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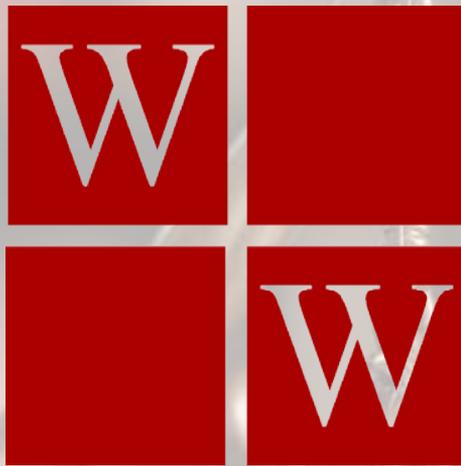
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Newsletter is February 7**

**Next Community Meeting will be on
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Standard Weekly Schedule at the Clubhouse

Check out the Fawn Lakes Calendar for the updated clubhouse activity schedule. Please contact Debbie Paton to make changes, updates or additions to the calendar.

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Condo 1	Carol Speller	50 Dogwood Rd	609-290-0116
Condo 2	Frank DeSerio	69 Sycamore Rd	551-404-0440
Condo 3	Gerry Eroh	34 Fir Rd	609-549-6936

Condo News

Condo I

Condo One would like to welcome our new residents that have joined us during the past year. Thirteen properties have changed hands and we are glad to introduce our new members to the Fawn Lakes Community at large:

Pete Christian	18B Acorn Road
Jennifer Bodnar	18 Cranberry Road
Dina De Salvo	20 Cranberry Road
Christopher Brower	34 Cranberry Road
Sandra & Donald Salvastoriello	54 Dogwood Road
Mena Scialli	2 B Magnolia
Carey Denver & Andrew Egan	10 Magnolia Road
Jacqueline Quinones	43A Magnolia Road
Sara Ann Naples	20A Sycamore Road
Ellen Nemeth	20D Sycamore Road
Victoria & Robert Fee	35 Sycamore Road
Giuseppe Papalia	12B Walnut Road
Kathryn & Joe Bazerque	14 Walnut Road

We welcome each and every one of you to Fawn Lakes.

Are you receiving our G-mail emails with updates for condo One? If not, please email us at Fawnlakescondo1@gmail.com We will reply to verify that you are on our mailing list. Also check your name and information in the Community Directory. IF there are any errors kindly let Cyndy Friedland (609-290-5040) or Frank

De Serio (551-404-0440) know. Thanks for your assistance in helping us communicate with you!

Budget Discussion Reminder

At our community meeting in December we discussed our 2026 Proposed Budget and Actual for 2025. Our Secretary Diane Kett walked us through with explanations so everyone is clear as to what our expenses are. The discussion led to a strong possibility of an increase for Condo One starting in April, 2026. The increase breaks down to \$17. per month or \$50. per quarter. As our Master Deed and By-laws require us to present and discuss our Proposed Budget for two months, we will discuss this again in February (remember there will not be a meeting in January) then the Board of Trustees will vote for the Proposed Budget.

In our Budget discussion we heard how important it is to pay your dues in a timely fashion. We will be extending the grace period from 10 days to 15 days. However as of January 1st we will be enforcing late fees for delinquent HOA payments. Payments are due by the 15th of the month. There will be a \$50. late fee for delinquent residents. If there is a situation that has effected your ability to meet

these dates kindly contact our Treasurer Geri Hartnett. If a resident is two months late we will be turning their account over to a collection agency. We truly do not want to institute this however we can not have delinquent accounts that end up costing the HOA financial stress.

Please do not put bulk items (or trash) to the curb prior to the last full week of the month. It is not fair to your neighbors and the community to have the bulk sitting at the curb for weeks. We will be fining homeowners that do not abide by the rules.

If a Condo One resident is planning any work to be done to their unit, either inside or out, a drawing will need to be submitted along with contractor's information, proof of insurance and workman's comp for their contractor's workers. Also the work personnel will need to be listed and given to the Condo One Board of Trustees. This written information can be given to a Trustee for the Board to reviewed. This will need to be presented prior to any work being done in a Condo One residence. ***BEFORE ANY CONTRACTOR ENTERS A PROPERTY'S CRAWLSPACE THEY NEED AUTHORIZATION FROM THE BOARD. If a resident has work done without authorization from the HOA, the HOA is not responsible for reimbursement to any unauthorized contractor.***

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 February 7th meeting at 10 AM meeting; come early for coffee and conversation. The coffee's ready by 9:35 AM!

Respectfully,

Your Board of Trustees

Cyndy Friedland: President & Trustee, Crawlspace, Roofs, Gutters

Carol Speller: Vice President & Trustee, Firewise, Landscaping, Snow Removal, Welcome Committee

Bonnie Fine: Trustee, Insurance & Plumbing

Karen Hanley: Trustee, Trees

Geri Hartnett: Appointed Treasurer

Diane Kett: Trustee, Secretary

Condo News

Condo II

No scheduled meetings for Condo A-2 for February.

Fawn Lakes Condo A-2 Resident Maryanne DiLeo has passed.

Rest in Peace Maryanne DiLeo.

Fawn Lakes Condo A-2 Resident Richard "Rick" S. Smetanka has passed.

Rest in Peace Richard S. Smetanka.

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. WI-FI password is: fawnlakes100

Reminders:

1.) Please refrain from post dating any checks written to Fawn Lakes Condo A-2.

2.) Fawn Lakes Website:

<https://www.fawnlakesnj.com/fawnLakesPress/fawn-LakesPress.html>

3.) 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...

4.) 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.

5.) Fawn Lakes Condominium A, Section 2 Rules and Regulations (in part):

2. Alterations, replacements, additions, modification or changes to the common elements or to any outside or exterior of any unit are prohibited by the Master Deed of Condominium A, Section 2.

#3. Structural modifications to, or alterations of, the interior of any unit is prohibited by the By-Laws of Condominium A, Section 2 without prior written approval, by motion or resolution of the Trustees...

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

All building and ground issues: 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,

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Condo News

Condo III

Happy Valentines Day and President's Day. Gotta love Presidents George Washington and Abe Lincoln. This month is also Groundhog Day. I found this statistic interesting – between 1887 and 2017 Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow 103 times and did not see his shadow 18 times. That puts him about 139 years old this year. I think I saw him running around Fawn Lakes. Did he sign the age affidavit? Odds are there will be 6 more weeks of winter.

We've gone door to door distributing the refrigerator magnets with the HOA due dates and payment instructions. If you did not receive your magnet, contact Donald at 609-709-4272. I have received positive feedback about the magnets. Thanks to Claire for suggestion.

If you have put in a request for window maintenance,

you are still on the list. I'm trying out a new vendor to see if it will save us money on the parts and labor. Requests need to be in writing.

More information is available at the monthly meetings, 10:00am on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the clubhouse located at 6 Sycamore Road, Manahawkin, NJ 08050. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Your attendance is appreciated.

If you have a request or concern, contact the trustees; include your name, address, phone, time when we can contact you, and detail your request. **Preferred contact is text.**

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Donald Hand, 609-709-4272

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Men's Club



Because of the renovation of the clubhouse we will not be having a monthly meeting in January. We will resume our normal schedule in February and start working on our plans for 2026.

One sad note is that our Men's Club member, Gil Richard and his wife Emily both passed recently. We hope to have an event to celebrate their lives in the near future. Please check signage at the clubhouse and the Fawn Lakes website for further news.

I hope everyone has a happy and healthy 2026.

I would like to use this space to re-publish a great letter written by Cindy Christensen for the November issue. It talks about the need for greater participation by our community members in our events and the governance of Fawn Lakes.

Who Governs our Community? Let's Look at the Numbers...

By a rough count, approximately 430 people live in Fawn Lakes. Of those residents, 20 are voting members of our 4 Condo Associations. These board of directors/trustees equal ~ 4.3% of our residents and are responsible for governing our community. That means less than 5% of the

people who live in Fawn Lakes make all of the decisions on how every penny of the maintenance fees you pay are spent; they determine if the associations are doing what they need to, in order to be compliant with NJ and Federal law; they set the tone for the spirit of the community; and they determine the priority of the initiatives that need to be undertaken. They are also all volunteers with varying levels of experience and expertise.

Board members are responsible for upholding their fiduciary responsibilities on the Fawn Lakes Association Boards. By definition, a fiduciary is held to a high standard of trust and care, legally obligated to act in the best interests of the Community by putting the association's financial and business interests above their own. This is known as a fiduciary duty, and requires fiduciaries to act with loyalty, good faith, and transparency, and to avoid any conflicts of interest. Fawn Lakes residents should ensure their best interests are being served. They should hold their boards accountable for good leadership, sound fiscal management of the associations' revenue and expenses, budgets, and financial planning. They should insist on transparency and responsiveness to the community's feedback and needs.

With that said, those of us who participate in various Association Boards and community activities, about 50 or so people, represent a bit over 10% of the residents who live here. I see the same people at meetings, at the pool, in various clubs and activities. These are the same people who volunteer for these activities and keep the community running. That means 90% of the residents here are silent or not engaged. Why is this important?

It is important because residents who are not engaged, who do not attend their Condo Association or Community Association meetings, who do not share their voices or their concerns, who do not ask questions, well they do not gain an understanding of what is happening in their community. YOU are the community, and YOUR voices need to be heard! Decisions made by the 4.3% impact your lives and property values, and they have serious financial and legal implications.

I am writing this to raise awareness, to encourage residents to get involved. Ask questions and get informed about the challenges facing our community and the action required to address them. Speak up and speak out. Your voices and input are needed. Please join your neighbors and attend Association Board meetings. Dates and times appear on the Community Calendar in this newsletter and on the Fawn Lakes website.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Cindy Lee Christensen, Fawn Lakes Resident



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Women's Club



Happy New Year and Happy February from the Women's Club

Our next meeting will be Thursday February 5th. Doors open at 9 30.

Our Speaker will be from Ken's Kitchen. Ken's Kitchen is a community Lunch Program located at St Mary's Parish. It is volunteer based and delivers lunch to needing individuals as well. They also offer entertainment and other activities every Thursday morning. Rae Sevan will share information about it at our February meeting.

We will be creating a list for volunteers for Breakfast for each month at our meeting in February. Please let Linda our vice President know, if you can host any of our Breakfasts.

February meeting is important as we will be creating committees for our various activities in including our charity events as well as our Tea.

Thanks to all our Members for a great year.
Membership is \$12.00, for the year.

Sandie Levine



Doe's February Luncheon

Arrangements for the February lunch are all set.

Slight drive north, again on Route 9, for a return to "3 Flags Grill and Restaurant", 121 S. Main St., Forked River.
Date, February 19, day, Thursday, time, 12:30.

Please contact Susan Schwarz at 610-996-7674, before February 12 to be included in the count. If you signed up at the January lunch but your plans have changed please contact Susan to cancel.

Thank you.

New Years Day

Sincere thanks to the 27 adventuresome individuals who braved the bitter cold, trudged down their snow coated driveways to venture out on New Year's Days to enjoy the bonding companionship of sharing a meal and hopefully making a new friend.

The window lined dining area of the upper level of the "Sun Harbor Seafood and Grill" gave a magnificent view of Barnegat Bay across to LBI and allowed the brilliant sun to keep the room warm and toasty. The wait staff were courteous and friendly, the food very good and a pleasant meal was enjoyed by all.

Hope to see more of you in attendance next year!

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 *In Memoriam:* 

Gilbert Joseph Richard
June 14, 1936 - December 27, 2025
Manahawkin, NJ

Gil was born in Rumford Maine and is predeceased by his father, Bliss Richard; his mother, Amanda Cormier Richard; his twin brother Alfred Richard, who Gil missed every day since his passing. Gil is also predeceased by his daughter, Colleen Richard; step daughter Wendy Shinn Johnson; and step son Gary A. Shinn, Jr. Gil is survived by his wife of 34 years, Emily (Gore) Richard; his children; Bob Richard (Florida); Eileen Richard (Florida); Sean Richard (Florida); Charlene Richard (Florida); his step daughter Brenda (Shinn) Fredrickson (Richard); and Michelle (Shinn) Sonka, (Jeffrey). Gil is survived by grandchildren and great grandchildren. Gil was a US Army Veteran who served in the Korean War and was a member of the VFW Post #12173, Tuckerton, NJ. He enjoyed kayaking, playing shuffleboard with his Fawn Lakes Community and going to the casino in Atlantic City. Burial will be private and no service at this time.

Richard S. Smetanka

Richard S. Smetanka age 69, of Manahawkin, NJ, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 1, 2026 at home surrounded by his family and good friends/caregivers, Levan and Lia Amirejibi. The family would also like extend a special thank you to his previous caregivers who cared for him for 3 years, Myrna, Cassie, Monica, Caitlyn and Miguel. Born July 21, 1956 in Trenton, NJ, he lived in Trenton prior to Manahawkin where he resided since 2020. A 1974 graduate of Hamilton High School West, he went on to further his education at Mercer County Community College. Prior to his retirement, he was employed by Department Of Transportation, Trenton, NJ for 36 years as Project Engineer. An avid fisherman, Rick loved being on the water, watching his NY Giants with a glass of Merlot, and good food. He is predeceased by his parents, Michael and Madeline “Tink” Callahan Smetanka, both of Trenton, NJ. Rick is survived by his two brothers; Michael Smetanka and his wife Patricia of Bonita Springs, FL., and Robert Smetanka and his wife Bonnie of Manahawkin, NJ, his aunt Dolores Neuman of Ewing, NJ, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Emily Irene Richard (Gore)
November 24, 1941 – January 03, 2026

Emily was born in Philadelphia, PA. Emily grew up in Beach Haven crest, New Jersey. Emily raised her family in Cedar run. She later moved to Manahawkin and for a few years lived in Port Charlotte, Florida. Emily later moved to Manahawkin where she passed away on January 3, 2026. Emily is predeceased by her husband Gilbert Richard; father, Boyd Gore Sr.; mother, Dorothea Gore; brother, Boyd Gore Jr.; brother, Gary Gore Sr.; son Gary Shinn Jr.; daughter, Wendy (Shinn) Johnson (Thomas) and step daughter, Colleen Richard. Emily is survived by her daughters; Brenda (Shinn) Fredrickson, (Richard) and Michelle (Shinn) Sonka, (Jeffrey). She is also survived by eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. While raising a family, Emily went back to school to become a nurse. Emily became an LPN in her 30’s. She worked as a nurse at Southern Ocean County Hospital, which is now called Meridian. Emily also worked for the Ocean County jail and later for Port Charlotte County as a nurse in the county jail. In between that, Emily also did private duty care for terminally ill patients. She was very proud to be a nurse and she took great pride and taking care of her patients. Emily liked to be active in her community. She is a former member of the Stafford Township Volunteer Fire department, ladies auxiliary. For a period of time she ran the Miss Stafford Pageant with her friend Joan Michael. Emily loved to dance and have a good time with her friends. She enjoyed going to the casino in Atlantic City and she loved the beach. Burial will be private. The family will have a memorial service in early spring. In lieu of any flowers, please make a donation to Saint Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

Maryanne Dileo
December 26, 1954 – December 13, 2025

Maryanne Dileo was born on December 26, 1954, in Jersey City, New Jersey. Sadly, Maryanne passed away on December 13, 2025, at the age of 70. At the time of her passing, she was a resident of the Fawn Lakes Community in Stafford Township, New Jersey.



Thomas B. Hoesly
September 15, 1941 – November 24, 2025

Thomas B. Hoesly, passed away with his wife by his side on November 24, 2025, at the age of 84. Tom was born in Newark, NJ, raised in Summit, NJ and was a long-time resident of Summit, Somerset, Manasquan and Manahawkin, NJ. Following high school, he served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. After serving in the Air Force, he returned to Summit where he owned and operated T.H. Service Center. He was also president of S.T. Realty Co., LLC in Summit. Tom was a man of deep faith. In his many years at his business, he helped, cared for, and touched many lives. He was treasured by many for his kindness, integrity and his wonderful sense of humor. When he retired, his customers wrote letters to the newspaper and to his wife acknowledging his many gifts and

were utterly upset that he was leaving. Tom loved playing golf with his son, his brothers and many friends. And he so did love his dogs! He is predeceased by his sister Dianne Janssen Heintz, and his brothers; Albert, George, William and Robert "Hobie" Hoesly who passed away just last month. Tom is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years, Sharon Hoesly (nee Riley), his son Thomas B. Hoesly Jr. & his wife Marisa, his two daughters, Sandra Hoesly & her partner Donna Meyer and Susann Ericksen & her husband David, his sister Cindy Luciano, his grandchildren; Taylor, Caitlin Emma, Sophie, David & Michael, and his dear adopted family "the Mele's." All services will be held privately at a later date.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 12-5 Shuffleboard	2 9:45 Yoga 6:00 Men's Pool	3 9:30 Exercise class 12:00 Cards 1:00 Mahjong	4	5 9:30 Woman's Club doors open 10:00 Meeting 1:00 Dominos Trash	6 Recycling	7 Condo 1 Meeting 9:30 Doors open 10:00 Meeting
8 12-5 Shuffleboard 5:00 Super Bowl Party	9 9:45 Yoga 6:00 Men's Pool	10 9:30 Exercise class 12:00 Cards 1:00 Mahjong	11 6:00 Potluck	12 10:30 Men's Club doors open 11:00 Meeting 1:00 Dominos Trash	13 Recycling	14 12:00 Palin times Day Lunch
15 12-5 Shuffleboard	16 9:45 Yoga 6:00 Men's Pool	17 9:30 Exercise class 12:00 Cards 1:00 Mahjong 6:00 Special Night time Bingo with Jackie from Sea crest	18 11:00 Book Club	19 1:00 Dominos Trash	20 Recycling	21 Community Meeting Doors open 9:30 Meeting at 10:00
22 12-5 Shuffleboard	23 9:45 Yoga 6:00 Men's Pool	24 9:30 Exercise class 12:00 Cards 1:00 Mahjong	25	26 1:00 Dominos	27	28

A Few Bus Trips and Overnights for 2026 (Stouts Tours)

Marge Odell

I ask permission of Mary and Debbie, at our last Activity Meeting, if I could try and get a few Bus Trips for 2026 and they said Yes.

The Trips will be by Stout Tours and if we have a minimum of fifteen people, they will pick up at the Club House. If we have less than 15 and the Trip is going to Atlantic City they could pick us up at Five Below. The trips are open to Fawn Lakes and anyone who would like to go.

I will list the Dates and Trips that I have brochures for, so if you or anyone you know is interested, email me at modell267@comcast.net and I will get you a copy. Stout Tours will oversee the reservations, and I will provide that information to you if you pick a trip or two. They accept Credit Cards or checks. For us to get a pickup here, you MUST tell them you are with Fawn Lakes (Marge Odell)

March 11, 2026 Hunterdon Hills Playhouse SUNSHINE BOYS by Neil Simon, \$127,00 includes SHOW & LUNCH

March 15-26, 2026, 9 Days/8 Nights THE BEST OF SPAIN Email for brochure and pricing

April 21, 2026, Hunterdon Hills Playhouse SOME ENCHANTED EVENING, \$156.00 includes SHOW, LUNCH AND DESSERT BUFFET

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July 23, 2026, Atlantic City MUSIC OF MAMMA MIA CELEBRATION, \$99.00 includes Show & \$25.00 Slots

August 10, 2026, ATLANTIC CITY HARBOR CRUISE WITH CASINO EXCURSION, \$104.00 includes Harbor Cruise, \$15.00 Slots & \$20.00 Food Credit

August 20, 2026, Atlantic City ATLANTIC CITY BOYS, \$99.00 includes Show & \$25.00 slots.

August 21-31, CLASSIC JOURNEY – ITALIAN LAKES TO ROME, 10Days/9Nights, Includes Daily Breakfast, 1 Lunch & 5 Dinners (email for Brochure)

September 7-16 BEST OF PORTUGAL LAND TOUR\ Email for Brochure, includes Air (EWR) & 11 Meals

September 24, Atlantic City, ELVIS=ALOHA FROM VEGAS, \$99.00 includes Show & \$25.00 slots.

October 6, 2026, Hunterdon Hills Playhouse SEND ME NO FLOWERS, \$152.00 includes Show, Lunch & Desert Buffet

October 22, Atlantic City, DAYBREAK A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO BARRY MANILOW, \$99.00 Includes Show & \$25.00 Slots

November 17, Hunterdon Hills Playhouse PLAYHOUSE CHRISTMAS, \$158.00 includes Show, Lunch & Dessert Buffet

December 3, Atlantic City, UPTOWN-A VERY MOTOWN CHRISTMAS, \$99.00 includes Show & 25.00 Slots

Quite a List..... I personally will do the Hunterdon Hills, New Hope, Atlantic City, & Turning Stone. Thinking about the others (FYI I am doing this because I like to do things, I am not compensated in any way).

I have Brochures for all the above, just email and I will send whatever you're interested in.

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Neighborhood News

The following is an incredible true story of an incident I encountered after the recent snow of 12/15/2025. After inputting the facts into *Claude AI*, the attached has turned out to be quite a fable. I'm sharing this with the Fawn Lakes Community because I believe it's worth reading.

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

A Reflection on Community, Solidarity, and What It Truly Means to Be a Good Neighbor

By Bonnie Fine & Claude AI

The Snowfall That Started a Conversation

It was a typical winter morning at Fawn Lakes when three and three-quarter inches of snow blanketed our community. For most residents, it was a minor inconvenience—a dusting to brush off windshields, a reason to delay the morning walk. But for one elderly homeowner with a critical doctor's appointment just days away, that snow represented something far more daunting: an impassable barrier between her front door and the medical care she needed.

As many residents know, our community's snow removal policy requires a minimum of four inches before plowing services are activated—a threshold established by the board last spring in response to budget considerations. It's a reasonable policy, grounded in fiscal responsibility. But policies, however reasonable, don't always account for individual circumstances.

The homeowner called a HOA Member. She was frustrated, frightened, and felt unheard. She mentioned lawyers and discrimination. She asked what, exactly, her monthly dues were paying for.

It was a question that would soon prompt a much larger conversation about who we are as a community.

A Phone Call and a Decision

The HOA Board found itself in an uncomfortable position. The policy was clear. The budget constraints were real. And yet, here was a resident in genuine need—an elderly woman unable to safely navigate her own driveway.

A Board member made a phone call to a fellow trustee who lived nearby and explained the situation.

The trustee's response was immediate. She pulled on her boots, grabbed her snow shovel, and walked four houses down the street.

She wasn't acting in any official capacity. She wasn't invoking board authority or setting policy. She was simply doing what neighbors have done for one another since the concept of neighborhood first existed: she was helping.

The Board's Response

Not everyone was pleased with what had transpired.

During a group text among the Board Members, concerns were raised—legitimate concerns about precedent,

about fairness, about what happens when exceptions become expectations. If one resident receives assistance below the four-inch threshold, what about the next? And the one after that? Where, exactly, does it end?

These are valid questions. Policies exist for good reasons, and those who advocate for consistent application aren't wrong to do so.

But when the trustee who had shoveled that driveway was asked to explain her actions, her answer was disarmingly simple:

"I was just being a good neighbor."

She clarified that she hadn't acted as a board member that morning. She had acted as a human being who lived near to someone who needed help. The distinction mattered—not as a loophole, but as a reminder that our roles and titles don't define the full scope of who we are or what we can offer one another.

What Happens Next

The snow policy didn't change. The budget constraints remained. The board's responsibility to apply rules consistently wasn't diminished.

But something else may be changing at Fawn Lakes community. One small act of shoveling can become something much larger.

The Meaning of Community

There's a tension that exists in any homeowners association between the institutional and the personal—between the policies that keep us organized and the relationships that make us a community. Both matter. Neither should eclipse the other.

Rules ensure fairness. They protect budgets. They set expectations. We need them.

But rules alone don't make a neighborhood. They don't check on elderly residents after a storm. They don't bring meals to someone recovering from surgery. They don't transform a collection of houses into a place where people genuinely look out for one another.

That transformation requires something more. It requires individuals who are willing to see beyond their official roles, pick up a shovel, and do what needs to be done—not because it's required, but because it's right.

An Invitation

Fred Rogers, the beloved host of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, understood something profound about human connection. His signature question—"Won't you be my neighbor?"—wasn't really a question at all. It was an invitation. A promise. A way of saying: *I see you. I'm here. We're in this together.*

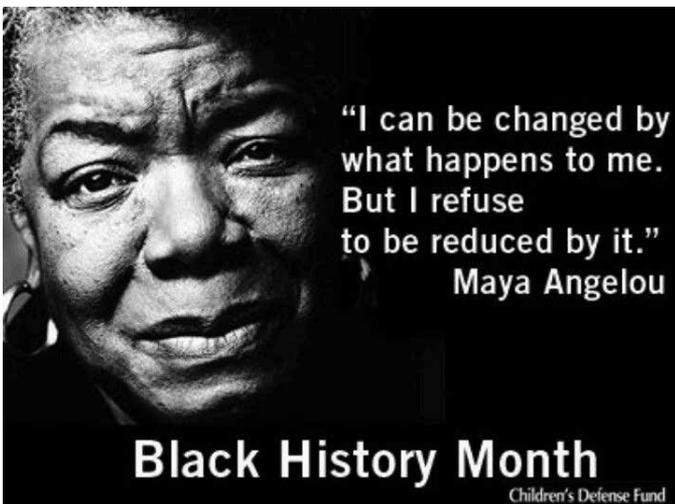
We are fortunate to live in a community of capable, caring individuals. Many of us chose Fawn Lakes precisely because we wanted to be surrounded by neighbors in this chapter of our lives—not just people who happen to live nearby, but people who show up for one another.

The trustee who shoveled that driveway didn't solve our policy questions or resolve the tension between rules and exceptions. But she reminded us of something important: that neighboring is a verb, not just a noun. It's something we do, not just something we are.

As we move through this season and into the next, perhaps we might all ask ourselves: What does it mean to be a good neighbor? Not a good rule-follower, not a good dues-payer, not a good policy-adherent—though those things matter too—but a good *neighbor*?

The answer, it turns out, might be as simple as picking up a shovel.

*Won't you be my neighbor?
The invitation stands.*



Speed Limit

As residents of Fawn Lakes, we are a community of older resident who may not hear electric cars or be able to move quickly out of the way. Or we not be able to break fast enough to avoid the wildlife. It is our responsibility to be respectful of the presence of our neighbors out walking and the wildlife that we all enjoy. This includes abiding by the 25 MPH speed limit when we drive in and out of Fawn Lakes.

I'm stunned and sorry to report that we have had a high amount of roadkill in Fawn Lakes on our perimeter roads this year. As of 2025, the following roadkill animals were sighted:

Sycamore Road

A dead bunny rabbit

Corner of Sycamore and Cranberry Road

A flattened chipmunk near the entrance to the Picnic area parking lot.

A racoon that was sighted on a bitter cold morning on the side of Cranberry Road just past the Fawn Lakes picnic areas, having seizures and unable to walk. Animal control was called, and the Racoon was euthanized due injuries most likely incurred from being hit by a car.

Corner of Cranberry Road and Stage

One Dark-eyed Junco

Two Frogs

Corner of Ash and Cedar

A flattened chipmunk near the STOP sign

Corner of Cedar and Sycamore

A squirrel with an eye popped out and bleeding on Cedar, near the STOP sign.

A squirrel with a crushed skull on Sycamore at the corner of Cedar.

We can do better. Please slow down, not only out of respect for the wildlife, but also for the safety and reduction of noise for your fellow residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Super Bowl Party!



Join Us for the Biggest Game of the Year

When: Sunday, February 8, 2026

Time: 5 PM (Kickoff at 6:30 PM)

Where: Fawn Lakes Clubhouse

What to Expect:

- Game on two televisions
- Bring your delicious Game Day Snacks & Drinks
(whatever you bring to share)
- Family-Friendly Fun!
- Soda and Water supplied BYOB

Wear your favorite team's jersey!

Bring a dish to share if you'd like to eat.

Party starts when shuffleboard games end.

Don't miss the excitement — See you at the party!

Senior Advisory Report

I have attended the Senior Advisory meeting for January 2026. The Community Center is located at 77 East Bay Ave. Phone 609-597-1000. The new Senior Recreation person is Krista Waters. You can look up details on any of the activities on Stafford NJ. Gov. We will also have a link on our new Fawn Lakes Website. The monthly calendar will be on our Bulletin Board at the clubhouse. Activities include Exercise, Chair Sculpt, Bridge, Tai Chi, Chess Club, Bingo and Social (every 1st Wed at 10 AM), Corvette Club, Quilters, Womens Club (every 4th Wed), Old Guard, Qi Gong, Social Club

Upcoming Programs Presented by Meridian Health, see below (HMHforU.org/events)

Winter Emergencies: Monday, January 26th 10:30 – 12, Engle Sprague Senior Center 239 11th Street Barnegat

Wellness Screenings: January 30th 10 AM – 1 PM Shoprite Of Mananahawkin

New Exercise classes, see below
Chair Yoga will be held at 775 E Bay Ave
Mon 10 AM Sculpt, Thurs 8:30 Sculpt, Friday 10 AM Yoga, Sunday 11:30 AM Yoga, \$10.00 suggested donation.

Mobility Moves Tuesdays at 10:30 at Ocean Acres community Center 489 Nautilus Drive Manahawkin. For more info, call Stephanie or Angie. Stephanie 732-406-0172, Angie 310-775-1521. \$10.00 Suggested donation.

400 children were helped during 2025 Toy Drive. Coats and gloves and scarves are still being accepted for those in need. Stafford Winter Market was a huge success. The Recreation Department is planning for upcoming events, trips, and new programming for children and seniors.

Shoprite is scheduled to open February 4th. The pickleball courts are nearing completion at Mill Creek Park.



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Potluck Supper Invitation

Bring a Dish, Share a Smile!

You're Invited!

Potluck Supper

Date: Wednesday, February 11th, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Fawn Lakes Clubhouse

How It Works

- Bring your favorite homemade dish to share.
- All types of food are welcome: appetizers, main courses, desserts, and beverages.
- Enjoy a variety of delicious food and great company!

Questions?

Contact Mary Carroll-Dickon 201-410-0782. No need to RSVP. Just show up with food or desserts!!

Let's make it a night to remember!



Fawn Lakes Community

Invites you to a

‘Pal’entines Day Lunch!

Come with a pal or meet your friends here.

Saturday, February 14th, 2026 at 12 Noon

In the Clubhouse.



Sign up in the Clubhouse by Feb 8th. \$8 payable when signing up. Choice of half subs or chef salad from OA Deli. Cold salads will be provided.

Come, unwind, relax and celebrate the friends and connections we’ve made through our Fawn Lakes Community.

1. Chef’s Salad
2. Italian combo
3. Ham and cheese
4. Turkey and cheese
5. Roast beef and cheese

Call Mary Carroll-Dickon if you have questions. 201-410-0782



Mardi Gras Bingo



Bingo • Dinner • Prizes

Tuesday

Feb 17th

**6pm
Dinner**

Clubhouse

**PLEASE RSVP TO: Deb Paton by Thursday Feb 13th
Text to 732-552-6850 or sign up in the clubhouse.**

Bingo prizes and dinner will be supplied by Seacrest Rehab and Healthcare Center. Dinner at 6pm, Bingo at 6.30pm. Fawn Lakes residents only. You must RSVP to attend. This is a FREE event!



“ST. PATRICK’S DAY” DINNER

Friday, March 13th – 6p.m.

CORNERD BEEF DINNER or

Chicken Murphy

\$26.00 per person. BYOB

Payment Due No Later Than Sunday, March 9th!



**Happy
St. Patrick’s
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.

FAWN LAKES CODE OF CONDUCT

We ask all residents of Fawn Lakes to make our community a welcoming and respectful place to live. As such, we expect our residents and their guests to treat others with respect and to abide by the rules in our Code of Conduct at all times.

If a resident experiences or witnesses unacceptable behavior, it should be brought to the attention of a Fawn Lake's officer or Director responsible for handling that issue. If any unacceptable behavior occurs in the pool area or at an event in the clubhouse, it should be reported to the person in charge. Residents are totally responsible for the behavior of their guests.

PROHIBITED ACTIONS:

1. Verbal abuse including insults, derogatory name calling and foul language
2. Aggressive or threatening behavior
3. Hostile touching or physical contact
4. Sexual harassment
5. Defacing, damaging or destroying any condo property or the property of other residents
6. Non-compliance with rules posted in the pool area, clubhouse and common grounds

If a resident is asked to stop displaying inappropriate behavior, immediate compliance will be expected.

CONSEQUENCES:

1. 911 will be called if behavior is deemed to be dangerous to others or to the person exhibiting the dangerous behavior or refusal to leave the area at the time an event is finished.
2. Written warning will be given to the offender by the Board of Directors, for the **first** offense.
3. A **second** offense within a **six-month** period of time will result in a **three-month** loss of privileges to the clubhouse pool, or area where the offense has occurred. A meeting with the community board will be required before privileges are restored.
4. No refunds will be given if a resident or their guest is removed from an event due to non-compliance with Code of Conduct Rules.

Fawn Lakes is a volunteer community where residents give hours of time to maintain services, lower costs, and to provide a safe environment for fellow residents. Please help us continue this tradition.





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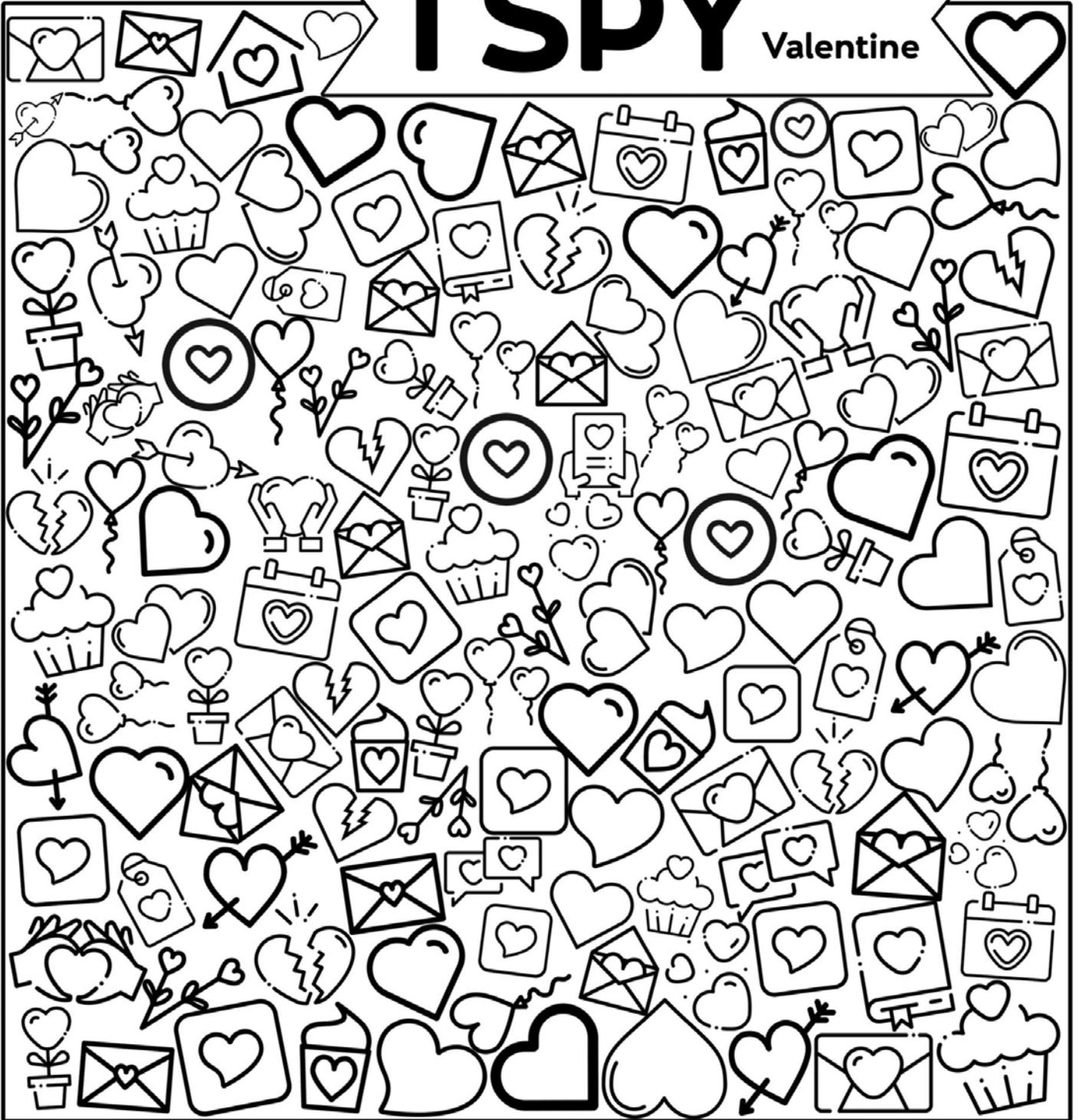
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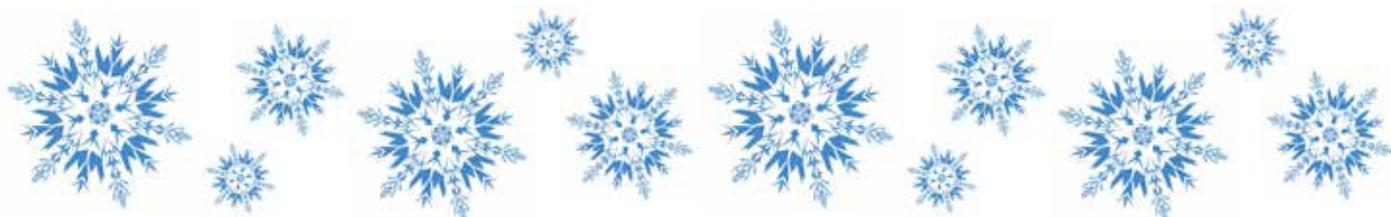
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Try revisiting your favorite place at different times of the day. The hour or two after dawn and before dusk will offer the best quality of light. The light quality and position of sunrise and sunset will also vary at seasons of the year. By making frequent visits you'll get new perspectives on shots you may have already taken.

That's it for this month. Send me an email at bill@kirmsphotography.com with any photographic questions. If you'd like to see more of my Bosque del Apache images, visit my web site at www.kirmsphotography.com. Keep shooting and trying to improve your images, but always have fun with your camera.

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