

THE CHANT



Homeowners' Association

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Children's Halloween Parade 2015

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Homeowners' Association**

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Enchanted Ladies' Society	Sharon Weiner
Knitters & Crafters	Sara Levitt & Betty Maleson
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Board of Trustee Elections were held at the October HOA meeting. Robert Hearn was elected to a 3 year term. He fills the seat vacated by Tony Gambino who retired. Bob will fill the Trustee position and Steve Fischberg will fill the VP spot.

The President, Treasurer and Secretary positions are unchanged.



Save the Date
Enchantment's

Eleventh Annual Holiday Party
Saturday, December 5, 2015
6:30 PM to 10:30 PM
Mercer Oaks Clubhouse

The Menu will consist of
Butler served Hors d'Oeuvres
Choice of Three Entrees
Dessert
Wine, Beer, Soda, Coffee and Tea
Dining and Dancing Music by
"DJ Brett Sash"
\$58 per person



BOARD PRESIDENT

Steve Statz

I want to thank all of the volunteers in our various committees and clubs that help all of us to continue “Living the Dream”. Volunteers are essential to our community to keep it running smoothly, and to lower our operating expenses. Being a member of a committee also helps form new friendships with our neighbors, and rewards you in unexpected ways. Please consider joining.

Our Annual Meeting included election of Bob Hearn for a three-year term. Your association officers are now: Steve Statz President, Steve Fischberg Vice President, Kathleen Platt Secretary, Jeff Schenker Treasurer and Bob Hearn Trustee. During the meeting, the budget for next year was approved by the Board and resulted in an increase in the Maintenance Fee of fifteen dollars per month.



I reported in the November Chant last year (and the year before) (and the year before) that we met with Robertson Douglas Group (RDG) and reported that we would start work on replacing portions of our sidewalks and aprons. At the Annual Board meeting we approved an agreement with RDG that concluded our transition negotiations. It is expected that sidewalk repairs will begin in the next weeks and some roadway repairs will start soon after. Tree removal and planting will be done in the spring.

The completion of negotiations for the transition agreement must be credited to Tony Gambino, who was the facilitator between the Township and RDG. His and Jeff’s efforts were tenacious and ultimately successful. They deserve our grateful thanks for a difficult job.

Tony is “retiring” from the Board but will be following the transition agreement and providing other assistance to the Board on special projects. He will continue his dedicated work for our community.

It has become our custom to cancel the November meeting since it always falls on Thanksgiving, and since the December meeting would fall on Christmas Eve, the next regular meeting of the Association will be held Thursday December 3RD.

Please mark your calendar and attend the Eleventh Annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 5, 2015.

BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

Tony Gambino

I decided to seek a position on our HOA Board primarily because I was interested in the kind of insurance coverage we had, to work with our Landscape vendor and to get involved in the transition process. I could only surmise what other issues the Board would be involved in but



had no idea of the time and energy needed to be a Board member. Fortunately, this Board is willing to spend as much time as necessary with meetings, attorneys, vendors, maintenance people etc. and strives to keep Enchantment the Premier Community in the area. Being a Board member is rewarding since you are able to meet most of the residents who are wonderful friends and neighbors. Committee members and volunteers are very important to the community and give valuable assistance to the Board whenever needed.

During my six years as a Board member I have always tried to perform my duties as best as possible and pride myself in being available whenever called upon. I would like to thank everyone who attended the October HOA meeting for the wonderful reception given to me. It was a big surprise and unexpected but greatly appreciated. I will still be around to assist the Board or any resident and until then I will ride off into the sunset and continue to 'LIVE THE DREAM AT ENCHANTMENT'.

Tony Gambino
Board Vice-President
October 2009 – October 2015

BOARD TREASURER Jeff Schenker



It's hard to believe that Enchantment is quickly Having lived here since how fast the time flies.

another year at coming to an end. 2006 it's really amazing This past winter was basically a replay of 2014 with major snowstorms blowing through our snow budget and almost all of the money we had left in the snow fund from the previous year. Still at this point in time, if we are fortunate in December we will get through the year without requiring additional funds. Hopefully, my monthly treasurer's reports have kept you informed regarding our finances.

At this time I'd like to thank my friend and colleague Tony Gambino for all of the time and effort he put into helping maintain and improve our quality of life at Enchantment. As liaison to the Landscape Committee and work with LMS, his tireless efforts helped our community look great all spring through fall. He and I worked for over two years trying to get our transition process finished and we finally have an agreement with RDG and the township. He was tenacious from beginning to end and the rest of the board couldn't have done it without him. His constant complaining that he was old and hard of hearing didn't stop him. He deserved and earned every cent of his salary!!! I don't know what he will do with all of his extra time but I'm sure Dee will keep him busy.

I'd like to welcome Robert Hearn to the board and I'm sure he will be a valuable addition. I'm sure his vast experience on HOA boards will come in handy over the next three years when it comes to serving our community's needs. We all look forward to working with him.

I have said this in the past and I'm going to say it again. The continuing commitment of our volunteers makes our community work. On behalf of the board I'd like to once again thank everyone who gives their time and effort to help keep our community the great place that it is. It certainly makes the board's job easier and more enjoyable knowing we have caring dedicated volunteers. For our newer residents, I urge you to get involved in our

community. Join a club, join a committee, play some pool, pickle ball or bocce. Mahjong, poker and pinochle are played weekly. If those don't work for you just get out and walk around our beautiful community. You just might meet someone and make a new friend.

I wish everyone a warm, safe, healthy, winter whether here or faraway places.

NO SNOW IN DECEMBER!!!!

BOARD SECRETARY

Kathy Platt



Fall has arrived and the leaves are falling fast. Pretty soon the trees will be bare of leaves and the chill will be in the air. We have requested that we do not receive any snow until after the New Year, let's keep our fingers crossed that someone has heard us.

The elections are finished and Robert Hearn was elected to fill the position that Tony Gambino has vacated. Tony was a fantastic asset to your Board. He was the liaison to several committees and most importantly was the driving force along with Jeff Schenker to bringing transition to a conclusion. It is now in the hands of the attorneys to put the final touches on it. Many thanks go to Mr. Mayor for all of his contributions to Enchantment at Hamilton.

Your new officers are as follows: Steve Statz, President, Steve Fischberg, Vice President, Jeff Schenker, Treasurer, Kathy Platt, Secretary and Robert Hearn, Trustee. Any questions or concerns you may have referencing Enchantment at Hamilton may be addressed to any of your Board members or to Alexis at First Service.

We are currently working on a few projects. We are currently looking for a new pool maintenance company and a paving company to fill the street cracks. The sidewalk repairs, some street repairs and the lining of the intersections at the crosswalk areas should be started soon. This is all work that has been promised by Robertson Douglas in our transition.

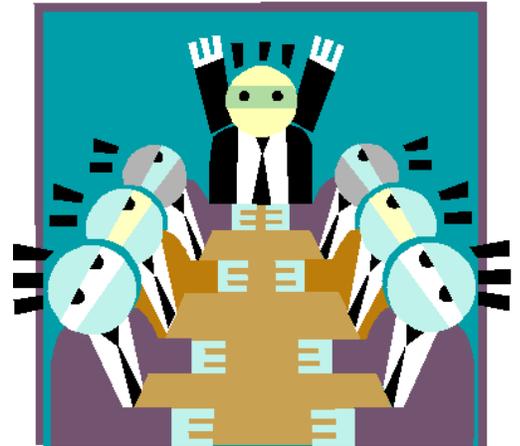
Guess it is time to get out the winter coats, make sure that your patio furniture has been covered, changed your fire alarm batteries and readied your home for the winter.

BOARD TRUSTEE

Stephen Fischberg

I would like to start by thanking Tony Gambino for his six years of service to the community as Vice President of the Board of Trustees. Tony along with Jeff was the Board's representatives to the Township and Robertson Douglas. In regards to our transition, the Board has asked Tony to continue his fine work to its completion.

As the Board's new Vice President, I would like to welcome Bob Hearn to the Board as your new Trustee. I also want to thank Floyd Weiner for running for the open seat on the Board. It is the residents' involvement in the community that keeps it vibrant and cost-effective. In December, the Board will once again ask for residents to join the committees that help run our community; please consider serving on one of them.



At present the Board is interviewing a number of companies to run the operation of our pool. We are also looking at companies to deal with the crack filling of our roads.

The Board continues to meet on a weekly basis with our management company to discuss the needs of our community. Anyone with problems or questions may contact our management company or any Board member. I wish you all a wonderful fall season and happy holidays.

Enchantment's First Fashion Show

By Louise Rapoza

The pictures displayed on this page are of the first fashion show event planned by the Social Committee. The date was Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 1PM. It was held at Enchantment's Clubhouse---the fashions were provided by Chico's. The hors d'oeuvres, desserts and beverages were delicious, the large audience was appreciative and it was my pleasure to photograph the lovely models wearing the great looking fashions.



The following is the list of residents who modeled: Resa Besserman, Theresa Gatti, Mildred Rice Jordan, Maggie Rupp, Denise Raisch, Candy Rerecich, Ellen Sedacca, Debbie Smetanka, Diane Stefani, Luann Vande Velde and Cyndy Whitley.

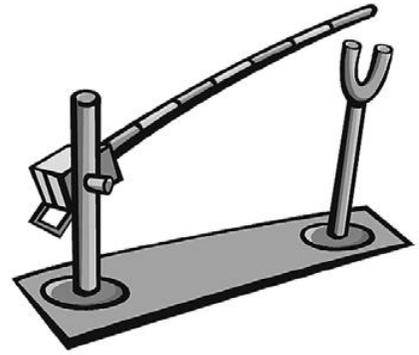
Dee Gambino moderated.

Photos of the event can be seen by clicking:

[Fashion Show Pics](#)

Instructions

There are two ways the visitor gate can be opened:

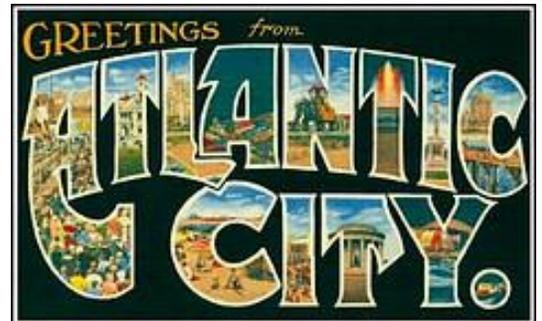


A visitor can stop at the call box at the visitor entrance lane and using the “A” or “Z” buttons, locate the last name of the resident to be visited. When the name is selected, the visitor presses the “CALL” button. A phone call is placed to the resident, who can answer the phone. The visitor can converse with resident using the call box, and the resident can open the visitor gate by pressing 9 on his telephone key pad. If the resident does not want the visitor to enter, the resident can press the star button (*), or hang up and the call box will be disconnected. If residents do not have their key fob with them, residents can enter the community by using the visitor gate call box. In this instance the resident presses the pound or number key (#) on the call box followed by the last four digits of the phone number that is on record.

The gate will then open. Entering pound (#) followed by 1111 will open the gate up until 8pm.

Enchantment Atlantic City Bus Trip

Another great day was organized by Mark and Betty Maleson. There was plenty of sunshine to walk the boards of Atlantic City. For those needing more excitement, the blackjack and craps tables and slot machines were available to test lady luck.



Pictures of the trip can be seen by clicking [AC Bus Trip Pics](#)

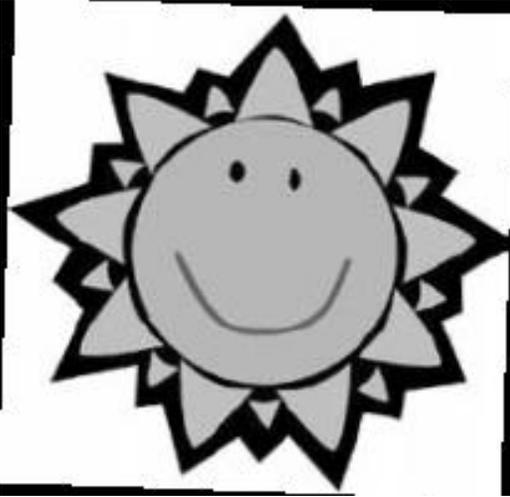
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ken Prizeman, Chair

The finance committee was requested by the HOA board to put together a proposed budget for the 2016 year. Our committee received input from different members of the board and the committees concerning their ideas for the proposed 2016 budget. In our meeting we then had a very lively discussion concerning the various expenditures for 2016. We came up with a 2016 proposed budget that the committee submitted in August to the HOA board for their review and approval.



The finance committee would like our Treasurer Jeff Schenker for his input in putting together the 2016 proposed budget.



Illness, Hospitalization,
Bereavement in the Enchantment
Neighborhood . . .

Let the Sunshine Committee know

Contact Arlene at 838-7381 or

Alice at astatz@optonline.net



LADIES

Coffee & Conversation

At Panera Bread

9:30 am

The first Tuesday of the month

Social Committee
Mela Griffiths---Secretary
Dee Gambino---Communications/ Chair
The Calendar Girls and 2 Guys



Halloween is always great fun in Enchantment because all of the Goblins and Ghouls gather with their Grannies and Gramps at the Haunted Clubhouse. This year was no exception---the costumes were fantastic and excitement filled the air. Even Poodle Hewitson was dressed and drove a car.

A day made for candy and there was plenty of it as the residents passed out goodies on Portofino. Our Social Witches “Done it again!”

Our Holiday Spotlight is now on November. Please remember our friends and relatives who have served and are presently serving in the Military. Marine Corps Day is November 10th and Veterans Day is November 11th. Thank you All!

Can you believe that we will be attending one of the premier showings of Joe DiPietro's Play---”The Second Mrs. Wilson” on November 22nd at The George Street Playhouse? Joe will be there in person and speak to those attending. How special is that? A wonderful prelude to one of our favorite Holidays---- Thanksgiving!!!

A favorite holiday is an understatement! As we gather together to enjoy our family feasts, we ask the Lord's Blessing, Not only for ourselves but for all peoples everywhere. Then we share the turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie. It will also be one of the months to collect food, etc. for one of our charities. November is the month that the Social Committee brainstorms and plans the fun & informative events for the year. Your Input will be welcome.

December is our joyous month! Hanukkah/Christmas/ our Annual Holiday Party and the Chant tones Holiday Concert provide many a happy moment. Again---a time to share all that is good ----to show love to our families and friends and all of mankind.

The Annual Holiday Party is Saturday- December 5th and the Chant tones Concert is Saturday, December 12th---Hope to see you there. Don't forget your RSVP's and sign-up sheets.

We lift our glasses high!!! Here's to good health-good fortune-good cheer!!!

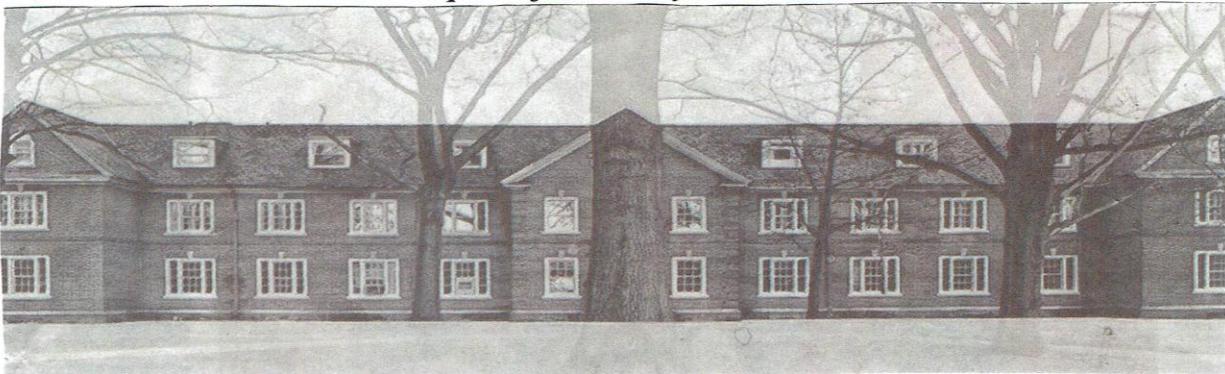
Happy New Year!!!

RECOUNTING HISTORY

The Trenton Times recently had an article that reported on the Alumni Reunion of the original Manual Training and Industrial School for colored youth in Bordentown Township. The school was founded by Mildred Rice Jordan's Grandfather---Rev. Walter A. Rice. Mildred is a resident of Enchantment, was a professor at Rider College and sings with the Chant-tones.

The reason for the coverage was the fact that it would be the last such reunion since the school closed back in 1955. It is now being used for other purposes. It closed because the plan to integrate the school with white students for financial and attendance reasons failed. Most of the dialog in the original article took place with a Mr. Symes, an alumnus (80 years of age) who recounted some of the history and workings of the school.

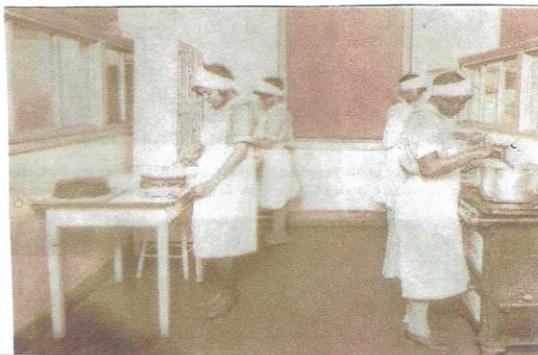
The Manual Training and Industrial School for Colored Youth in Bordentown Township was founded by Rev. Walter A. Rice in 1886



Enchantment's Mildred Rice Jordan shares her grandfather's educational heritage, a college educated former slave, at the last Alumni Reunion since it closed in 1955.



Mildred Rice Jordan in her Hamilton home with a portrait of her grandfather, the Rev. Walter A. Rice, the founder of the school in Bordentown Township. (2010 TIMES OF TRENTON FILE PHOTO)



Students at the school around 1930

The remaining alumni had nothing but Praise for the teachers who taught them the necessary trades but also taught them discipline and personal responsibility in a caring and loving manner.

A living tribute to the teachings of the Reverend Walter A. Rice

CONNECT WITH FIRSTSERVICE CONNECT

Here at FirstService, we value our relationships with our clients, and are always striving for new ways to keep them strong. Working closely with your Enchantment Board in weekly work sessions, we are always trying to bring the most value to your vendor contracts and ensure the property is well maintained.

We also value our technology; we have a website called FirstService Connect. Feel free to contact me or our customer care center for a login. The website allows you to view your account balance, submit work orders and of course communicate with management. If you have a request please contact us during normal business hours at [732-403-8151](tel:732-403-8151) or our Customer Care Center operators can help to expedite your request immediately and of course emergencies can be handled this way as well by calling [800-870-0010](tel:800-870-0010). This phone line is 24/7 access to Customer Care for every day questions until 6pm. After 6pm this line can be used for emergency situations.

I have truly enjoyed my time working with the Enchantment Homeowners and Board. One could only hope to work with such great people.

Alexis Molzon

Community Manager

FirstService Residential

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE
FLOYD WEINER, CHAIR

Your CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE continues to keep the clubhouse as pristine as possible. Repairs to one machine in gym that is not working properly are in progress and should be completed shortly. An ice maker was purchased at a garage sale by Alice Statz for \$20.00 and seems to be working wonderfully. Thank you Alice.

Keep in mind that the Mahjong players (Tuesday evening game 7 P.M.-experienced players), Pinochle players double deck (Monday evening 7 PM players needed) (Tuesday evening game single deck 7 P.M. Players needed), Ladies games (Thursday afternoons 1 P.M.), and Tuesday evening poker at 7P.M. are always looking for additional players. Follow upcoming events on your E-Mails and in the Chant.

As more things get done in and around the clubhouse we will keep you advised. Please continue to note any problems you find in the building (problem sheet on front desk). New residents needing pool passes or key fobs should contact Sally Ashmen (24 Monte Carlo 609-585-3476). Our residents are the eyes and ears of the community, and all input is greatly appreciated.

Remember to sign up for committees as new blood is always welcome and everyone is encouraged to join.

**Active Adult Club
Sally Ashmen, President**

The officers have been working hard to bring Bingo and raffles back to our community. We have received our license for “legalized games of chance” from the state of New Jersey but there is



still paperwork to be completed with Hamilton Township. It should be noted that this license covers only activities conducted by the Active Adult Club.

The good news is... we anticipate being able to resume monthly Bingo and raffles in January of the New Year. In order to do this, we will need volunteer help setting up, selling and clean up.

The officers for the coming year are Sally Ashmen, President; Rosina Cifelli, Vice-President; Eleanor Gianotti, Asst. Vice-President; Rita Gore, Secretary; Guido Gianotti, Treasurer.

KNITTERS AND CRAFTERS

Sara Levitt and Betty Maleson, Co-Chairs



Welcome knitters.

We would like to thank everyone who participates in our Knitters and Crafters Club to make it such a successful club within our community. We are always looking for residents who have ideas and projects that we can share together. Whether you knit, crochet craft or just want to come and sit, talk and relax, please join us.

Hopefully, old and new faces will continue to enjoy our activities at Enchantment.

We meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the clubhouse library.



Enchantment Book Club News

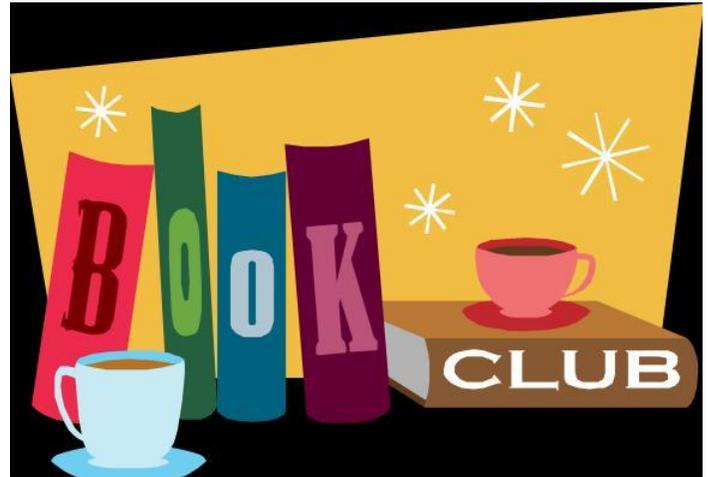
Date: First Wednesday of the Month

Time: 10:30 AM

Where: Main Room in the Clubhouse

The Enchantment Book Club had a reorganization meeting on April 1. It was decided that the meeting will now take place on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am at the Clubhouse. Coffee and Tea will be served.

Book selections for the year were decided at the May meeting. The list was posted on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse.



The Book Club now has a core group of 12 people. Everyone in the community is invited to attend. If you would like your name added to the email list contact Nancy at oc23girl@yahoo.com. A copy of the reading list will be sent to you. (Monthly commitment is not required.) Hope to see you at the next meeting. Happy reading! "Living the Dream, one book at a time."

ENCHANTED LADIES SOCIETY

Sharon Weiner

We all enjoyed a great summer and have been meeting for games every Thursday in the club house starting at 1PM. We are always open to learning and playing new games. Our favorite game is playing Rummikub and we have been teaching some new residents the game. All new female residents are encouraged to join us.



November 19th we are having a cookie exchange in the club house. In December we will be having the Ladies annual holiday party at Mannino's 3.

If you have any ideas for activities for the Ladies Group please do not hesitate to e-mail me at sharon.weiner46@gmail.com.

We can do more than one activity per month.

Architectural Property Modification Process

Applications for modifications can be found at the Enchantment website. Please refer to Section XI which is on page 17 of Enchantment's Rules and Regulations. This document can be found on the Enchantment website.

It's important to stress that homeowners need to notify the ACC when the modification work is completed so the final inspection can be made.



Dear Homeowners,

Here we are in December! Where did this year go?

So many things were accomplished in the Community and our Board deserves a round of applause for all their hard work. All of our volunteers from the Board to all the Committees that make this community what it is. Make a resolution to participate in events in the upcoming year and enjoy your beautiful homes and community.

Coupons – if you pay your dues via coupons, you should have received them in the mail. If you pay by direct debit- the new amount for dues will be automatically deducted. A reminder that if you pay by check, and mail in your dues, that they are technically due on the first of the month with a grace period till the 10th.

Remember to enjoy the holidays, take time out to relax and spend time with loved ones. Whatever holiday you celebrate, I along with FirstService Residential wish you a happy one and a successful, healthy, prosperous New Year.

All the best for 2016!

Sincerely,

Alexis Molzon
Community Manager

Grandsons “Save the Day” for Enchantment Lifeguard

Jack and Ben Landry, grandsons of Nancy and Ed Slavin, enjoy swimming in the Enchantment pool during the summer months. On one hot day in August, they urged “Pop” to accompany them to the deep end where they could fetch their diving sticks. After one attempt, Jack returned to the surface and exclaimed, “Pop, I see some jewelry down there.” So I told him to go back down and get it and he could turn it in to the lifeguard and let her know where he found it. So Jack retrieved a fancy bracelet and took it to the guard on duty, Julie Zolty. To her surprise, it just happened to be her bracelet, which she thought she lost. She was very grateful to the boys as she explained that it was bought on a recent family trip to Hawaii and it had a lot of sentimental value.

So Jack (6), and Ben (5), have a story to tell when they return to Sharon school and Julie, who is a senior at Rancocas Valley High School, has her bracelet back safe and sound.

I just wanted to take a moment to share the Fitness Room Rules.

Use of the Fitness Room will be on a first-come first-use basis. Use must be limited to 30 minutes when others are waiting for the equipment.



- Equipment may not be operated by anyone younger than 19 years old
- Users should consult their physicians for exercise recommendations
- Users should wipe down the equipment before and after use
- Those using exercise equipment do so at their own risk. It is strongly suggested that those exercising should always use the “Buddy System” and have another person present while they use the equipment
- Proper attire must be worn, at all times, including tennis shoes or sneakers and a shirt.
- Where required and posted, sign-in sheets must be used
- Attempt to share the TV and be mindful of volume when others are present

In addition to these rules please be mindful and courteous towards your neighbors. We take pride in our community and how neighborly everyone can be.

Should you have any questions or concerns; please feel free to reach out.

Thank you!

Alexis Molzon
Community Manager
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Social Security Improves Services

*We are excited to offer another convenient online service that you can use with your **my Social Security** account. If you are a Medicare beneficiary and you have lost, damaged, or need to replace your Medicare card, you can now easily order a replacement Medicare card using your online **my Social Security** account. Even if you are not currently a Medicare beneficiary, please share this news with family and friends who might benefit from this new service. If you are still working, don't forget to use your **my Social Security** account to view your yearly Social Security Statement and verify the accuracy of your earnings record and obtain updated estimates of your future Social Security benefits.*

*Getting a Medicare replacement card is another convenient service that is only a few minutes away with your **my Social Security** account. Help us spread the word about the many benefits available with a **my Social Security** account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.*