



Vintages



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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OWNERS AND RESIDENTS

The Board

The Board wants to thank all owners for their support during 2019. Our community operates very efficiently due to the participation of many committed homeowners. Each owner and resident should lend a hand to help keep costs down and to assure the community continues to be an exciting place to live.

This year, our Recreation Activities program is running very well with many interesting events and programs. Congratulations to the Committee.

While we did not undertake a major project, like resurfacing the roads (2018), we did several projects that materially improve appearance, reduce future costs and improve value of ownership in our community. Among those projects were:

1. Installing an automatic water-cooled generator to serve the Club House in power outages.
2. Creating an updated Replacement Reserve Study.
3. Removing 30 front yard trees that threaten homes, sidewalks and driveways.
4. Renegotiating our insurance coverage.



In 2020, we will elect two Trustee positions, refine property management services provided by Taylor Management and continue to focus on risk mitigation with the second phase of front yard tree removal.

Again, it is a pleasure to have such widespread support in the community. The Board continues to work to assure that our community is well maintained, properly funded and a premier community in the area.



Happy New Year! Happy New Year!



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Editor's Note:

At the December 10th Open Board Meeting Judy Spiniello, Chair of the Clubhouse Committee, presented the Board and attending residents with proposed guidelines for use of the Clubhouse by residents during a power outage.

The proposed guidelines were discussed, revisions made and Page 4 of this issue are the resultant guidelines for use by residents.

These guidelines can be revised as necessary and the list of contacts will be updated as changes occur.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING is scheduled for Monday, January 6 at 10:45am at the clubhouse. All residents are welcome to attend and participate in this meeting.

FOUR SEASONS BOOK CLUB will meet on Wednesday, January 8 at 1pm to discuss "The Pioneers" by David McCullough.

Upcoming meetings planned are:
Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 1pm "The Last Daughter of India" by Sharon Maas.
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 1pm "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett.

SYMPHONY NIGHT on Wednesday, January 8, begins at 7:00pm turning the calendar back to opening night of the 2000 season for the New York Philharmonic when, on September 20, 2000, the Live from Lincoln Center telecast was the following program:
Mozart: Overture to "The Magic Flute" K. 620

Mozart: "Ach, ich Fühl's" from "The Magic Flute"

Mozart: "Vada, mei dove? O dei!" K. 583

Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 4 in A major, Op. 90 ("Italian")

R. Strauss: Final scene from "Arabella" Op. 79

R. Strauss: Till Eulenspiegel, O. 28

Kurt Masur conducts and Kiri Te Kanawa is the soprano soloist.

Run time: 2 hrs.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD RECEPTION on Saturday, January 18 at 5:30pm is being hosted by the Recreation Committee and open to the entire community.

The Recreation Committee cordially invites you to our Annual New Neighbor Reception. Please be our guest at one of the most popular events on our schedule for a wine & cheese reception as we warmly welcome our neighbors who joined Four Seasons in 2019.

RSVP by Wednesday, January 15 to Lucille Duffy at 908-879-8365 or ltduffy@yahoo.com

OPERA NIGHT on Wednesday, January 22 at 7pm will turn the calendar back to December 31, 1986, for the Metropolitan Opera telecast of "Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss, Jr.

The cast includes soprano Kiri Te Kanawa as Rosalinde, baritone Håkan Hagegård as Eisenstein, soprano Judith Blegen as Adele, tenor David Rendall as Alfred, bass Michael Devlin as Dr. Falke, and mezzo-soprano Tatiana Troyanos as Prince Orlofsky. Jeffrey Tate conducts.

Run time: 2 hrs. 38 min.

Applications to run for a Board of Trustee position will need to be received by Daniella DeVries at Taylor Management no later than 5pm on Friday, January 10, 2020.

BRIDGE BUILDERS IN PETTICOATS presentation is being held Thursday, January 30 at 7pm.

She was called "one of the most noted women in the country" and "the most famous woman in New Jersey"... yet today few people even know her name!

Carol Simon Levin will bring Emily Roebling to life as we learn about the building of the Brooklyn Bridge in this fascinating presentation.

Coffee, tea and cookies will be served.

Please RSVP by Monday, January 27 with your check for \$10 payable to the Recreation Committee to Marie Bryant -1 Drake Lane -908-295-6268- mariebryant156@gmail.com

For more info: <https://bridgebuilderinpetticoats.com/>

Please see the calendar for regularly scheduled events.

**SAVE THE DATE
Valentines Day**

Friday, February 14

**7:00pm at the Clubhouse
Decadent desserts and love songs!!**



CHESTER LIBRARY ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2020

The 2020 Census – What You Should Know

Tuesday, January 7 at 7pm

A representative from the Census Bureau will discuss available jobs and the importance of an accurate count to the local community. As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, our nation gets just one chance each decade to count its population. The data collected by the census determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and is used to distribute billions in federal funds.

KonMari Method of Decluttering

Thursday, January 9 at 7pm

Is getting organized one of your New Year's resolutions? January is a great time to declutter and clean up! Learn about Marie Kondo's KonMari Method™ from Wendy Gibbons, a certified KonMari Consultant. She will teach us how to declutter your home and your life and live joyfully with things that inspire you.

Become a Better Photographer

Thursday, January 16 at 7pm.

Whether you take photographs with a high-end digital SLR camera or with your smartphone, knowing the “nuts and bolts” of creating a good picture is essential to becoming a better photographer. During this class, local photographer Janice Maguire will introduce us to the basics of photography: lighting; composition; framing; scene; and timing and how they affect the quality of your pictures.

Accelerate your Personal Growth: Identify Your Strengths and Leverage them for Success

Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 7 pm

Chester resident, Andi Dickens with two decades of Corporate Learning experience and an ADP certified Standout Strengths Coach, will host this interactive learning event. Join us to learn more about the Strengths Revolution, why it matters and how you can get on board. We will learn about simple tools to accelerate your Strengths awareness and build an action plan to propel your personal Strengths journey.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Senior Lunch and Learn

Monday, January 6 at noon

This month's topic is “Healthy Breathing”.

Director's Book Review Group

Wednesday, January 8 at 10am

Monthly meeting to review pre-publication books.

Knitting Group

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Tech Help

Wednesday, January 8 at 1pm

Call 908-879-7612 for an appointment.

Quilting Group

Thursday, Jan.9 at 10:30am

Weekly Yoga

Begins Wed. Jan. 15 at 9:30am

Evening Book Club

Thursday, Jan. 16 at 7pm

Accepting new members, call to join.

Morning Book Club

Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 9:30am

Bunco

Thursday, Jan. 23 at 7pm



FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

Judy

Friday, Jan. 3 at 1pm

Legendary performer Judy Garland (Renée Zellweger) arrives in London in the winter of 1968 to perform a series of sold-out concerts.

Rated PG 13. 1hr. 58 min..

Where'd You Go, Bernadette

Friday, Jan. 17 at 1pm

Based on the runaway bestseller by Maria Semple, *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* is an inspiring comedy about a loving wife and mom who becomes compelled to reconnect with her creative passions.

Rated PG 13. 104 minutes.

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

CLUBHOUSE RULES DURING A POWER OUTAGE

Judy Spiniello

In the event of a power outage, as all residents will have water and most have gas stoves and/or gas grills and fireplaces, residents will be expected to remain in their homes overnight, prepare their primary meals at home and shower at home.

Below are the guidelines for use of the Clubhouse by Four Seasons Residents in the event of a power outage. Please note the Clubhouse generator will not operate the air conditioning, elevator or pool system.

- The Clubhouse will be open standard hours (closed and alarmed midnight to 5am).
- No swimming permitted.
- The Clubhouse will be available for short term use by Four Seasons residents only. It is expected residents will primarily use the Clubhouse to charge devices, warm up, and socialize.
- Residents will be expected to limit charging of devices to 1 hr. if others are waiting.
- Refrigerator use will be limited to medications that need to be kept cold. These medications must be kept in separate containers and clearly labelled.
- There will be no storage of food from home in the refrigerator or freezer.
- The microwave will be available for use.
- Coffee and tea supplies may be used (milk/half & half can be kept in fridge).
- Use paper products only and clean up kitchen after use.
- Keep bathrooms clean and tidy. No showering!
- Televisions may be used with consent of your neighbors.
- Fitness room and billiard room will be available for use.
- Fireplaces are not in use.

If a problem arises at the Clubhouse, please call a Clubhouse Committee Member to report.

If a problem arises with the generator, call the Property Manager and if not available a Board member.

The names and phone numbers of Committee Members, the Property Manager and Board Members are listed below and will be posted on the bulletin boards.

Clubhouse Committee	Property Manager and Board Members
Judy Spiniello h 908-955-7444, c 862-222-4522	Dan Fitzpatrick 973-267-9000x304, c 973-479-3958 (emergency)
Valerie Kent h 908-879-5357, c 908-642-5303	Mike Pelepshin h 908-879-1307
Gail Knight H 908-955-7022, c 908-448-6622	Tim Stewart h 908-879-4420, c 908-507-9326
Lynne & Joel Melillo h 908-879-1734, c 908-501-3770	Hector Garcia c 201-321-7317
	George Salamy h 908-879-1229, c 908-400-3311

WHO WAS THAT GUY JOHN CHAPMAN AKA “JOHNNY APPLESEED”

Tom Morley

Apples are thought to have originated in China. By the time the first colonist arrived in America, the fruit already had a long and rich history throughout the world. Eve and the Tree of Knowledge, the Golden Apple in Greek mythology, and Isaac Newton's recognition of the force of gravity all were well known examples of the fruit. Apples thrived in the colonies with European apple trees successfully adapting to their new environs. By the mid-1700s, apples were being exported back to Europe. Most came from seeds.

The most popular use of apples was fermentation, namely hard cider. Colonists prized alcoholic beverages which were safer to drink than the unpalatable and polluted water. During the Revolutionary War the average New Englander family consumed 7 barrels annually which amounts to an approximate thirty-five gallons per person. So, the American apple orchard was really a cider orchard and an ever-present feature of farms for all classes of citizens. Cider could be found in every house! Planting a cider orchard was something that most farmers chose to do, often before they even constructed a dwelling because possession of an orchard indicated that the land was being settled and productively used.

The Ohio Company, one of the land development companies in the Northwest Territory, required settlers seeking one hundred acre lots to plant at least fifty apple trees and twenty peach trees within three years. Everything else met the ax. The planting of apple trees and peach trees often served as a guarantee to warrant title to the land. The first apple crop meant settlement had been achieved.

The problem for settlers in this area west of the Appalachian Mountains and so far from the coastal colonies was how to acquire these imported trees that would provide food, drink and even title to land! Saplings would not survive the journey West so a young man by the name of John Chapman rose to the occasion. He traveled from Warren, Pennsylvania with a sack of apple seeds in 1797. He was not the first man to bring apples to the Old Northwest Territory but he had worked this area before the rush in anticipation of waves of settlers and had approached the task with the zeal of a missionary. He was thirty years old when he moved his operation from Pennsylvania to the Ohio frontier, an area where he would spend the rest of his life.

This was a period in history when peoples from Europe had been freed from the shackles of the Old World. Every man was free to choose his own destiny and pursue happiness as he saw fit out West, if he could survive. The Northwest Ordinance of 1787 stated, "there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in said Territory." Many settlers were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians who found the coastal states crowded and expensive and these were the same people who first referred to John Chapman as "Johnny Appleseed".

Chapman set up the base of his operation in Marietta, Ohio at the intersection of the Ohio and Muskingum River. Chapman would return to Pennsylvania on occasion, visit cedar mills, gather all the apple seeds left over from the process, load them into two canoes strapped together and paddle back to Marietta. There in Ohio and throughout the area he had nurseries where these seeds were planted and produced saplings that he was able to sell to meet the demand of the settlers. The story of the founding of this area, especially Marietta, was recently featured in David McCullough's book "The Pioneers" which



Johnny Appleseed

Image from Howe's Historical Collection

Born	John Chapman September 26, 1774 Leominster, Massachusetts, British America
Died	March 18, 1845 (aged 71) Fort Wayne, Indiana, U.S.
Nationality	American
Occupation	Missionary and gardener

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covered in great detail this nascent period in our Westward movement.

During the War of 1812 Chapman warned settlers of news of oncoming British and Indian attacks. Harper's Magazine in 1871 commented, "Refusing all offers of food and denying himself a moment's rest, he traversed the border day and night until he warned every settler of approaching peril." The Indians, despite their hostility to settlers, respected him as some sort of a holy man and he was able to walk freely among them. His needs were modest, he never married, and was just as comfortable to spend his nights sleeping under a tree as he would in a dwelling. This is how he spent the last 50 years of his life. "Johnny Appleseed" died in 1845 in Fort Wayne, Indiana at the age of 71. Though he lived as a pauper, he did not die as one. His land holdings totaled several hundred acres spread out over more than twenty properties in the Old Northwest. Chapman's legacy was the millions of apple seeds that he had sown throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana. He was a true American hero though much of his historical significance was lost when he became a Disney character which portrayed him as running around with a pot on his head.

After John Chapman's death, cider consumption slowed down, beer had been introduced by the German immigrants, and later the Temperance movement slowed liquor consumption. This was the time when the population turned to eating apples because in the Revolutionary period and after apples were fed to pigs and cider was how humans consumed the fruit. With so many radical changes, apples consumption increased into the vast industry and delight which it enjoys today.



Chester Theatre Group

PERFORMANCES:

JANUARY 10, 11, 19 AT 8PM

JANUARY 2 AT 7PM AND JANUARY 19 AT 2PM



Can you name a hundred things that are wonderful? A thousand? How about a million? When he was 7, a boy's mother attempted suicide. In response, he started a list of things to live for. As he grows up, the list takes on a life of its own. From "Ice Cream" (#1 on his list) to "The Alphabet" (#999,997), Every Brilliant Thing shines a hilarious and compassionate light on dark corners of the human condition. Written by Duncan MacMillan and performed by Dale Monroe this 2-weekend special event is a play about depression, resilience, and the lengths we will go to for those we love.

This production, produced in partnership with the Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris Counties, will be told in collaboration with the audience.

All Tickets: \$15.00

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

908-879-7304; info@chestertheatregroup.org; www.chestertheatregroup.org

COMMUNITY PROBLEMS / QUESTIONS ?

Taylor Management, as our property management firm, creates our 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 remember to email Dan Fitzpatrick at dan@taylormgt.com or Daniela DeVries at ddevries@taylormgt.com or call them at 973-267-9000 Dan (x304) or Daniela (x316).

Dan is onsite each Thursday, office number 908-879-7635.

Visit our Community Website: www.fourseasonschester.com

Four Seasons at Chester is on Facebook

Dan Hartman has put Four Seasons activities on Facebook.

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

WHO'S WHO?

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President - Tim Stewart (2022)

Vice Pres./Treasurer - George Salamy (2020)

Secretary - Vacant (2021)

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Trustee - Mike Pelepshin (2021)

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George Salamy
Dan Fitzpatrick, Property Manager -
EMERGENCIES ONLY 973-479-3958

Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

Located in the fitness center at the
Clubhouse — Call 911



January 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		HAPPY NEW YEAR	1 Noon: Romeo (Chester Diner)	2 9:30am Aerobics 10:35am Fitness	3 10am Science Discussion	4 9:30am Aerobics 10:35am Fitness
5	6 AM: Clubhouse cleaning 10:45am Recreation Committee Meeting 1pm Bridge	7 9:30am Aerobics 10am Current Events 10:35am Fitness	8 Noon: Romeo (Chester Diner) 1pm Book Club Meeting 6:15pm Duplicate Bridge 7pm Symphony Night	9 9:30am Aerobics 10:35am Fitness	10 10am Science Discussion 5pm Deadline Trustee Application	11 9:30am Aerobics 10:35am Fitness
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