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Please put them in the mail slot at the Clubhouse or email to: silverridgeparkwest@gmail.com.

Committees & Positions

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Sunshine	Vivian Evanchik Esther Perez	x 613



From The



President's Desk

Dear Residents

Before we sprint into 2025, let's take a moment to reflect on the lessons learned and milestones achieved in the past year. Whether it was overcoming challenges, celebrating successes, or forging new connections and relationships, each experience has prepared us for the new year.


We hope you were able to attend some of the many events we offered last year and are looking forward to the activities planned for 2025.

As we welcome this new year, let's commit to supporting one another, embracing change and thriving in 2025. We are always open and welcoming to new volunteers... whatever your strengths or ideas are please feel free to use them for the betterment of our association. Thank you for being part of our community.

Maria Brush



LIBRARY



The Silver Ridge Park West Library is open during regular Clubhouse hours: Monday through Friday 10 am to 3 pm and Saturday 10 am to 12 pm. Borrow, on your honor, large print hardcover books, and regular print hardcover and paperback books, as well as puzzles. Come in and browse!

The library also accepts donations of books. Please place your donations in a paper bag, mark it as a donation, and leave the bag on the library table. Librarians Harry and Hazel will shelve the books. Extra copies are donated to other non-profits in need of books.

Barbara A. Gannon Food Pantry News

Well summer is over, and the cold weather has arrived with the changing of the seasons. A hot cup of cocoa or a bowl of hot soup might be something you might enjoy. Food prices are still high, and you might be in need of assistance. Our food pantry is stocked with canned and package goods. If you are in need of some help, please take advantage of this wonderful free service our clubhouse offers, just call me Vivian on 732-240-9375. All names are kept confidential.

Donations are accepted all year long. We have a box in the foyer of the clubhouse. We have an ample supply of string beans, peas, and tomato soup. WE always need cereal, crackers, canned fruit, and other vegetables, as well as pasta sauces and soup. Sometimes a little goodie is nice too.

Thank you for your generosity,
Vivian Evanchik

**GAME NIGHT AT
SRPWEST
EVERY FRIDAY**

All are welcome!!

5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Pokeno

Lower Level

Ski ball

145 Westbrook Dr.

For questions, please call/text

Jack Easson @

732-244-1484 Ext 306

**Shuffle
Board**

Poker



Rummy Cube

Thirty-one

Basketball

Game Night is independent of the SRPW HOA whose mission is to provide Social Activities for the Residents of SRPW

**Games/Cards and
Billiards**

10 am to 3 pm

**Monday through
Friday**



**NOTICE
CHANGE OF DATE
THE JANUARY
WOMEN'S CLUB
MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY,
JANUARY 7, 2025**

Clubs & Other Activities		
Club	Contact	Phone #
Bowling	Dolores Dalker	x 301
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Men's Club	Tom Kalinowski	x 307
Women's Club	Denise Kalinowski	x 308
Yoga	Maureen Hayes	x 309

2024 Clubhouse Closing Days	
New Year's Day	Monday, Jan 1
President's Day	Monday Feb 17
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26
Independence Day	Friday, July 4
Labor Day	Monday, Sept 1
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, Nov 27
Christmas Day	Thursday, Dec 25

Bus Schedule



If you wish to ride the bus, please call Diane Crozier at 732-286-0941 with your address. She will contact the bus driver. All calls must be received by the Thursday morning prior to the Friday morning pick-up (at the latest).

Friday

9 am to 1 pm

9 am Pick-up

**First Week: Mini Mall and Shop Rite
Toms River**

**Second Week: Ocean County Mall and
Shop Rite Toms River**

**Third Week: Mini Mall and Shop Rite
Toms River**

**Fourth Week: Mini Mall and Shop Rite
Manchester**

1:00 Drop Off

CLUBHOUSE HOURS

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Monday to Friday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Saturday 10 AM to 12 PM

DOWNSTAIRS ONLY

Friday 5:30 pm to 8 pm

Sunday CLOSED

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
10:00AM to 1:00PM

Dues Assessments

The first quarter payment for 2025 dues is due on **January 1st**. A late fee of \$15 will be added to your account on the 1st of each month if dues are not paid on time. Association dues assessments are payable on or before the first day of a given quarter. To ensure that your dues payments are posted correctly, your payment must be accompanied by a dues coupon containing all of the required information. Be sure your information is legible. Payments may be sent to the Clubhouse by mail, brought to the Treasurer's office or placed in the dues box on the main floor of the Clubhouse. **Dues coupons are available at the Clubhouse and are published in The Sentinel.**

As a homeowner, your obligation to pay dues continues as long as you own your home and it is the homeowner's obligation to pay dues for renters. Individuals residing in your home with you on a permanent basis ("permanent" defined as a stay of more than 90 days) must be 19 years of age or older and are obligated to abide by the Association's governing documents. Also, remember, if you own more than one home, each property is subject to dues.

Areas Of Responsibility

To get help with a question or problem, simply find your address below and call 732-244-1484, then the extension number the representative for your section.

SECTION 1 - x 201

Odd 101 to 135.....	Georgetown Road.....	18
Even 102-136.....	Georgetown Road.....	18
Odd 1 to 37.....	Pembroke Lane.....	19
Even 2, 4, 10 to 24, 28 to 36.....	Pembroke Lane.....	15
Odd 7 to 25.....	Brakenbury Drive.....	10
Even 2 to 6, 24 to 28.....	Brakenbury Drive.....	6
Even 8 to 22.....	Brakenbury Court.....	8
Odd 1 to 17.....	Westbrook Drive.....	9
		103

SECTION 2 - Billy Kellner - x 202

Even 30 & 32.....	Brakenbury Drive.....	2
Odd 53 to 81.....	Brakenbury Drive.....	15
Even 50 to 58, 68 to 76.....	Brakenbury Drive.....	10
Even 80 to 88.....	Brakenbury Drive.....	5
Even 34 to 48.....	Gower Court.....	8
Even 2 to 26.....	Down Court.....	13
Odd 1 to 35.....	Hatfield Road.....	18
Even 2 to 6, 22, 26 to 38.....	Hatfield Road.....	11
Even 2 to 126.....	Hatfield Court.....	13
		95

SECTION 3 - x 203

Odd 101 to 121.....	Bolingbroke Court.....	11
Even 2 to 20.....	Bolingbroke Drive.....	10
Odd 5 to 19.....	Bolingbroke Drive.....	8
Even 102 to 134.....	Eton Court.....	17
Odd 15 to 33.....	Eton Road.....	17
Even 2 to 10, 26 to 32.....	Eton Road.....	11
Odd 1 to 21.....	Gower Road.....	11
Even 2 to 26.....	Gower Road.....	13
Odd 19 to 39.....	Westbrook Drive.....	11
Even 20 to 48.....	Westbrook Drive.....	15
		124

SECTION 4 -Ed Menzenbach - x 204

Odd 35 to 51, 55 to 93.....	Eton Road.....	29
Even 38 to 48, 60 to 72.....	Eton Road.....	13
Even 76, 80, 84, 88 to 92.....	Eton Road.....	6
Odd 1, 5 to 23.....	Northumberland Drive.....	11
Even 2 to 22, 26, 28.....	Northumberland Drive.....	13
Even 50 to 86.....	Westbrook Drive.....	19
Odd 55 to 77.....	Westbrook Drive.....	12
Odd 1 to 25.....	Willoughby Court.....	13
		118

SECTION 5 - MARYBETHE MCGILL - x 205

Even 202 to 212.....	Martinique Drive.....	6
Odd 203 to 215.....	Martinique Drive.....	7
Even 30 to 50.....	Northumberland Drive.....	11
Odd 33 to 49.....	Northumberland Drive.....	9
Even 2 to 32.....	Salisbury Court.....	16
Even 2 to 20.....	Salisbury Court.....	16
Even 2 to 20.....	Surrey Court.....	10
Even 2 to 20.....	Ely Court.....	10
Even 88 to 104.....	Westbrook Drive.....	9
Even 116 to 120.....	Westbrook Drive.....	3
Even 140 to 150.....	Westbrook Drive.....	6
Odd 91 to 143.....	Westbrook Drive.....	26
		113

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Odd 1 to 13.....	Cobham Court.....	7
Even 2 to 18.....	Derby Lane.....	9
Odd 3 to 13.....	Derby Lane.....	6
Odd 51 to 83.....	Northumberland Dr.....	17
Even 52 to 100.....	Northumberland Dr.....	25
Odd 1 to 25.....	Wiltshire Court.....	12
		76

SECTION 7 - x 207

Even 102 to 146.....	Northumberland Drive.....	23
Odd 121 to 127.....	Northumberland Drive.....	4
Odd 147 to 163.....	Westbrook Drive.....	9
Even 152 to 164.....	Westbrook Drive.....	7
Odd 3 to 37.....	Carlisle Road.....	13
Even 2 to 42.....	Carlisle Road.....	20
Odd 3 to 37.....	Coventry Road.....	18
Even 2 to 26.....	Coventry Road.....	13
		107

SECTION 8 - ESTHER PEREZ - x 208

Even 165 to 207.....	Westbrook Drive.....	22
Odd 166 to 220.....	Westbrook Drive.....	28
Odd 101 to 117.....	Langley Court.....	9
Odd 1 to 17.....	Shaw Court.....	9
Odd 29 to 77.....	Carlisle Road.....	25
Even 44 to 64.....	Carlisle Road.....	11
		104

SECTION 9 - SHIRLEYAN EMMONS - x 209

Odd 79 to 103.....	Carlisle Road.....	13
Even 66 to 86.....	Carlisle Road.....	11
Odd 5 to 29.....	Hampshire Court.....	13
Odd 1 & 3.....	Hampshire Road.....	2
Even 2 to 30.....	Hampshire Road.....	15
Even 102 to 118.....	Norfolk Court.....	9
Odd 1 to 37.....	Norfolk Drive.....	19
Even 2 to 26.....	Norfolk Drive.....	13
Odd 129 to 145.....	Northumberland Drive.....	9
Even 148 to 172.....	Northumberland Drive.....	13
		117

SECTION 10 - Tom Kalinowski x 210

Even 2 to 16.....	Herald Court.....	8
Odd 3, 7 to 19.....	Langley Road.....	8
Even 2 to 30.....	Langley Road.....	15
Even 2 to 18 & 30 to 34.....	Whitmore Drive.....	12
Odd 19 to 29.....	Whitmore Drive.....	6
Odd 1 to 15.....	Whitmore Drive.....	8
Odd 209 to 237.....	Westbrook Drive.....	19
Even 222 to 238.....	Westbrook Drive.....	9
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SECTION 11 - John Fegan - x 212

Odd 1 to 27.....	Bedford Court.....	14
Odd 1 to 13.....	Bassett Court.....	7
Odd 1 to 23.....	Bassett Drive.....	12
Even 2 to 32.....	Bassett Drive.....	16
Odd 1 to 23.....	Rutland Drive.....	12
Even 2 to 24.....	Rutland Drive.....	12
Odd 31 to 39.....	Whitmore Drive.....	5
Even 38 to 46.....	Whitmore Drive.....	5
Odd 229 to 271.....	Westbrook Drive.....	22
Even 240 to 252.....	Westbrook Drive.....	7
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Message From The
**TREASURER'S
 OFFICE**

Dear Residents:

Did you see the snowflakes in early December and I hope that's all we saw.

I hope that everyone had a great and safe holiday season with their families and friends.

Enclosed in this Sentinel is a copy of the proposed operating budget for 2025. Unfortunately, due to the continuing pressure on our expenses from inflation we will have to raise the dues assessment to \$72 per

quarter or \$288 per year. Your Board of Trustees are careful to monitor the operations while trying to present a friendly, clean and welcoming clubhouse for all the residents.

If you have any question about the status of your HOA dues account, please call the office and ask for Me or Anna Marie and we will answer your questions.

The Treasurer's office is open daily (except Sunday) from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm for your convenience. In addition, I will also be available by appointment after normal office hours. This applies to the Treasurer's office only and does not include the main office.

Yours truly,
 Jim Conway

**SILVER RIDGE PARK WEST HOA
 Balance Sheet**

November 30, 2024

CHECKING/SAVING ACCOUNTS

1000 · M&T BANK-OPERATING ACCT 3876	5,481.09
1004 · M&T DUES CHECKING A/C- 5324	80,417.33
1006 · M&T BANK - R&R 4467	68,844.20
1007 · M&T BANK - CD 9056	156,765.83
1045 · TD BANK - RECREATION - 2858	2,798.72
1046 · TD BANK - RESERVE ACCT 9051	256,546.96
1047 · M&T BANK HEALTH & WELFARE 2872 & PC	454.18
1048 - M&T EVENTS CLUB 8516/9316	17,465.63
1080 · PETTY CASH	3,504.76
TOTAL CHECKING/SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	592,278.70



SILVER RIDGE PARK WEST HOA NET INCOME (LOSS)

November 2024

INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS

INCOME

4000 · MEMBER DUES	12,583.50
4010 · INTEREST INCOME	0.11
4020 · HALL RENTAL	400.00
4081 · ADVERTISING	1,100.00
4110 · MISCELLANEOUS	7.00
TOTAL INCOME	14,090.61

EXPENSES

5000 · SALARIES AND WAGES	4,128.37
5020 · MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES	1,396.10
5030 · UTILITIES	
5031 · CABLE	251.16
5032 · ELECTRIC	132.15
5033 · GAS	502.96
5035 · SOLAR PANEL SERVICE	470.37
Total 5030 · UTILITIES	1,356.64
5050 · TRANSPORTATION	1,200.00
5060 · GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	12,493.06
5080 · PROFESSIONAL FEES	2,607.12
5100 · INSURANCE	3,465.00
5110 · OFFICE SUPPLIES	92.95
5112 · COMPUTER, WIFI & NETWORK	481.22
5120 · POSTAGE	146.00
5140 · CLUBHOUSE	718.51
5150 · MISCELLANEOUS	621.02
5150 · BANK CHARGES	223.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	28,929.19
NET INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	(14,838.58)

EVENTS CLUB COST CENTER

4070 · EVENTS CLUB INCOME	10,166.00
5170 · EVENTS CLUB EXPENSES	(922.61)
NET INCOME (LOSS) EVENTS CLUB	9,243.39

RESERVE ACCOUNTS COST CENTER

BEGINNING BALANCE BANK ACCOUNTS	388,026.61
4060 · TRANSFER FEES	7,200.00
4010 · INTEREST INCOME	978.84
LESS: REPAIRS & REPLACEMENTS	-
ENDING BALANCE BANK ACCOUNTS	396,205.45

NET CHANGE IN CASH ACCOUNTS	2,583.65
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SILVER RIDGE PARK WEST

ANNUAL BUDGET 2025

	<u>2023 ACT</u>	<u>2024 EST</u>	<u>2025 BUDGET</u>
HOA DUES COST CENTER			
Income			
4000 · MEMBER DUES	257,138.03	288,883.69	310,000.00
4010 · INTEREST INCOME - OTHER	2.24	1.39	-
4022 · INDIVIDUAL HALL RENTAL	1,325.95	1,625.00	-
4030 · CHARTIABLE DONATIONS INCOME	-	-	-
4050 · COPY MACHINE INCOME	5.10	28.00	-
4070 · RECREATION INCOME	9,908.00	-	-
4080 · ADVERTISING INCOME	9,800.00	13,200.00	11,100.00
4110 · MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	3,027.00	251.00	1,200.00
Total Income	<u>281,206.32</u>	<u>303,989.08</u>	<u>322,300.00</u>
Expense			
TRANSFER TO DUES ACCT	-	-	-
Total 5000 · SALARIES AND WAGES	47,357.82	57,117.60	100,319.31
Total 5020 · MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES	18,042.61	10,035.41	7,160.00
5030 · UTILITIES			
5031 · CABLE	3,984.92	2,912.52	3,039.02
5032 · ELECTRIC	3,033.03	4,875.92	6,315.91
5033 · GAS	8,864.25	7,745.36	8,304.48
5034 · ROBO CALLS	870.67	948.00	1,000.00
5035 · SOLAR PANEL SERVICE	4,906.95	5,098.21	5,179.02
5036 · WATER	820.88	873.67	996.12
5037 · SEWERAGE	344.00	344.00	360.00
Total 5030 · UTILITIES	<u>22,824.70</u>	<u>22,797.68</u>	<u>25,194.55</u>
5050 · TRANSPORTATION EXPENSE	15,480.00	14,400.00	15,480.00
Total 5060 · GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	99,511.19	88,133.45	124,711.00
Total 5080 · PROFESSIONAL FEES	36,074.02	27,612.09	25,200.00
5100 · INSURANCE	37,341.00	38,512.00	42,151.00
5110 · OFFICE SUPPLIES	530.08	858.08	1,200.00
5112 · COMPUTER, WIFI & NETWORK	7,689.12	8,638.27	8,800.00
5120 · POSTAGE	2,558.66	2,939.03	4,200.00
5125 · CHARITABLE DONATION EXPENSES	250.00	300.00	900.00
5140 · CLUBHOUSE EXPENSES	17,086.45	10,618.97	11,500.00
Total 5150 · MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	<u>4,062.93</u>	<u>5,133.35</u>	<u>5,055.00</u>
5151 · BANK CHARGES	1,900.31	2,344.77	2,500.00
5160 · LICENSES AND FEES	512.00	1,933.50	2,542.50
5170 · RECREATION EXPENSES	11,829.83	-	-
Total Expense	<u>323,050.72</u>	<u>291,374.20</u>	<u>376,913.36</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>(41,844.40)</u>	<u>12,614.88</u>	<u>(54,613.36)</u>

SILVER RIDGE PARK WEST

ANNUAL BUDGET 2025

	<u>2023 ACT</u>	<u>2024 EST</u>	<u>2025 BUDGET</u>
CASH ACCOUNTS:			
OPERATING ACCOUNT	200,160.87	68,514.96	80,747.60
COLLECTIONS	281,206.32	303,989.08	322,300.00
CAPITALIZED DISBURSEMENTS & OTHER ADJUST	(99,925.18)	(1,451.54)	-
DISBURSEMENTS	<u>(312,927.05)</u>	<u>(290,304.90)</u>	<u>(376,913.36)</u>
ENDING BALANCE	68,514.96	80,747.60	26,134.24
PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS			
PETTY CASH BEGIN BALANCE	119.39	651.62	2,063.41
PETTY CASH INCREASE (DECREASE)	532.23	1,411.79	-
PETTY CASH ENDING BALANCE	<u>651.62</u>	<u>2,063.41</u>	<u>2,063.41</u>
TOAL CASH ACCOUNTS - OPERATING	<u><u>69,166.58</u></u>	<u><u>82,811.01</u></u>	<u><u>28,197.65</u></u>
EVENT CLUB COST CENTER			
BEGINNING BALANCE CASH ACCOUNT	-	7,553.60	17,415.14
COLLECTIONS	12,077.00	28,427.00	16,350.00
ADJUSTMENTS	2,000.00	-	-
DISBURSEMENTS	<u>(6,523.40)</u>	<u>(18,565.46)</u>	<u>(17,521.75)</u>
ENDING BALANCE CASH BALANCE	<u><u>7,553.60</u></u>	<u><u>17,415.14</u></u>	<u><u>16,243.39</u></u>
RESERVE ACCOUNTS COST CENTER			
BEGINNING BALANCE R&R ACCOUNT	65,539.28	28,928.04	88,644.20
BEGINNING BALANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT	250,568.51	401,679.02	414,376.79
COLLECTIONS (TRANSFER FEES)	65,025.00	77,400.00	78,200.00
INTEREST INCOME RESERVE ACCOUNT	<u>1,110.51</u>	<u>12,697.77</u>	<u>12,988.00</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS	66,135.51	90,097.77	91,188.00
CAPITALIZED IMPROVEMENTS	(88,980.34)	(17,183.84)	(80,945.00)
REPAIRS & REPLACEMENTS	(12,655.90)	(500.00)	-
ADJUSTMENTS	<u>150,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	48,363.76	(17,683.84)	(80,945.00)
ENDING BALANCE RESERVE ACCOUNTS	<u><u>430,607.06</u></u>	<u><u>503,020.99</u></u>	<u><u>513,263.99</u></u>
TOAL CASH ACCOUNTS	<u><u>507,327.24</u></u>	<u><u>603,247.14</u></u>	<u><u>557,705.03</u></u>

What is Hanukkah?

Hanukkah is the Hebrew word for “dedication.” Also known as the Festival of Lights, Hanukkah is an eight-day Jewish holiday celebrating the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem that happened in the second century BC. Dates of Hanukkah are December 25th ~ January 2nd.

What is the background of Hanukkah?

Hanukkah is tied to a time when Israel was struggling for existence. In 167 BC, Israel was under the rule of Antiochus Epiphanes (Greek for “God Manifest”), who was known for his cruelty and delusions of deity. His enemies mockingly referred to him as Antiochus *Epimanes* (“madman”).

Among many atrocities he committed to Hellenize Israel, Antiochus desecrated the Temple in Jerusalem, dedicating it to Greek gods and even sacrificing a pig on the altar.

The apocryphal books 1 and 2 Maccabees describe Israel’s plight under Antiochus’ mad rule, as well as the successful revolt against Antiochus led by the Maccabees, a Jewish family of priests. After winning their freedom, the Jewish people rededicated the Temple to God.

According to Jewish tradition, when the Temple was rededicated, there was only enough pure olive oil to light the Temple menorah for one day. As the story goes, the oil miraculously lasted eight days, long enough to purify more oil.

What Is a Dreidel?

A dreidel is a four-sided top. Under Greek rule, Torah-study was forbidden. To disguise their studies, Israelites would pretend to be playing dreidel games if anyone came by. Today, the dreidel bears Hebrew letters representing the phrase, “*Nes Gadol Hayah Sham* (a great miracle happened there),” in reference to Hanukkah.

How is Hanukkah celebrated today?

Today, in remembrance of God’s provision, Jewish people light the eight candles on the nine-candle menorah (the ninth candle, the *shamash*, is used to light the others). A new candle is lit on each night of Hanukkah, one candle for each day the oil burned. The candle lighting is often accompanied by readings of [Psalms 113–118](#) and [Numbers 7:1–8:4](#). Families also play games, exchange gifts, share meals, and attend plays and concerts at synagogues and schools.

What are traditional Hanukkah foods?

Since the legend of the miraculously burning oil is a central focus of Hanukkah, it is traditional to eat foods fried in oil during this festival. Eastern-European *latkes* (potato pancakes) are a popular choice for many; in Israel, *sufganiyot* (jelly-filled doughnuts) are a favorite.



What is Hanukkah’s significance to believers?

Hanukkah is a testament to God’s faithfulness to the Jewish people by preserving them through war and persecution – and His faithfulness in fulfilling His promises to produce a Messiah from the line of David. If the Jewish people had succumbed to Hellenizing pressures and lost their religious and ethnic distinctness, the Messianic prophecies could not have been fulfilled.

For believers in Jesus, Hanukkah reminds us of two important points. First, it is a sobering reminder of the force of antisemitism (hatred of Jewish people) in the world. As believers, we should emulate God’s love and concern for His chosen people by standing against antisemitism.

Second, Hanukkah reminds us of God’s faithfulness – past, present, and future – to His church. Similar to Jewish history, church history has been marked by periods of intense persecution, yet God has continued to bless the spread of faith in Jesus throughout the earth, preserving the church since its birth.



Event Club Meeting

Next Meeting

January 15, 1:00 PM

Women's Club Meeting

Next Meeting

January 7, 1:00 PM

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Next Meeting

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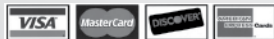
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A Visit from St. Nicholas – by Clement Clark Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of Toys, and St. Nicholas too.
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,



And he looked like a pedler just opening his pack.
His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle,
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."

About this Poem:

On December 23, 1823, a poem called "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" was published anonymously in the *Sentinel*, the local newspaper of Troy, New York. This piece offered a different take on Santa Claus, a figure who was, until that time, traditionally depicted as a thinner, less jolly, horse-riding disciplinarian, a combination of mythologies about the British Father Christmas, the Dutch *Sinterklaas*, and the fourth-century bishop Saint Nicholas of Myra. But the poem in the newspaper painted a different picture: it gave Santa eight reindeer, and even named them; it described a Santa who could magically sneak in and out of homes via chimneys; and it created the venerated, cheerful, chubby icon that is everpresent in holiday cards, movies, television shows, and malls everywhere. The poem, of course, is now known as "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," after its famous first line. Thirteen years after it was published, Clement Clark Moore took credit for its authorship, though his claim to the poem is now in question. Many believe the poem was actually penned by New York writer Henry Livingston.



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V.F.W. POST 10185 NEWS



By Past Post Commander James Egan 732-644-2119

The next meeting of Silver/Holiday V.F.W. Post 10185 will be held on Thursday, January 2nd at 1:00 PM at the Silver Ridge Park West Clubhouse, 145 Westbrook Drive. We meet in the daytime, so you do not have to drive at night.

To join our post, just bring a copy of your Discharge (DD-214) to our meeting and you'll receive a hardy welcome and refreshments before the meeting. If you need a ride to the meeting or want more information without any obligation call Post Commander James Egan at 732-644-2219.

Wednesday, January 1, 2024, is New Year's Day. It's time to start keeping your New Year's resolutions.

Monday, January 20th, is Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Wednesday, January 29th, V.F.W. Post 10185 celebrates our 47th Anniversary. Our National Charter was issued to 108 Post members.

Remember if you hear of any Post member passing away or being in the hospital, call any Officer, and let him know.

If you have any questions about the status of your dues, call Quartermaster Dennis Aldridge 732-237-6880. We need your support.

The VFW would like you to drop your old and faded Flags off at either H. C. S. Clubhouse (Main Building), S.R.P.W., S.R.P.N., S.R.P.E., S.R.P. Westerly, and Holiday City Berkeley Clubhouses.

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SILVER RIDGE PARK WEST HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION
HOA MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2024
AGENDA

Call to Order: Time 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by VFW Commander James Egan

Opening Prayer: Led by Pat Lima

Roll Call: President – Maria Brush, Vice President – Rich Laird, Secretary – Susan Stier, Treasure – Jim Conway, Section 4 – Absent, Section 5 – MaryBeth McGill, Section 6 – Brian Kochera, Section 8 – Esther Perez, Section 9 – Shirleyan Emmons, Section 10 – Tom Kalinowski, Section 11 – John Fegan. We have a quorum

Procedural Rules: Posted. Read into the minutes by President Brush. This meeting is held in accordance with the SRPW Governing Documents and Roberts Rules of Order, 12th Edition, and is being recorded. Notice of this meeting was announced in the Sentinel and in the Asbury Park Press.

Minutes of Preceding Meeting: Minutes of October 14th Trustees Business Meeting – 1st Brian Kochera, 2nd Esther Perez. All in favor 9 – 0 we have a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS:

Guest Speakers

Mike Signorelli – Head of the Coalition and Councilman

Shawn Thomas – Director of Sanitation & Recycling – ROBO Cans

New Robo cans will be distributed in January, everyone will receive 2 cans (1 regular and 1 recycling at 65 gallons. You only have to call if you want to be on the list for the larger cans. If you are disabled, you need to get a note from your doctor and submit it to Berkeley Township and someone will come by and bring your can from your garage to the curb and return it after pickup.

President's Report

General HOA Update – Thank you to all you have heeded the call and completed your HOPA forms. If we do not reach 80% this will remove our over 55 status (increasing our taxes and any other benefits we receive). We are at 55%.

Gala – this is our 50th anniversary and we have been recognized by both the Township of Berkeley with this beautiful proclamation and Senator Carmen Amato recognized us as well. Thank you to all of those who kept the wheels on the bus, kudos!

Month of Giving Thanks – Certificates were given to the following people for all they do for our community.
Thank you to all the Veterans for your service on this Veteran's Day.

Pat Lima – Hospitality

Vivian Evanchik – Food Bank

Lorraine and Gus Leming – All around volunteers

Women's Club for helping start the food bank – Denise Bahil accepted on behalf of the Women's Club

Michele McCreary – ADR

James Egan – ADR, VFW, By-Laws

Barbara Padallaro – ADR (Not in attendance)

Sal Alifano – HOPA Super Volunteer

It Takes a Village

Photos of both the Gala and the Giving Thanks are also in this month's Sentinel.

Vice President Report:

Trees – We have spent 45K on the trimming and removal of trees, tree limbs and dead branches. Based on our guidelines we only cut down trees that are dead or dying. If you see a dead tree in the common area, please call the office and we will set up a time to come out and remove it. We do not remove trees that are still living. The balance of the funds left for trees will be left in reserve in case of emergencies. There is a list of trees that need to come down. Someone will call about a tree, Rich will go out and take a look and then take our Tree Specialist out to check it again, if it is dead then it will be removed.

Clubhouse Security – The only company who has come back with a bid was ADT as they are the only company who does commercial buildings. ADT's bid was around \$1900 to install and \$50 per month monitoring. Will be working to get a few more quotes and will circle back.

Secretary's Report:

New Sentinel Guidelines – Guidelines will be presented to the clubs at our 12/6 meeting. These will be guidelines for dates and times that flyers, blurbs, from the desk of and anything else you would like to see in the Sentinel.

NexTrex Recycling Challenge – 1000 lbs of plastic will be able to get new benches. Flyers are in the Sentinel and our old Garbage Cans are eligible for this program. Contact Vicki Kohanek for bags and questions.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer's report: We had cash \$589,605 for increase \$4,337 net increase. With the help of Esther we have been sending out notices to delinquent residents. Dues collections of \$20,089. YTD \$246,300 ahead of the budget by \$38,300. Salary and Benefits are \$49K is ahead of budget by \$4K due to reduction of hours when he continued with Summer Hours. Transfer fees of \$13,700 for the month and YTD \$64,400 those funds go to our Capital Reserve Study. – Motion Susan, 2nd Esther 2nd - vote 10-0.

2025 Budget Update – Officers will meet this week to go over the budget and to add the items they would like to see included for 2025. Budget will be in the Sentinel and will be mailed to every home in SRPW. It will be voted on by the Board of Trustees at the December 9th Meeting. **Homeowners do not vote on the budget.**

Resident 1: 133 Georgetown – Dead branches 30 to 40 feet in the air. Needs to be looked at and cut down. This tree butts up against Mule Road and these branches could come down on a car driving by or on the owners house.

Rich Laird: 133 Not on my list – but I will come out and take a look. The residents need to discuss with their homeowner's insurance.

Resident 1: Not receiving the Sentinel or any mail.

Maria & Susan – Recommend speaking with the post office as we have both checked with Bill Krim and this address is getting a Sentinel. We feel that the former residents may have stopped all mail.

Resident 1: How do we get access afterhours like on a Saturday Night

Maria: We need trustee involvement to open the doors. We are working on a few options Cards, Key Fob, addition keys and trustee involvement.

Resident 2: We expected older individuals and a place for us to live out the rest of our days, however we are seeing lots of children. Walking baby carriages and joggers.

Maria: State of NJ has allowed 55 and under to purchase. 19 and older are allowed to live here with parents. We hope that if you see kids that they are with their Grandparents. If we don't complete our HOPA forms we

will be subject to kids, kiddie pools and school buses coming through the neighborhoods. This just goes to show how important the HOPA forms are. There is not much we can do about the animals. We well fed deer is a well bred deer.

Resident 2: Can't they be transported away?

Maria: No.

Resident 3: Many residents do NOT realize that HOPA forms have to be completed every 2 years.

Maria: I would like to encourage everyone to also fill out your Emergency Contact forms.

Resident 4: School Bus is picking up children

Maria: Advise the office immediately so we can investigate it and get back to you.

VFW: Thank you to the Men's Club for cooking and the Women's Club for serving at our Pancake breakfast last week. The Veteran's had a wonderful time and we very satisfied. Thank you to the homeowners who have already donated gifts to the Army National Guard Children's Christmas Party. Most of the members are deployed right now so all they have is the Kids party in December. Unwrapped gifts to the boxes in the Foyer.

Trustee Reports:

Section 1:

Section 2:

Section 3:

Section 4: Ed Menzenbach - Absent

Section 5: Mary Beth McGill – All Quiet. 2 happy with Rich, Maria and Jim regarding their Tree.

Section 6: Brian Kochera – Nothing to report all quiet on Derby Lane.

Section 7:

Section 8: Esther Perez – HOPA we need to protect our over 55 status. Viola water – changing of the meter – no heat and hot water, they didn't clean the curb stop. Ended up with sediment. They said I needed a circulating pump, and they called a week later. BEWARE. Common grounds is over for 2024. **When you call the office, please be specific – leave your name, number and the address – we do not call anyone out.**

Section 9: Shirleyann Emmons – No complaints

Section 10: Tom Kalinowski – No complaints

Section 11: John Feegan – Absent

Committees Reports:

Architectural Control/ Codes: James Conway – Shad approval – Motion Brian – 2nd Shirley – 8 – 0 (1 abstain). I tried to help make the Sentinel a little more interesting this month by adding the Matching game and the Map Puzzle. Everything was found in the Sentinel.

Code: All Codes are Confidential. 2/3 of the residents have complied and a few have requested ADR and the others who ignore and are being fined \$25 per day.

ADR: Michelle McCreary /Jim Eagan/Barbara Padallaro – Several people have called for ADR. 2 are completed and the 3rd was return and asked for modifications to be done. If you are NOT a resident in good standing (current on your dues) you are NOT allowed to request an ADR. We need volunteers – please help!!

Common Grounds and Forestry: James Conway – discussed above

Compliance: Jim Conway – We have \$13,700 collected. 7 houses have been thru the process and 2 that we are waiting to close and 3 waiting to close.

Food Bank: Vivan Evanchik – We get food from Fulfill. If I see one more can of string beans. Laughs – Cereals, Sauce, Soups and Oatmeal are good for the colder months. We have money left and we have

been giving gift cards to Walmart, Aldi or Shoprite. Also, if you are in need please call me. The list of those in need is strictly confidential.

Health and Welfare: Pat Murray – Atlantic City Trip is December 17th \$30 per person you get back \$18. Wednesday Coffee with a Cop open discussion 9 to 11.

Neighborhood Watch: Virginia Sansone/Vicki Rosko - Absent

Courtesy Reports: (from the following non-affiliated organizations who provide activities for members of our community):

Women's Club: Denise Kalinowski – Holiday Party 12/4. Here at the clubhouse. New member. Time is 1PM and always the 1st Wednesday of the Month.

Men's Club: Tom Kalinowski – Meetings are 3rd Wednesday at 1PM downstairs. Our Holiday Luncheon will be this week at the Chinese Buffet all will meet there. In conjunction with the Women's Club we will have NO FRILLS NEW YEARS EVE. It will be held both upstairs and down cost is \$30. Tickets are on sale every Saturday.

Event Club: Virginia Sansone – Tricky Tray on the November 23rd

Table Hoppers: Susan Stier – Houlihan's and the month of December we will be on hiatus.

Request a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourn: Time 7:02 PM



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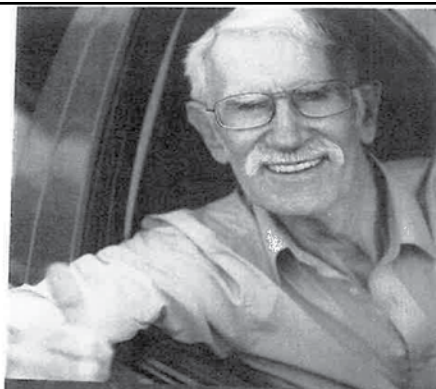
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EVENT CLUB

Happy New Year Everyone! We would like to wish you and your family a happy, safe and healthy one.

To start our year, we will be holding our Food Bank Bingo with a twist on February 2, 2025. You ask what the twist is. It is Music Bingo with DJ Anthony Di Dio. He will have you dancing in your seats. So come on down and join us for a fun filled afternoon. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and are on sale every Saturday from 10 am to 12 pm. starting January 4, 2025. We ask that you bring in unexpired food to supplement Silver Ridge Park West Food Bank. Please, let's help our neighbors. Hot dogs will be on sale but you are always welcome to bring your own snacks.

On March 15, 2025, we will be hosting our annual St. Patty's Day Dinner. Stay tune for more details.

Our next meeting will be on January 8th at 1 pm. If you would like to join us or have any questions you can call me at 732-244-1484 x303/862-208-9061 or Vickie Rosko at 201-280-7190 . You can also email us at SilverRidgeParkWestEventClub@gmail.com. We would love to hear what events you would like to see next.

Virginia Sansone

Men's Club News

Hello all:

I just wanted to take the opportunity to wish all the Men's Club Members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. Don't forget the No Frills New Years Eve on 12/31 tickets are still on sale at \$30 per person.

Our January Meeting will kick off our new year. I'm looking forward to all the existing members coming back and hoping to see some new members as well. Our dues for the year will remain the same at \$10, per person.

Our next meeting will be held on January 15th and lunch will be served.

All the Best,

Tom

Women's Club News

Hello all:

The December 4th meeting was our Holiday Party, we enjoyed some delicious sandwiches, salads and cupcakes for lunch. We had a DJ who got our group to sing and dance. We also played a new game musical bingo. A good time was had by all.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7th at 1PM. Please take note of the date change.

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a very Happy Healthy New Year, don't forget tickets are still available for No Frills New Years Eve, cost \$30 per person.

See you all then,

Susan



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Do you like to sing?

We'd love to "hear" from you. Silver Singers, a mixed choral society, is looking for a few new voices (all voice ranges). We rehearse weekly at SRPWest clubhouse on Thursday's at 10:30 AM

We put on two performances yearly-- one at Christmas and one in June.

Dues are \$10 per month and cover the cost of all our music and the services of our wonderful, professional director.

If you are interested, come check us out at our next rehearsal on Thursday, September 19th at 10:30 AM at 145 Westbrook Drive.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



Meet Your New Neighbors

Mr. John Hassig
Mr. & Mrs. K. Bank
Mr. & Mrs. T. Mayrose
Mr. T. Hughes
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2025 Upcoming Events

January

1/12 – Wrinkle Revue - HOA
1/19 – Movie Matinee – My
Fellow American's – Health &
Welfare

February

2/1 – Big Game Potluck – Men's
Club – Lower Level
2/2 – Music Bingo – Event Club
2/13 – Pasta Dinner – Men's Club

March

3/3 – AC Bus Trip – Men's Club
3/15 – St. Patrick's Day Party –
Event Club

UPCOMING EVENTS

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JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
29	30	31	
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>WEEKDAYS Game Room Open 10:00-3:00</p> </div>		<p>8pm - New Years Eve Party</p> <p>11am - Chair Yoga (\$5)</p>	<p>6:15pm - Tai</p>
5	6	7	
		<p>11am - Chair Yoga (\$5)</p> <p>1pm - Women's Club</p>	<p>6:15pm - Tai</p>
12	13	14	
		<p>11am - Chair Yoga (\$5)</p>	<p>1pm - Event</p> <p>1pm - Men's</p> <p>6:15pm - Tai</p>
19	20	21	
<p>2:30pm - Movie Matinee</p>		<p>11am - Chair Yoga (\$5)</p>	<p>6:15pm - Tai</p>
26	27	28	
		<p>11am - Chair Yoga (\$5)</p>	<p>6:15pm - Tai</p>

JANUARY 2025

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Chi	2 1pm - VFW Meeting	3 5:30pm - Game Night	4
8 Chi	9	10 5:30pm - Game Night	11
15 Club Club Chi	16	17 5:30pm - Game Night	18
22 Chi	23	24 5:30pm - Game Night	25
29 Chi	30	31 5:30pm - Game Night	1

IMPORTANT NOTICES

WHEN SHOULD YOU CONTACT YOUR TRUSTEE?

1. You have a question.
2. You are looking for a resource.
3. You have a suggestion about changes you would like to see in the running of our community, activities in our community, etc.
4. You see a violation of our covenants, by-laws, or rules and regulations.
5. You would like to give a compliment on a job well done.

Your trustee represents you and your wishes at the monthly Board of Trustees business meetings. Please let your representative know your concerns. If your section does not have a trustee, please call the office with your suggestion or concern. If your section does not have a trustee, please consider becoming a trustee for your section.

SPEEDING:

REMEMBER: SPEED LIMIT IS 25 MPH. PLEASE OBSERVE THE SPEED POSTINGS..

PARKING ON LAWNS

Parking on your property, in other than the designated driveway area, is prohibited. Designated driveway means the area that is paved for the purpose of parking your vehicle. During a snowstorm, you may temporarily move your car to a non-designated driveway area on your property in order to comply with Berkeley Township's requirement that you clear the streets for the snowplows.

SANITATION

Garbage is NOT to be put out before 4:00 PM on Tuesday for Wednesday pickup. Recycling is NOT to be put out before 4:00 PM every other Wednesday for Thursday pickup. If you are going away, please ask a friend or neighbor to put it out for you. This is a Berkeley Township ordinance and violators may be fined by the Township.

CLUBHOUSE PARKING

Parking in the Clubhouse parking lot while away on a trip is limited to members only. When an Association member plans to leave a car in the Clubhouse parking lot while away on a trip, the office must be advised and provided with dates of trip, license plate number, make of car and proof of insurance. All vehicles left in the parking lot must be parked in the parking spaces nearest Westbrook Drive. Non-association members are not permitted to leave their cars in the parking lot while away on a trip. This, of course, applies to trips only and does not apply to non-association members who are attending events at the Clubhouse.

CLUBHOUSE USE

The Clubhouse is available for use by sanctioned clubs and committees for their events and meetings. In order to reserve space for meetings or events, an authorized club or committee member must complete a written calendar request and present it to the Vice President by email or in person. The Vice President will determine if the date and time is available. If the date and time is available, the event will be placed on the calendar.

Residents, only, may rent the hall for private parties. In order to do so, the resident should call the Rental Clubhouse number on p. 3 of the Sentinel to get appropriate instructions.

The downstairs game room and the library are open to all residents during clubhouse hours, Monday through Friday 10 am to 3 pm, and Saturday, 10 am to 12 pm. You may walk in at any time during those hours.

Entry to the Clubhouse building at hours other than the posted clubhouse hours must be supervised by a member of the Board of Trustees.

COYOTES

Please be aware that coyotes have been sighted in the common grounds surrounding our homes. Be vigilant of small pets and young children when they are outside.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

PROFANITY

In keeping with our desire to preserve a friendly and welcoming environment within our Clubhouse, please refrain from using loud, abusive or profane language. What some may call colorful language may be distasteful to others. So please respect the feelings of all residents and their guests and keep our Clubhouse the friendly and pleasant place it is.

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

If you haven't already filled out your contact information form, please do so as quickly as possible. We keep this information on file in the Clubhouse Office for all residents of the Community. All information on this form is kept strictly confidential. The information you provide is for your own safety and wellbeing and could prove to be of utmost importance in cases of personal health emergencies or emergencies pertaining to your home. If you have not already done so, please take the time to complete the form and send it or drop it off to the office and remember to send in a revised form any time your information changes.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

As of May 12, 2023, the Holiday City at Berkeley First Aid Squad operates Tuesday through Friday from 7 am to 7 pm. The Berkeley Township EMS covers all other hours, including weekends. The Berkeley Township EMS is a paid service and accepts, as full payment, the payment provided by your health insurance.

Any questions for Holiday City at Berkeley First Aid Squad, contact Captain George at 732-240-4999.

GARAGE/YARD SALES

Residents may hold garage or yard sales only within the confines of resident's own garage or driveway and are limited to two (2) per year. No "Garage Sale," or "Yard Sale," advertisements are to be posted on utility poles or township signs and all signs must be removed immediately after the event. Note: Before holding a garage or yard sale, you must register it with the Township Clerk's Office; this is a Berkeley Township ordinance.

EXTERIOR PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT

All changes to your property that are visible to the exterior must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee of the Association before work can commence. You will need Architectural Control approval before you can obtain Berkeley Township permits where permits are required. Please complete the appropriate forms for your project and submit them to Architectural Control through the office. You may present the forms in person or send them via email. You may obtain the forms by visiting the office or by going to our new website srpwest.us. You can find the forms and instructions for Architectural Control in the Forms/Resources section of the website.

PET OWNERSHIP – SRPWHO A REQUIREMENTS

Silver Ridge Park West Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions, Article VIII (K): Dogs, cats and other household pets may be kept as long as they are not bred for a commercial purpose and are restricted to the homeowner's lot or living unit unless they are on a leash. Ownership of pets is subject to Berkeley Township ordinances. **IN SRPW, A MAXIMUM OF THREE HOUSEHOLD PETS IS PERMITTED.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you wish to volunteer, please complete the form in the Sentinel. On that form, tell us a little bit about yourself and your interests. That will help us come up with suggestions of ways that you can help our Homeowners' Association. Otherwise, attend Recreation Committee, Health and Welfare Committee, and Men's and Women's Club meetings and/or call the other contact numbers listed on p. 3 to ask how you can help. If you don't see what you like and have a new idea, contact your trustee and he or she will help you bring your idea to the Board of Trustees.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

PET OWNERSHIP AND WILDLIFE

BERKELEY TOWNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Domestic pets

Berkeley Township requires the licensing of every dog and cat. The license period runs from January to January and must be renewed every year. There is a minimum \$25.00 fine for failure to license.

Dogs:

Dog owners are prohibited from allowing their dogs to soil any lawn or property of any person other than the person who owns or has custody of the dog.

Dog owners may not keep a dog that habitually barks, cries or howls between the hours of 10 pm and 6 am. Dog owners must keep a dog on a leash not more than 6 feet long.

A fine of \$500 can be assessed for violation of these provisions. Go to this link for more detail on the Berkeley Township requirements for dog ownership. <https://ecode360.com/35651810>

Cats:

Do not feed a stray cat unless you ensure that it is spayed/neutered and inoculated for rabies. The Township can assess fines up to \$500 for violation of this provision.

Your cat must remain on your property and may not cause a nuisance to other residents.

Go to this link for more detail on the Berkeley Township requirements for cat ownership.

Township of Berkeley, NJ Cats (ecode360.com)

Wildlife:

Berkeley Township prohibits the feeding of wildlife, including geese and ducks. Birds are the only wildlife that homeowners can feed as long as proper bird feeders are used.

CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS?

Use the Question, Suggestion, Information Form contained in the Sentinel whenever you have a concern. You can mail it to the office or drop it in the door slot. Your concern will be addressed at a monthly open session of the Board of Trustees. If you need an immediate response, contact your section trustee. You will find that contact information on p. 3. If your trustee cannot answer your question, he or she will then bring your concern to the Board of Trustees at a monthly open session.

Fire Extinguishers

Berkeley Township Requirements for all resale & rental properties

1. Rated ABC Type 2A:10B:C
2. Must be mounted and visible within 10 feet of the kitchen. Fire extinguisher can't be blocked by furniture, storage or other items, and cannot be placed inside enclosed areas. It must be accompanied by an owner's manual.
3. The top of the fire extinguisher cannot be higher than five (5) feet above the floor.
4. Fire extinguisher must be near a room exit or travel way that provides an escape route to the exterior.

Fire Pits

Wood Fire Pit Requirements – As open burning of any kind without a permit is prohibited, commercially purchased fire pits for residential usage only, are permitted if the following requirements are satisfied. Total fuel area must be less than 36 inches in width, length or diameter and not more than 24 inches in height, the fire pit must have legs and is off the ground and the fire pit is covered with a mandatory ember/spark screen. The ember/spark screen is required to be in place at all times during the usage of the fire pit. The location of the fire pit shall be away from all combustible materials. Fire pit usage is prohibited when the NJFFS has issued a "Red Flag Warning". The burning of paper, leaves or other waste vegetation is also prohibited. Any type of fire pit, commercial or homemade, not meeting the stated requirements is considered "Open Burning" and thereby prohibited from usage, unless a permit is applied for and issued.

Further information concerning open burning can be found on the State of New Jersey website or questions can be directed to the NJFFS 973-962-0217.

Dues Coupons

Effective January 1, 2025, homeowners dues are \$72 per quarter per living unit. Payments are to be made at the beginning of the quarter or the beginning of January and July, if paid annually or semi-annually. Make checks payable to Silver Ridge Park West Homeowner's Association and mail or drop off in mail slot at Clubhouse, 145 Westbrook Drive, Toms River, NJ 08757

Note: All payments must be accompanied by a fully completed dues coupon. A late fee of \$15 will be added to your account on the first of the next month after the due date if dues are not paid on time.

SECOND QUARTER PAYMENT DUE: APRIL 1

DATE: _____ CHECK NO. _____

Check for \$ _____ enclosed in payment of
dues for: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____ Quarter.
(Check Appropriate Quarter(s))

Homeowners's Name _____

House Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Print List of All Occupants _____

THIRD QUARTER PAYMENT DUE: JULY 1

DATE: _____ CHECK NO. _____

Check for \$ _____ enclosed in payment of
dues for: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____ Quarter.
(Check Appropriate Quarter(s))

Homeowners's Name _____

House Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Print List of All Occupants _____

FOURTH QUARTER PAYMENT DUE: OCTOBER 1

DATE: _____ CHECK NO. _____

Check for \$ _____ enclosed in payment of
dues for: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____ Quarter.
(Check Appropriate Quarter(s))

Homeowners's Name _____

House Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Print List of All Occupants _____

1ST QUARTER PAYMENT DUE: JANUARY 1

DATE: _____ CHECK NO. _____

Check for \$ _____ enclosed in payment of
dues for: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____ Quarter.
(Check Appropriate Quarter(s))

Homeowners's Name _____

House Address _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Print List of All Occupants _____



FROM THE DESK OF SOPHIA GINGRICH JANUARY 2025



A Happy and Healthy New Year is wished to all!

My wish is that 2025 brings us good health and peace in our everyday life.

January birthstone symbol – is Garnet. January’s birth flower, the carnation, comes in several different colors to convey different meanings, much like roses. A pink carnation means affection, while a red carnation means ‘I love you’. For the folks out there that follow the zodiac, Capricorn is the month of December 22 through January 19th and Aquarius January 20th through February 18th. .

Since it is the beginning of a new year, many people like to discard old medicines and our Ocean County presently has prescription/medicine drop-off boxes for County residents to use to dispose of their unused or expired prescriptions. These drop-off boxes are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Please contact the Ocean County Health Department with any questions. Phone - 732-341-9700

Locations are:

**Berkeley Township Police Department - 631 Pinewald-Keswick Rd., Bayville
Toms River Police Department - Oak Avenue entrance of the Police Department.**

INFORMATION UPDATE

Going forward our food bank will be available to all residents in Ward 3 and Ward 4. Each community will have this newsletter and food bank information posted in their monthly paper. If you have any questions, please contact me.

A new report has been given that one in ten people are in need of assistance. If you find yourself or an acquaintance in need of food please come to our Monthly Food Bank. The next Food Bank delivery will be January 24th, 2025. The Food Bank agency also offers guidance and assistance to citizens in need. While the Food Bank is here delivering food, an advisor for Social Services will answer any questions regarding what’s offered by the County. Don’t miss out, if you need help, please come and meet with an advisor. There is complete privacy and your information is kept strictly confidential.

This past year it was brought to my attention that there are residents living here in our community that are “shut-in’s”. A shut-In is someone that can’t or doesn’t drive, has difficulty walking and they are doing without many basic needs. We have helped many residents that are shut-in’s. Please call our number to give us your name and we will make arrangements to help.

“SUPPORT OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY”

We have and do receive many items for the men and women in the military; we would like to personally thank each person for their support. All items are shipped.

The items received are so appreciated by the military. Postage is needed to help with the expense of mailing packages. Please donate (any amount is appreciated) money for postage. Make the check out to: VFW Post 9503, 383 Veterans Blvd, Bayville, NJ 08721. We have a special account set up for Postage and the VFW’s Commander Dave Ballentine monitors the money collected and pays for each package. Any donations made whether it is items being donated or money, is a tax deduction. Again, Thank you, God Bless you all for your support.

• Website: www.berkeleystownship.org -Berkeley Township local website has Mayor Bsacchione, updating the website with local news and business events.

• Website: www.btrec.org -Berkeley Recreational Center is located at 630 RT 9 in Bayville. This division of recreation post all the special social events that are happening here in Berkeley Township. They include our special events, concerts, golfing, adult and children programs.

If you need to speak to me, please call me, I am here to assist you. You can leave me a message calling: 732-244-7400 ext. 1205 or Email: spchoice72@aol.com.

Sophia Gingrich, Councilwoman

(Berkeley Township: Ward 4, HC Berkeley, HC Carefree, HC West and HC Silver Ridge Park North)

Reminder: Please attend your January shareholder’s/homeowner’s meeting. It is important for each homeowner to be involved in their community.

Men's Club BIG GAME POTLUCK

Join us to watch the big game on
Sunday, February 1, 2025 at the
Silver Ridge Park West Clubhouse
(145 Westbrook Drive, Lower
Level)

Everyone is asked to bring a
cover dish.

BYOB
Beer/Wine
ONLY

**Time: 4:30 PM to
??? (kick-off 6:30
PM)**

**Games:
Pool Tables,
Cards,
Ping Pong,
Shuffleboard**

Please R.S.V.P. to Tom, Billy or Joe 732-244-
1484 x307

Robo Call Request Form

If any homeowner wishes to be included in our ROBO CALL system for important Association events, please complete this form and return to the Clubhouse.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

SECTION NUMBER _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

SIGNATURE _____

Silver Ridge Park West Homeowners Association QUESTION - SUGGESTION - INFORMATION FORM

Control No. _____ Date Received _____

Assigned to _____ Date Assigned _____

Resident's Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Information (Telephone, Fax, Email, Etc.):

Clearly state your question or suggestion on the space provided below and submit the completed form to your Trustee or any Board Member either in person or by dropping it in the mail slot in the Clubhouse. Your form will be given a control number and submitted to the appropriate party. Please be assured that your question or suggestion will be followed to conclusion and that you will be advised in a timely manner of our response and/or any action taken.

SIGNATURE _____

Architectural Control

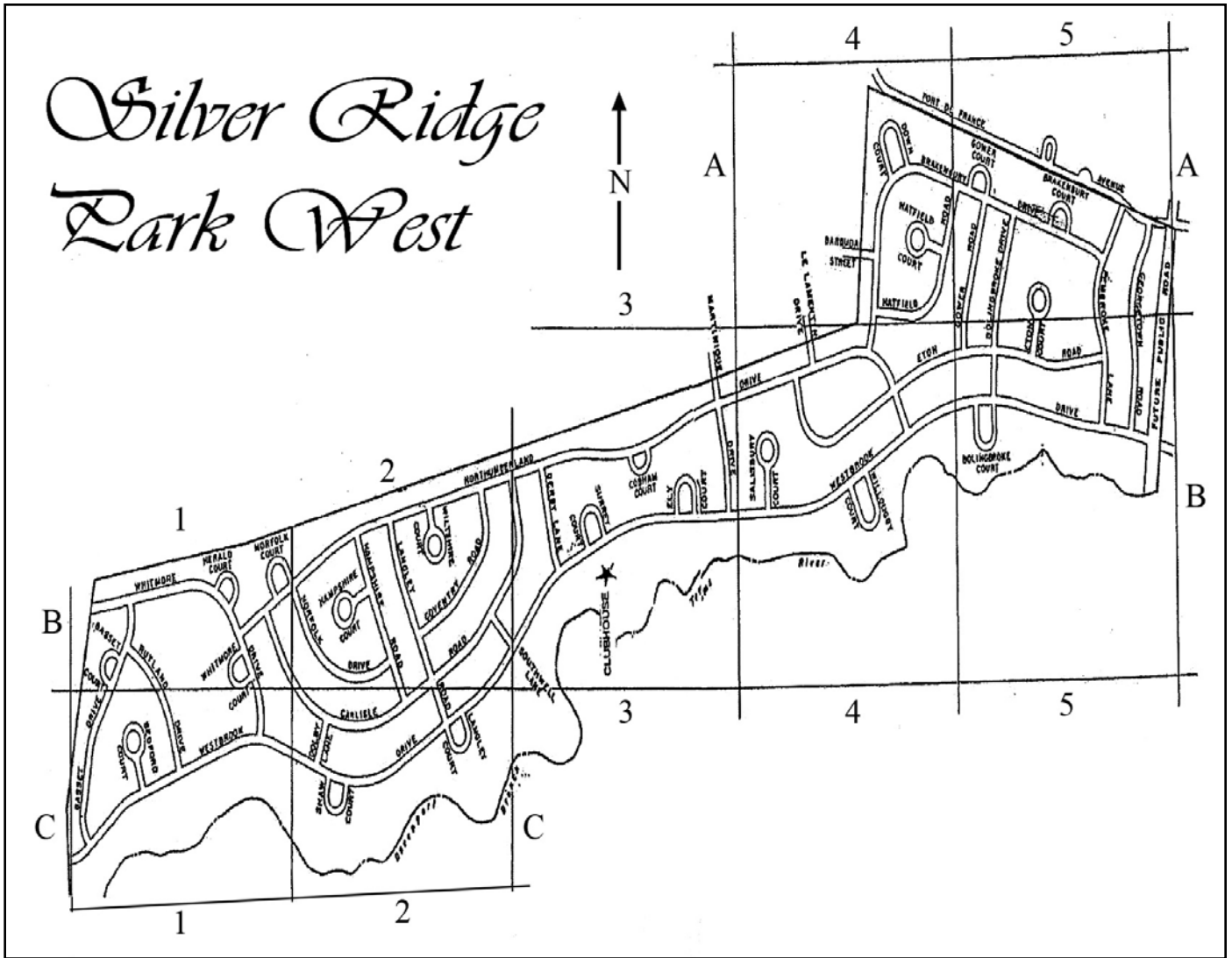
Important Notice

All requests for permits will be addressed on Mondays and Saturdays during normal HOA office hours.

You can download the forms you need to complete before coming to the clubhouse for approvals. They can be found on our website: srpwest.us on the forms/resources page.

Thank you for assisting us in our efforts to streamline office procedures.

Silver Ridge Park West



Basset Court.....	B4	Hatfield Court.....	A-4
Basset Drive	C-1	Hatfield Road.....	A-4
Bedford Court	C-1	Herald Court	B-1
Bolingbroke Court.....	B-5	Langley Court	C-2
Bolingbroke Drive	A-5	Langley Road	B-2
Brakenbury Court	A-5	Martinique Drive	B~3
Brakenbury Drive.....	A-4	Norfolk Court	B-1
Carlisle Road	C-2	Norfolk Drive.....	B-2
Cobham Court	B-3	Northumberland Drive	B-2
Coventry Road.....	B-2	Pembroke Lane	A-5
Derby Lane	B-3	Rutland Drive.....	B-1
Dolby Lane	C-2	Salisbury Court.....	B-4
Down Court.....	A-4	Shaw Court.....	C-2
Ely Court.....	B-3	Southwell Lane	B-3
Eton Court	A-5	Surrey Court	B-3
Eton Road.....	B-4	Westbrook Drive	B-4
Georgetown Road	A-5	Vlihitmore Court.....	B-1
Gower Court	A-5	Whitmore Drive.....	B-1
Gower Road	A-5	Willoughby Court.....	B-4
Hampshire Court	B-2	Wiltshire Court.....	B-2
Hampshire Road.....	B-2		

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

We have received a few calls for welfare checks. Please check on your neighbors this winter. It is always nice to see if they are okay or in need of anything. If you see something that is out of the ordinary and concerning, **PLEASE** reach out to Virginia Sansone @ 732-244-1484 ext. 614/862-208-9061 or Vicki Rosko @ 201-280-7190 anytime. We will be happy to check in on your neighbors with proper authority.

A neighbor may request a welfare check, also known as a wellness check, if they are concerned about the safety or well-being of a neighbor:

- The neighbor has not responded to phone calls or texts
- The neighbor may be missing or at risk
- The neighbor may be experiencing abuse

All suspicious persons or activity should be **IMMEDIATELY** reported to Berkeley Township Police Department @ 732-341-6600.

After reaching out to the police, please notify Virginia or Vicki for us to document the incident. All callers will be kept anonymous, however, it is important for us to keep the community informed and safe.

In an emergency always call 911.

Your Neighborhood Watch Team Virginia Sansone & Vicki Rosko

2025

St. Patrick's Dinner

Sponsored by
Silver Ridge Park West
Event Club

145 Westbrook Dr.

Saturday March 15, 2025

5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

\$35.00 per person
(non refundable)

BYOB

Wine/Beer

COMING SOON

For more information
call:

Virginia 862-208-9061
or Vicki 201/280/7091

**We need your help! The ADR
Committee is looking for
Volunteer Alternates!**



**As an ADR Alternate you will assist
with Alternate Dispute Resolutions
between neighbors. You will be
provided formal training and
instruction. Then you will be called
on to assist Michelle McCreary, Jim
Egan and Barbara Padallero as
needed.**

**To join, please call 732-244-1484
X601**

Volunteer Experience

If you want to help SRPW, but don't know how, please complete this form and drop it in the front door slot.

Name

Address

Phone Number

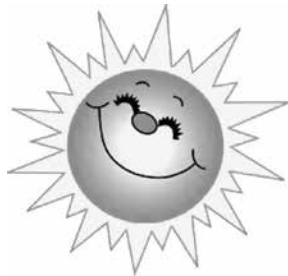
Description of your past job or volunteer experience. _____

Thank you. Someone from the office will contact you.

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

Life changes. As your needs change, you may change a will, create powers of attorney and deal with other legal issues. One thing you may forget to do is notify this Homeowners' Association of changes to your emergency contact information. It is essential that you advise the office of changes in persons or phone numbers to be contacted in case you experience an emergency. An emergency could include a fall in your home, a fire, a late-night pick-up by an ambulance. When authorities, such as police, firemen, and ambulance workers contact the Clubhouse because they need to contact people on your behalf, it is important that the information stored at the Clubhouse is up to date. So, please, if you are not sure if your information is up to date, err on the safe side and complete the Emergency Contact Form on page 43 of this Sentinel. You can mail it to us, drop it in the door slot, or pay us a personal visit.

SUNSHINE



Dear Neighbors,

Esther Perez and Vivian Evanchik have volunteered to provide "sunshine" to our community by sending cards to families on behalf of our association. If you know of anyone who has been hospitalized, is ill, has lost a family member, or is simply in need of a little sunshine, please call the office at 732-244-1484 ext. 613. The Sunshine team will, on behalf of all of the homeowners in SRPW, send an appropriate card that will brighten someone's day. Thank you.

SRPW Board of Trustees



Berkeley Township Construction Permits

No construction permit shall be issued for the alteration of the exterior of any residence or addition to such residence, or construction of accessory structures located within any planned residential retirement community, unless the application for such permit is accompanied by a written statement issued by the association organized under subsection 35-101.12 of this section, indicating whether the association has approved the proposed improvement. In the absence of such approval the Construction Official may if otherwise required to issue the permit pursuant to the Uniform Construction Code note on the permit that the applicant must obtain such approval before beginning construction.

Ord. No. 94-29 -- 118-16.25N;

Ord. No. 06-68-OAB -- 1,2

Silver Ridge Park West Homeowners Association

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

For the purpose of Emergency Management, it is imperative that we have the following information on file for all of our residents in order to provide assistance in the event you have a personal emergency or there is a community emergency. Kindly complete this form and submit it to the Clubhouse Office. For your safety and wellbeing, please submit a new form under each of the following circumstances:

1. Change in occupants – provide names and phone numbers of each
2. Change in name or phone number of person or persons (including alternates) to be notified in case of emergency
3. Medical conditions that have changed

Please be assured that all information will be kept strictly confidential.

Name: _____ Street Address: _____

House Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Other Occupants: List all (including caregivers or health aides) any cell phone numbers.

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Person to be notified in case of Emergency:

Name (Print): _____ Relationship: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Alternate person to be notified in case of emergency:

Name (Print): _____ Relationship: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

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Sat 10 am-12pm; Sun Closed

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MONTH	HOMEOWNERS MEETING	TRUSTEE BUSINESS MEETING (Open to Residents)
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December 9,2024		6:00 pm
2025		
January 13,2025		6:00 pm
February 10,2025	6:00 pm	6:00 pm
March 10,2025		6:00 pm
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New Program – Give it a read!

Hey SRPW Residents:

Starting this month, we are adding a new section to the Sentinel. It's going to be called **"Crusin' around SRPW"**, what does that mean? Well let's say your neighbor did you a favor. Example: raked your leaves, took out your trash or just anything nice. You could give them a "Good Guy or Gal Award" shout out. Let's say you have a birthday or anniversary coming up or want to wish your husband, wife or friends "Happy Anniversary", complete the coupon below and drop it in the mail slot at the clubhouse. You can also select a "Guess who's having a birthday!". Do you know of someone who is sick or in the hospital. Send them a "Get well wish". **All of your submissions are anonymous!** Submissions must be received by the 15th of each month. We do need your name and phone number in case we cannot read your writing

Crusin' around SRPW			
Your Name	_____		
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Type of Recognition	Person's Name	Birthday or Anniversary	Date
Birthday Wishes	_____		
Anniversary Wishes	_____		
Get Well Soon	_____		
Guess who's Celebrating?	_____		
Good Guy Award Name	_____		
Good Girl Award Name	_____		
What did they do?	_____		

Why do we make New Year's Resolutions??

Why do we make New Year's Resolutions? That age old question. We make New Year's resolutions so we can start the new year off on the right foot. Here are some of my favorite resolutions.

I'm going to lose weight
I'm going to give up candy/dessert
I'm going to exercise
I'm going to exercise so I can eat what I want
I'm going to read more or watch TV less
I'm giving up making resolutions (my favorite)
I'm going to stop smoking
I'm going to go outside more (yeah, right not in this cold weather)

All these resolutions are great, however, most of us have quit doing them by mid-January or early February.

In this technological era where everyone spends 90% of their time on the phone, I think I have come up with a few new resolutions to replace the old ones.

Single person:

I'm going to spend less time texting and more time listening
I'm going to spend less time playing games on my phone
I'm going to spend less time making Tik-Tok Videos
I'm going to watch less Podcasts

Family:

Device free dinner (all phones are collected before dinner and returned after – even work calls can wait an hour.)
Device free game night – play old fashion board games
Spend less time texting your kids and more time talking to them

History of New Year's Resolutions¹

Don't get too bummed out but the concept of a New Year's resolution doesn't have a single historical origin. However, there are a few major turning points for this cultural tradition.

1. **New Year's Resolutions likely started in the Springtime.** 4000 years ago in Mesopotamia, life revolved around agriculture. The beginning of the calendar started in the March/April time frame when the crops started to grow. This symbolized a new beginning and was paired with the Babylonian Akitu Festival. Citizens would make promises to the gods for the new year and use this as a moment to return borrowed tools, supplies and equipment. They lived in a more trade-based economy, so this was a good moment to reset. If you kept your promise (New Year's Resolution) to the gods, it was said that good fortune would fall upon you.
2. **46 BC Julius Caesar established January 1st as New Year's Day.** Without communication technology, people across the Roman Empire didn't know what day it was. This made it difficult to plan events and really anything at all. The further and further one got from the center of a city, the less likely they would know what day it was. Julius Caesar established January 1st as the beginning of the year to solve this problem. This calendar would be called the Julian calendar. The name January comes from the god Janus – the god of new beginnings. Janice was often illustrated with two faces, one face looking into the future and one face looking into the past. On January 1st, government officials would make promises to the emperor himself to show loyalty. The courts would close for half a day and New Year's Day was considered a holiday.
3. **The Ball Drops in Times Square for the first time in 1907.** Millions of people watch the ball drop and many use this moment to mark the beginning of their New Year's Resolution. But why a ball and what is the meaning behind it? This tradition comes from ancient sailing. Sailors needed to know what time it was but their timekeeping methods aboard the ships were primitive. To solve this problem, there would be a giant ball at the port that could be seen from the sea. This ball would drop at the same time every day (usually 1pm) to help sailors reset their understanding of time.

In some ways, the mark of a new year is arbitrary. What is the practical difference of starting a goal on January 1st versus August 12th? Holidays are a man-made construct; however, we at *because I said I would* are grateful for the holiday of New Year's Day. Something has to wake us up and remind us of the importance of our goals and the shortness of life. If that reminder comes with an arbitrary day and an arbitrary ball, we'll take it. Because what is not arbitrary is your life and how you spend it. Anything that reminds us of that is a good thing.

¹ Author – Alex Sheen, founder of because I said I would, History of New Year's Resolutions, because I said I would, <https://becauseisaidiwould.org/newyearsresolution/history/>, 12/13/2024

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Contents from entire cleanout of dwellings cannot be put at curb until a fee of \$250 is paid to the Township of Berkeley and arrangements for collection have been made with the Department of Public Works. Mattresses must be enclosed in bags.

Garbage and trash are NOT to be placed at curb prior to 4:00 PM the night before pickup.

This is a Berkeley Township Ordinance

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(Resident Drop-Off Center)

Public Works Department

Pinewald Keswick Road

732-349-4616

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Sat- Sun 9AM - 2PM

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