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Well, if you haven't heard, I did a real number on myself. I have been dealing with vertigo for a couple of months and I got very dizzy and fell. The fall didn't break my leg as I fell on my face and got a bloody nose. I am to blame for what happened. I got up on my knees with my feet behind me and lost my equilibrium

and fell backwards over my feet. I ended up crawling on my belly (I won't tell you how long that took), and eventually pulled myself up onto the couch. In the morning, I tried to stand up and screamed so loud I'm surprised the neighbors didn't hear me! I called an ambulance and they took me to SOCH. I had x-rays done and then I waited all afternoon in the hall, in a chair, with no one telling me anything. Finally, someone from registration came to read my patients' rights. I asked what was going on and she said they were admitting me. I asked what for? She told me I broke my left ankle, sprained the right ankle and had

kidney issues. I waited longer for them to get me a room. My doctor came that night and was annoyed because I was still in excruciating pain, they hadn't put a soft cast on to immobilize the foot or administered ice that he had ordered THAT MORNING. The OXY and morphine weren't doing a thing so I was pretty miserable until they put me on Dilaudid. I'm a side sleeper and I had to stay on my back because I couldn't move that leg without screaming so I was not sleeping well. I didn't have surgery until Monday night where they put screws and plates in my ankle. The nurses were nice but very busy so I was lucky that my son flew in and he helped me get things I needed. The one thing that helped with the pain was that the food was good so I am publicly thanking Gus Majorino for being such a great chef. Thursday night they transferred me to Encompass. I could have gone to Seacrest which was closer but I wanted 1-hour sessions 3 times a day instead of 1 hour a day to try to get home sooner. It was a great choice because I am getting great care. It's not easy but I am making a little progress each day. I won't be able to put any weight on that leg for at least 6 weeks so it's going to be a slow recovery. I am so devastated because I had a lifelong dream to go on a cruise. I booked a 2-week cruise in March with friends on the Queen Mary 2 to visit 7 islands. I am heartbroken that I can't go. What is that saying? Man plans and God laughs. I'm sorry for being self-indulgent with this article but I hope you will forgive me for having a pity party. I know I will snap out of it and accept things and move on. So many people have gone through much worse. By the time you read this hopefully you have seen me at the February's community meeting and I had greeted you with a smile on my face!

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*Tracy Barnard, Fawn Lakes Community President*



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# Condo News

## Condo I

At this time all owners in condo One will have received their packet with Amendment 14, updated Rules and Regulations and the addendum of changes to Amendments 1 thru 14. Please read thru these as we would like to conclude our voting on Amendment 14 by our April meeting. This will provide ample time if there are any questions or concerns regarding the documents we can discuss them at our March meeting. Of course you are welcome to contact any of the Trustees for clarification as well.

We thank all our residents that have provided the Board of Trustees with your emails. To date we have 167 out of 206 collected. Going forward we will be using emails as a major form of communication to keep you informed of any pertinent announcements or information we need to share. As an example we will be emailing our community meeting minutes to you prior to our monthly meeting so you will be kept abreast of our progress.

An important piece of information regarding your property insurance. Be sure that you are carrying **HO6 Insurance. This is Condo coverage insurance not homeowner's** insurance. There is a drastic price difference which is warranted as the HOA pays for exterior and other coverage that you do not need to pay for twice. Check your insurance policy and if you do not have HO6 Condo coverage contact your agent and have it changed.

**All owners and or family must notify a member of the Board of Trustees before selling or vacating their units.** Violating this notification can jeopardize the sale of your property. Be sure your Realtor is knowledgeable of what the fees and capital donation requirements are. Should you have any questions regarding your sale contact a member of the Board of Trustees.

We look forward to seeing you all at our March 10 AM meeting; come early for coffee and conversation. The coffee's ready by 9:45 AM!

*Respectfully,  
Your Board of Trustees*

Cyndy Friedland: President and Trustee, Crawlspace, Roofs, Gutters 609-290-5040

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## Condo II

No scheduled meetings for Condo A-2 for March.

**Fawn Lakes Condo A-2 Resident Gerald 'Jerry' Siano has passed.**

**Rest in Peace Jerry Siano.**

There are two computers, a printer, and a shredder in the small back room of the Clubhouse that are available to all Fawn Lakes Residents in good standing. The desktop computer by the window has Microsoft Word.

The *Fawn Lakes Press* is available on line: seniorpub.com will get you to the Senior Publishing Company's website. Click on: 'Our Papers' to get ALL the 55+ newsletters that they print; like Atlantic Hills, Fawn Lakes, Paramount Escapes, etcetera.

WI-FI password is: fawnlakes100

Stafford Township Calendars are available to residents in the entrance foyer of the Paul Cataffo Memorial Clubhouse. Fawn Lakes Condominium A, Section 2, Bylaws, Book 4012, in part from Page 835:

(F) Unit owner's obligation . Each unit owner has the obligation to purchase public liability insurance to protect himself from claims due to accidents within his unit, and shall purchase casualty insurance on the contents within said unit...

Residents that need Condo A-2 to fix, change, or look into something must send a letter to Fawn Lakes Condo A-2, P.O. Box 1511, Manahawkin, NJ 08050 with an 'Attention' to one of the following people with details.

All Maintenance Fees: Treasurer, Marie Barrella, 609-276-1078.

All building and ground issues including snow: Trustee, Jack Moore, 609-290-2236.

All mortgages, refinancing, and sales: Trustee, Laurie Regars, 561-301-6418.

All remembrance and get well cards: Alternate Trustee, Kathleen Hedden, 609-384-4184.

All scheduled meetings and meeting minutes: Secretary, Chris Gural, 215-439-0476.

All insurance and bylaws; and in addition: all of the above are addressed secondarily by

Trustee/President, Frank De Serio, 551-404-0440.

God Bless America and Fawn Lakes.

*Respectfully,  
Frank De Serio, Jack Moore, Laurie Regars,  
Marie Barrella, Kathleen Hedden,  
Chris Gural, Barbara Gaspar*





## Condo III

We will be returning to our regularly scheduled monthly General meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Coffee at 9:30am with the General Meeting starting at 10am.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter HOA fee is due on April 1. A Late Fee and interest charges will apply if not paid by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Weather permitting – we will be starting our regular lawn services this month with a Spring Clean-up of the Common Grounds, and an initial lawn treatment. Our Contractors do not clean up flower and planting beds. They only clean up the lawn areas in preparation for mowing the grass. Our regular weekly lawn mowing schedule will start the last week of the month – Weather Permitting

When the coming spring weather permits, we will be scheduling our contractors for some remaining open work orders from last season and soliciting estimates for several other new projects. If you have a new repair that is covered by Condo 3, please contact Fred Soper for a work order form to be completed for consideration.

Here's Hoping to see you all on March 15<sup>th</sup> and for a soft and mild spring with enough gentle and timely precipitation to end the drought.

*Trustees: Tom Garriss, Fred Soper, Ken Bayne*

*Assistant Trustees: Walt Fieger, Tom Behrens*

*Treasurer: Dave Pawlishak*

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*Secretary: Beth Garriss*

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## Men's Club



As you read this, we will have gotten past most of the Winter and as we approach Spring, we expect that there will be a lot more events happening around the Clubhouse. We hope to see many of you there.

We will be holding our March meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see some new faces. We will hold all of our meetings at 11 am. Please feel free to drop by and see what we are all about. We will have a light lunch after the meeting.

We will also be holding our Quarterly Clean-up on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

In January edition of the Fawn Lakes Press I mentioned that we were working on a dinner with entertainment that we be a collaborative effort between the Women's and Men's Clubs. We have rescheduled the event for May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please mark your calendars. Sandie Levine has secured a great group to entertain us on that evening.

We will also be having our Night at the Races in early May.

I would like to wish a speedy recovery to two our great volunteers here at fawn Lakes. Mary Carroll-Dickon and Tracy Barnard are both recovering. We hope to see them feeling much better and out and about our community in the not too distant future.

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## Women's Club



Happy March

We will start off March 6<sup>th</sup> with our famous Soup and Sandwich Lunch for our Womens Club Members. All prepared by a special group of volunteers. We will be starting our meeting at 11. The charge at the door will be \$6.00.

April 3<sup>rd</sup> will be our Womens club meeting with a special speaker from Micheal Simone Law Firm. We will learn more about all the documents that are needed for our protection( Wills , power of attorney etc)

April 26<sup>th</sup> is our Bake sale . We will be offering our Baked goods at the community meeting. We will arrive around 9 to set up of our items and get ready to help our Fawn Lakes Womens Club raise funds to help others

May 1<sup>st</sup> is our annual Ladies Friendship Tea. We need lots of volunteers to prepare this great event .We will all pitch in!!We are family!

May 3 is our first Spaghetti Dinner given by the Womens and Mens Club. Look forward to an Italian meal prepared by our own chef Ed . Entertainment will be provided by "Remember When " They are a very popular, and well known musical group from our area. Listen to a group of talented voices serenade your spaghetti dinner. Price will be \$15.00. We will prepare a sign up sheet at the clubhouse. (RSVP BY April 26<sup>th</sup>)

Our summer Partys, including Memorial Day 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Labor Day will now be hosted by the Women's and the Men's Club.

Our donations and charitable events continue with scholarships and donations for the washing machine and children in need.

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*Sandie Levine*





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## Activities Meeting

Every month, there is an opportunity to help plan or offer suggestions to the Community Board about activities you'd like to see or do. The date is always in the monthly calendar. This month it is on Monday, March 17th at 10AM. Please join Mary Carroll-Dickon and Deborah Paton (Board representatives) as we plan for the next few months. All are welcome.

## Doe's Lunch Club

Arrangements have been made, restaurant is on reserve, if you like Italian, plan to join us on Thursday, March 20, at 12:30p.m., 712 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin, Pietro's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria.

If you haven't already signed the membership list, please contact either Marge Ebert, 609-756-0321 or Dolores Ranucci, 732-547-7401, before March 15 to be included in the reservation.

Thank you, we appreciate your co-operation, look forward to you joining us.



## Bingo!

**Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

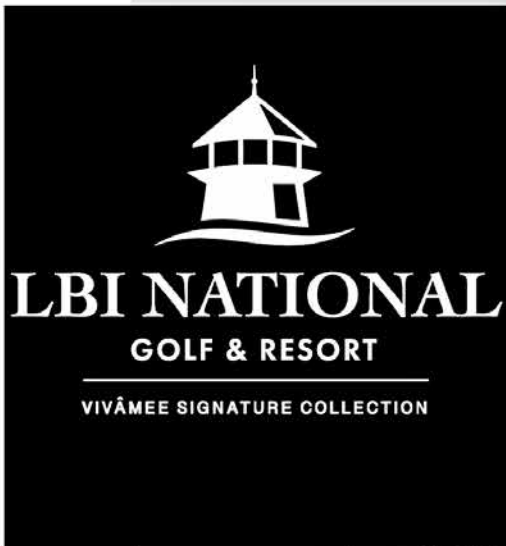
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:30 Doors open 10:00 Condo 1 Meeting
2 12-5 Shuffleboard	3 6:00 Men's Pool	4 6:00 Mardi-gras 9:30 Exercise class 11:00 Line Dancing 12:00 Canasta 1:00 Mahjong	5	6 9:30 doors open 10:00-2:00 Women's Club Trash 1:00 Domino's	7 Recycling	8
9 12-5 Shuffleboard	10 6:00 Men's Pool	11 9:30 Exercise class 11:00 Line Dancing 12:00 Canasta 1:00 Mahjong	12 6:00 Potluck	13 10:30 Doors open 11:00 Men's Club Meeting Trash 1:00 Domino's	14 Recycling	15 9:30 Doors Open 10:00 Condo 3 Meeting 6:00 St Pat's Day
16 12-5 Shuffleboard	17 10:00 Activities Meeting 6:00 Men's Pool	18 9:30 Exercise Class 11:00 Line Dancing 12:00 Canasta 1:00 Mahjong	19 11:00 Book Club 11:00 Men's Club Clean up	20 Trash 1:00 Domino's Ladies Lunch Doe's 12:30 Pietro's	21 Recycling 12:00 Bingo	22 No Community Meeting
23 12-5 Shuffleboard	24 6:00 Men's Pool	25 9:30 Exercise class 11:00 Line Dancing 12:00 Canasta 1:00 Mahjong	26	27 Trash 1:00 Domino's	28 Recycling	29
30 12-5 Shuffleboard	31 6:00 Men's Pool					

# What is MA22?

(from their web page)

Ma Deuce Deuce (MA22) was founded by a few Marines and a big beautiful truck. After attending a free 5-day program called Operation Restored Warrior (ORW), Marine veterans John Cohen and Dennis Addesso decided to start their own organization to make successful PTSD recovery programs known. Together they teamed up with local Marine Tom Kiselow and founded Ma Deuce Deuce, MA22. The name, derived from the M2 .50 Caliber Machine Gun, or "Ma Deuce," combined with the scariest number in America, "22". This is the number of veteran suicides in America daily. As we were less a fan of the "take these and call us in 6 months" diagnosis, we set out to find other organizations that provided an outlet to unload post-traumatic stress. We quickly became a hub to connect veterans with restorative resources at no cost to them. Our common objective is to help restore the hearts of veterans facing depression, anxiety, stress and isolation, suicidal thoughts, and trauma from post-traumatic stress disorder. Since our start our team has grown along with our impact all over NJ and some national areas as well. We continue to serve the brotherhood we hold so dear.

In short, we provide a "Get out of the house" service. Some of our local initiatives include taking veterans to Jersey Shore BlueClaws minor league baseball games to

prevent isolation and to provide a recreational setting to lead the conversation toward how we can further help. Other outlets include fishing, kayaking, SCUBA, horseback riding, hunting, exotic car rides, and helicopter/small aircraft rides; we held an event with former WWE Superstar Diamond Dallas Page doing DDPY! We teamed up with local kickboxing fitness gym 9Round in Brick, NJ, consistent Ruck iT sponsors and participants, and donated months upon months of free memberships to their gym for veterans and their families. We have assisted in helping vets with utility bills, repairs to their vehicles, and even ensuring Christmas happened for several local families each year of our existence.

MA22 works in preventing veteran suicides as a result of PTSD. MA22 reaches out to male and female veterans of all eras who may be suffering emotionally, physically, or financially as a result of PTSD from their military service.

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Pancakes, Sausage, Syrup, Butter,  
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## **“ST. PATRICK’S DAY” DINNER**

**Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – 6p.m.**

## **CORNER BEEF DINNER**

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**\$25.00 per person**

**Payment Due No Later Than Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>!**

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**Happy  
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Day!**

**Sign-Up Sheet in Clubhouse. Bring Payment to**

**Club Mailbox (locked mailbox at base of driveway)**

**Cash or a check made out to: Fawn Lakes Comm. Assoc.**

## Senior Advisory Report

We had a speaker from the Ocean County Health Department, outlining all the services that are available from the Department. The office on Route 9 welcomes everyone to stop in for any questions regarding all that Ocean County has to offer. You may be surprised to find out that you are eligible for help with a variety of services and discounts. You can also visit the website for OCEAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT for information.

NEW JERSEY PROPERTY TAX RELIEF, for Senior Homeowners and Renters Aged 65 and over. There are three programs with one application. Qualifications are based on 2024 residency, Income and Age. The filing deadline is October 31, 2025, VERY IMPORTANT MEETING THAT EVERYONE SHOULD ATTEND. Mayor Henken and Township Council would like to invite senior homeowners and renters, aged sixty-five and over to an INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION ON THE NEW JERSEY PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM: DATE: March 25, 2025, TIME: 10:00 AM LOCATION: Town Council Room: 260 East Bay Ave., Manahawkin, NJ The presentation will cover the latest updates to property tax relief programs, designed to simplify the process and maximize benefits for seniors, including SENIOR FREEZE program, ANCHOR program and STAY NJ PROPERTY TAX CREDIT program. Representatives from the State of New Jersey will be on hand to explain these programs and answer your questions.26

MAY 16, 2025, SAVE THE DATE...2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SENIOR PROM. Planning to attend it will take you back to your High School years. It is a Red-Carpet Affair, Great Food and Drinks (non-alcoholic), music and an atmosphere that you will think you are 17 or 18 again. All are welcome, no date required, and it is free. Tickets will be available mid-March at the Bay Ave Senior Center. Time to be announced. You do not need to wear Formal Attire, unless that is your preference, and you may be crowned King or Queen. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 FOUNDERS DAY. This is always a fun-filled day with parade, vendors, food, and lots more. It is an annual event looked forward to by all Stafford Township Residents.

*Marge Odell, Sr. Advisory Rep. for Fawn Lakes*



## In Memoriam:



### Gerald Siano



Gerald Siano was born on December 13, 1941 in Kearny, NJ and lived most of his life in North Arlington, NJ. He married Nina (La Marca) on 8/13/2006 and they moved to Fawn Lakes in August of 2019. Gerald enjoyed his gardening and volunteering to be a pool monitor. He loved animals and going for walks with our little Yorkie, Gucci, in the complex. Gerald passed at home peacefully on 1/21/2025.



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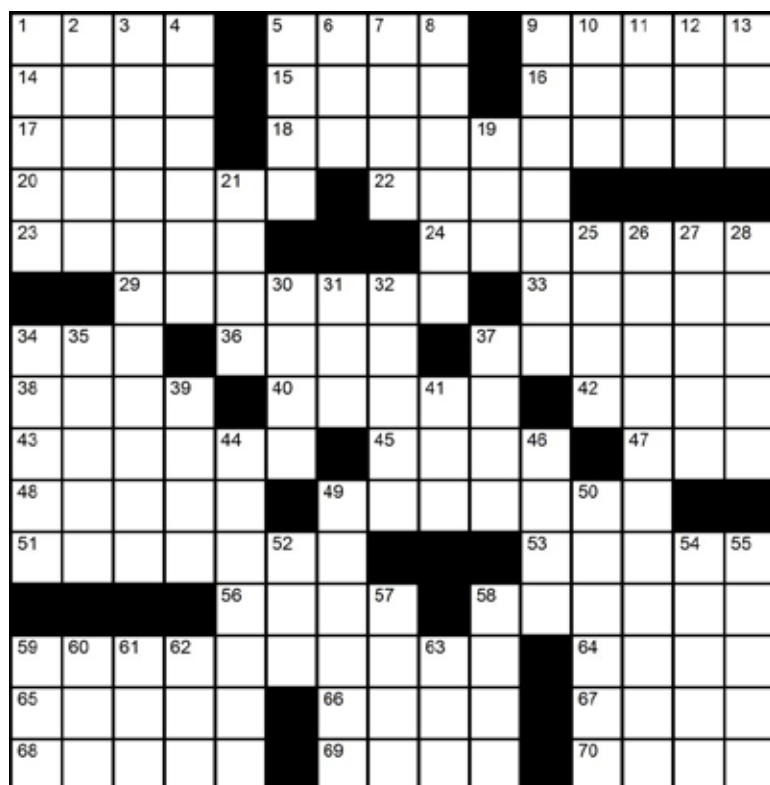
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## Aperture, Shutter, Program

This month we'll continue our discussion on controlling the exposure for a desired effect. Let's concentrate on Aperture priority. The camera's aperture is the adjustable opening that lets light onto the sensor or film. It works similar to the iris in your eye, opening wide to let in a lot of light, or closing down to let in less light.

With Aperture priority you choose the F-stop and the camera will choose the shutter speed. This is useful when you want to control how much of your image is in focus. With large F-numbers (F16 or F22) most or all of the image will appear sharp. At smaller numbers (F2.8 or F4) less will be in focus. If you want to blur your background (portraits) simply choose a small number. If you want most or all of your image in focus (landscape images) use the large number.

If your camera has the picture icons choose the mountain if you want a lot in focus and choose the portrait or sports icon if you want less in focus.

As always you can email to [bill@kirmsphotography.com](mailto:bill@kirmsphotography.com) with any photographic questions. You can visit my web site [www.kirmsphotography.com](http://www.kirmsphotography.com) if you'd like to see more of my images. Keep shooting and improving your images, but most importantly, have fun with your camera.





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