free to contact

Peggy Zysman at peggy.zysman@gmail.com



READING SUGGESTIONS FROM THE BOOK CLUB

Hidden Valley Road by Robert Kolker

The Sisterhood by Helen Bryan

Opium and Absinthe by Lydia Kang

Three Daughters by Consuelo Saah Baehr

The Poet's Wife by Rebecca Stooch

The Passing Storm by Christine Nolfi

Lighthouse Bay by Kimberley Freeman

When We Believed In Mermaids by Barbara O'Neal

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S TWELFTH NIGHT



Performances:

October 29, 30 November 5, 6, 12, 13 at 8:00PM

November 7, 14 at 2:00PM

Before purchasing tickets please read theater's Covid- 19 Policy

Twelfth Night is one of the finest romantic comedies by William Shakespeare. The play centers around twins Viola and Sebastian, who have been separated by a shipwreck and each believes the other to have perished. Viola (disguised as Cesario, a young man), falls for the Duke Orsino, who in turn is in love with the Countess Olivia. Olivia then falls for the disguised Viola, thinking she is a man.

Hilarity ensues!

Tickets: Regular \$20.00; Seniors (65+) \$18.00

54 Grove Street (at the corner of Maple Avenue), Chester, NJ

Box Office 908-879-7304; info@chestertheatregroup.org;

www.chestertheatregroup.org



Chester Theatre Group

WHO WAS THAT GUY BLAIR?

Greg Faughnan

John Insley Blair (August 22, 1802 — December 2, 1899) was an American entrepreneur, railroad magnate, philanthropist and one of the 19th century's wealthiest men.

John Insley Blair was born at Foul Rift in White Township, New Jersey, just south of Belvidere, the fourth of ten children of John Blair and Rachel Insley, immigrants from Scotland. At the age of two, his family moved to a farm near Hope Township, New Jersey.

As a youth, Blair displayed a keen interest in the acquisition of wealth. At the age of ten, he is reported to have told his mother, "I have seven brothers and three sisters. That's enough in the family to be educated. I am going to get rich." The young Blair began earning money by trapping wild rabbits and muskrats and selling their skins at a price of sixteen for a dollar. The next year, Blair began working at a general store owned by his cousin John, and at the age of seventeen he founded a store of his own with his cousin as an equal partner, located in the community of Butt's Bridge, New Jersey.

On August 25, 1825, the name of the community was changed to Gravel Hill and Blair was appointed postmaster, a position he retained until July 1851. Blair bought out his cousin's share of their store and expanded operations. By 1830, he owned five stores, each one run by one of his brothers.

On January 23, 1839, Gravel Hill was officially renamed Blairstown, New Jersey (2000 population of 5,747) in Blair's honor. Blair, either outright or jointly with others, owned Lackawanna Coal and Iron Company (1846), Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad (1852), Union Pacific Railroad (1860), and was president, director, or joint in more than 20 others. He established Blair, Nebraska by purchasing a 1,075-acre (4.35 km²) tract of land in Nebraska on May 10, 1869 after the Sioux City and Pacific Rail Road chose to cross the Missouri River at that location.

Blair managed his multimillion-dollar businesses from rural Blairstown, New Jersey, or from his private rail car, in which it was common for him to log 40,000 miles annually. As president of 16 railroad companies, he amassed a fortune estimated at \$70 million. Blair owned the most rail mileage in the world. His Presbyterian religion and penchant for philanthropy led him to found more than 100 churches in close proximity to his railroads. In 1873, he was also an investor in the Green Bay and Minnesota Railroad, and namesake Blair, Wisconsin.

On September 20, 1826, Blair married Nancy Ann Locke (1804-1888); they were the parents of four children:

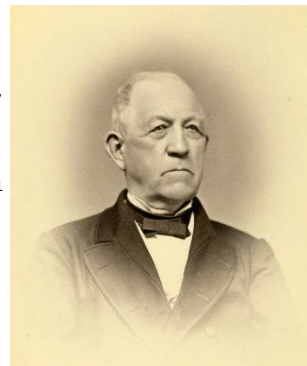
Emma Elizabeth Blair (1827-1869), who married prominent publisher Charles Scribner (1821-1871).
Marcus Laurence Blair (1830-1874), who died unmarried.

DeWitt Clinton Blair (1833-1915), who continued businesses and expanded his father's philanthropy and had as his son, C. Ledyard Blair,

Aurelia Ann Blair (1838-1865), who married Clarence Green Mitchell.

He died in Blairstown, New Jersey on December 2, 1899.

His great-grandson, Episcopal Bishop John Insley Blair Lamed, was named after him.



John Insley Blair
Aug. 1802 to
Dec. 1899

BLAIR CONTINUED

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He founded Blair Academy in 1848, and helped to found Lafayette College (in Easton, Pennsylvania) and Grinnell College (in Grinnell, Iowa).

At Princeton University, in Princeton, New Jersey, he endowed a geology professorship, first held by Arnold Henry Guyot. The endowed chair is the second oldest at the school; as of the start of the 2000-01 school year there were 172 such endowed chairs. He also served as trustee from 1866 until his death. In remarks at his installation as trustee, Blair noted that he had received little formal education and had spent most of his life as a businessman learning addition but that now "I have come to Princeton to learn subtraction."

Blair provided funds to build Blair Hall, which was constructed in 1897 by Cope & Stewardson.¹

¹Wikipedia.



Blair Hall, Princeton University

November 2008

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS / QUESTIONS ?

Taylor Management, our property management firm, creates work orders and interfaces with contractors about any questions regarding landscaping, maintenance or other problems in the community.

When you have any questions or concerns, please contact Daniela DeVries at ddevries@taylormgt.com or call either 973-267-9000 x316 or 973-532-8216 direct.

Clare Ramirez, Property Manager can be reached at cramirez@taylormgt.com or call either 732-764-1001 x131 or 732-357-8441 direct.

Clare is onsite on Thursdays.

Clubhouse office phone is 908-879-7635

WHO'S WHO?

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Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

Located in the fitness center at the
Clubhouse — Call 911



November 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AM: Clubhouse cleaning 10:45am Recreation Committee Meeting 1pm Bridge	2 9:30am Fitness 10am Current Events	3 Noon: ROMEO (Chester Diner) 1pm Book Exchange 6:30pm Duplicate Bridge	4 9:30am Fitness	5 10am Science Discussion	6
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