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*Check out neighbors' stories and pictures of close encounters with the animal kingdom. p.9*

*Don't miss the pics from the Re-Opening Barbecue and mark your calendar for upcoming Clubhouse events. p.16*

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# Neighbors' News and Views

Mary Ohara captured this screen shot of the May 28th ZOOM Board meeting at which Board election results were announced. 21 folks attended virtually.

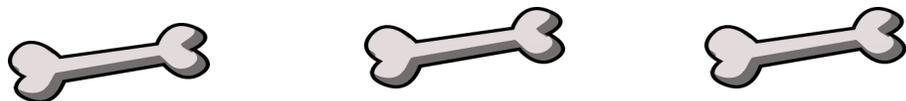


Committee accomplishments from the last year were also reported. Notes from the meeting can be found online at [myvolc.org](http://myvolc.org), under Residents LogIn.



Above—Who's the statue?

It appears that **Cooper Tricarico** tries to make it a contest each morning with Pax, the VOLC Lamb. He holds that pose longer than his Dad, **Lenny**, thought possible!



Above—**Marilyn Abrams'** granddaughter, **Lindsay**, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Delaware where she majored in Cognitive Science. Lindsay will attend graduate school in the fall, studying Speech Pathology. Marilyn says, "I'm one proud Grandma!"

(Neighbors cont.)

*Barb and Joe Doto traveled to Bar Harbor, Maine in May. It was all so pretty and relaxing, that Barb said she hated to come back. "Our room was right on the water, so it was very peaceful and tranquil. I loved sitting there with my wine and my knitting.*

*We were able to walk across Frenchman's Bay from Bar Harbor to Sand Island at low tide. Normally the water is 10-15 feet deep! Got to do a little exploring on the Bar Island. Lots of trails, but no habitation on the island.*

*The lobster rolls go anywhere from \$18.00 in price to one restaurant where they were \$38.00! And to think they*



*used to serve them to the prisoners because the upper class wouldn't eat them! They were fed to the help.*



*One of our neighbors named this seagull Walter. Joe started feeding him Pepperidge Farm gold fish, and when we came out on our veranda, he sat below waiting for a handout."*



(Neighbors cont..)

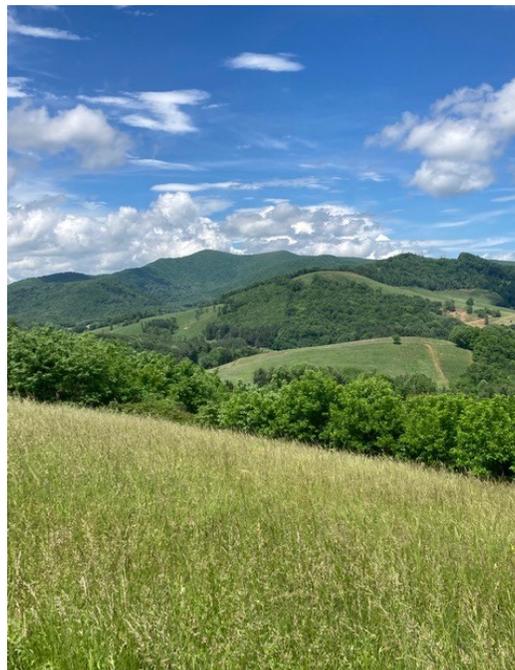


**Linda and George Middleton** recently visited Linda's cousin in West Jefferson, North Carolina, in the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains. The views were spectacular!

*Above, left*—The view from the deck.

*At right*, the New River, that George and Linda crossed on a four foot high wooden bridge.

*At left*—a double rainbow. *Below*—everywhere you look, it's just beautiful!



*(Neighbors, cont.)*

*Below—*

*Yes, VOLC, there really is a White Clay Creek!  
And White Clay Creek State Park encompasses  
3,647 acres along its banks, right near Newark.*

*Our Holiday Party will be held at The White Clay  
Creek Country Club. (See page 18.)*



*Above—Guess who likes the color pink? **Bob Greenblatt** noticed that **Kay Bennett's** wardrobe matched her spring flowers.*



*Cheryl Werner snapped this photo of the approaching storm on June 21.*

Neighbors cont.

May meant family and sightseeing for **JoanMarie Powers**. At left - Son, Jeffrey, visited from Seattle and was able to spend time with Dad, **Jim**, whom he hadn't seen in over a year and a half.

Then, JoanMarie and Jeff flew to Seattle where Jeff's daughter, Rachel, was visiting from Amsterdam. JoanMarie hadn't seen her granddaughter in two years.

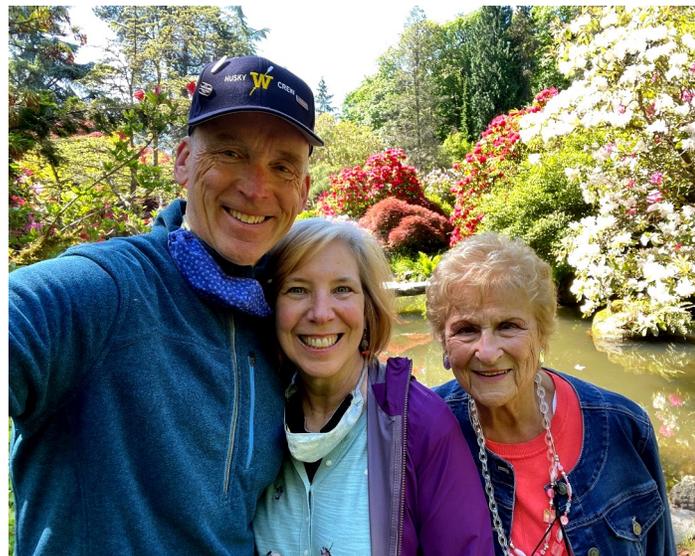


While in Seattle, Jeff and his family showed JoanMarie the sights, making for busy days.

Right—a pretty marina with the beautiful Mt. Rainier in the background.



At left—JoanMarie and Rachel at the Ballard Locks, the busiest locks in the U.S.



Above—Jeff, Karin (his wife), and JoanMarie at Kubota Garden at Rainier Beach.

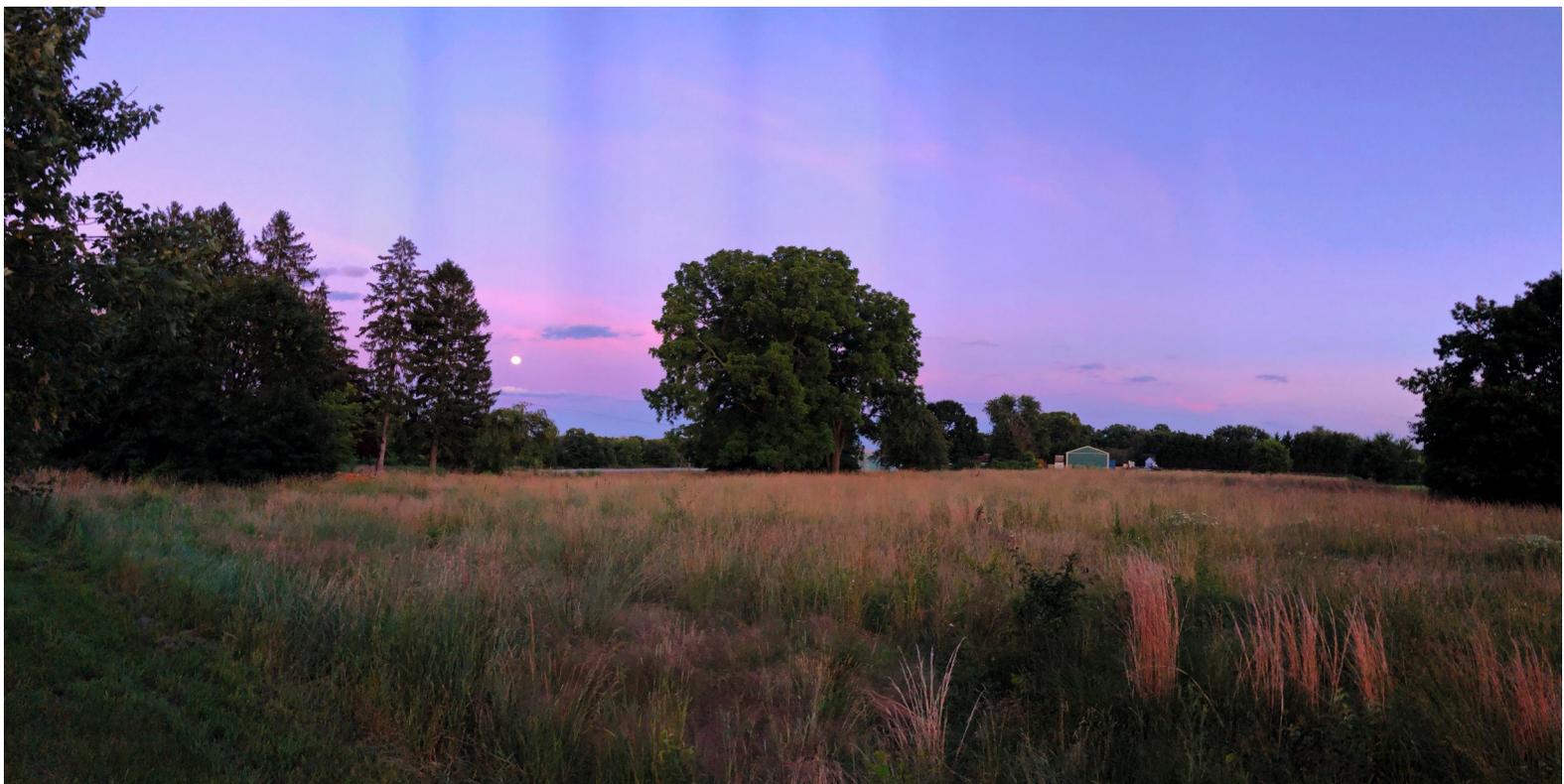
(Neighbors cont.)

At right—**Sue Bifano's** grandson, Paxton, sitting in the Captain's seat on the Airbus 321. Sue says, "This was his intro to the career path of commercial pilot!! His Auntie Fish (Sue's daughter, Marcy) was his flight attendant as she worked his flight."



Left—Look who found a turtle!  
**Guy and Cheryl Werner's** grandson, Garrett, was delighted with his discovery.

Below—**Lenny Tricarico** caught the moon rising on his nightly walk with Cooper.

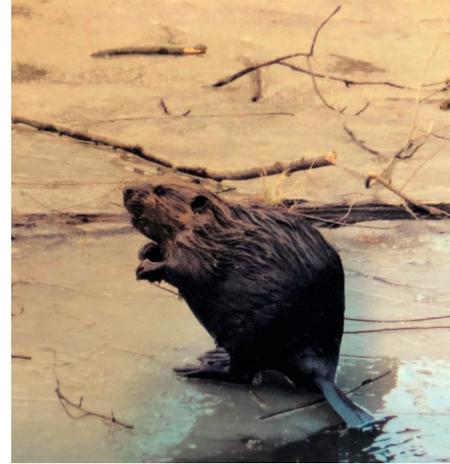


## Wildlife—Friend or Foe...

Before Jean and Tom

Skelly moved to the VOLC, they lived along the river in North East, MD. In their 3 level condo, they were surrounded by wildlife. They loved it, and Jean kept a scrapbook of many of their sightings.

These pictures show some of the varieties that kept them entertained. Clockwise, starting top right—Beaver, Blue heron, Turtle, Bald eagle, Hundreds of starlings on the water.



Left—Donnie Thompson snapped this photo of a snake making it's way from the field where the "old barn" used to be on Paxson Lane across to KinderCare. Donnie said it looked to be about 5 feet long!

(Wildlife cont.)

*Pam Smith sent these photos, below and to the right. Eight baby chickadees hatched in the bird house at #55! Pam says they flew the coop the same day!*



*Sue Getty says this little fox made himself quite at home on her deck. She and Roger enjoyed watching him. He was not afraid, and even came back later right up to the slider, as though looking for a handout. (Or is he just nosey, wondering what humans do?)*

*(Critters cont.)*

In the wilds of a NJ suburb, **Cheryl and Guy Werner** had a constant battle with critters wanting to make their home in the Werner house. They could be strong and inventive—groundhogs in the garden, skunks under the shed! But, nothing topped the time a pregnant mama raccoon clawed open the slats in a metal vent in the attic—just enough to get in.

There, in that safe, warm location she gave birth to 3 babies—and then promptly hid them in the walls for safe-keeping while she left to look for food! Fortunately, there are companies who work to find those babies and return them to a more appropriate habitat. They captured the mother, rescued the babies, and reunited them all. Cheryl and Guy were left to patch holes both inside the house and out. You would be right to assume that raccoons are not loved by this family!

Right—**JoanMarie Powers** sent along this picture of a much cuter (and less expensive!) encounter with a raccoon. This little one had a feast in son, Jeffrey's, cherry tree in Seattle.





**Ken Francis** snapped these photos. While the cicadas posed nicely, it looks like one VOLC frog tried hiding behind the porch lamp!



Right—**Maria Tricarico** sent this shot. “Welcome Ghost into the Tricarico family. Our daughter and her husband presented us with a new grandpaw son on 6/13. He’s beautiful!”



**From Nancy Halbedl** - “After starlings built nests in 2 of my house vents, I had to have the vents removed, cleaned and disinfected. Cages were placed over them to prevent the birds from nesting there in the future.

I learned that about 10 other residents had the same issue. Most of them used the same wild animal experts. I’ve added the company’s name to the referral list.”

(Critters cont.)

# Probably Foes!!!



Left—One of our very own VOLC turkey vultures...Drying out after the storm.



**From Nancy Halbedl**—On the Friday of Memorial Day weekend, my 93 year old mother, who lives in her home in North Wilmington, came downstairs for breakfast to discover a black snake about 18 inches long basking in the sun on the living room carpet. Wanting this intruder out of the house that she has lived in for 59 years, she went to the garage to retrieve a tongs. She then used the tongs to pick up the snake which raised its head and coiled up as she ran out the front door in her nightgown and deposited the snake at the end of the front lawn. She thinks that my sister brought the snake into the house in the round black mattress for her yorkie dog. She placed it on the lawn as she was unloading her car the prior day. I learned from my daughter that there were 3 separate incidents of children treated for snake bites at Nemours hospital for children that Friday. One was a 4 year old who was playing on the playground in the Heritage development in Pike Creek, with his mother and grandmother watching. I researched and found that marigolds are excellent to keep snakes, mosquitoes and deer away. The scent of the marigolds is harmful to the olfactory senses of snakes.

Sue Bifano sent along this poem she wrote about a  
beloved pet.

It's hard to sleep with a  
cat on your head  
He lays in wait just under  
the bed  
'til you put on your nightclothes  
and turn out the light.  
Only then does he take the  
purest delight  
of sneaking and sculking,  
and working his way  
Up your blankets so slowly  
until he can lay,  
Purring ever so softly and  
really quite flat  
This silly old puss who  
thinks he's a hat.



s. bifano



# Did you know...?

*... that you can send ideas to Governor Carney anytime?*

*If you have suggestions for improving state government, you can offer your ideas to our Government Efficiency and Accountability Review Board (GEAR). Governor Carney created GEAR in 2017 to identify ways to save taxpayer dollars and more effectively deliver state services. Visit [gear.delaware.gov](http://gear.delaware.gov) to share your ideas directly with the GEAR Board.*

*Visit [de.gov/ideas](http://de.gov/ideas) anytime to email Governor Carney and express your ideas, thoughts, and concerns. (Thanks to Patti Abernethy for submitting this info...)*

*... that plans are moving forward for the first Wegman's in Delaware? Wegman's confirms it will be at Route 141 and Lancaster Pike and is on track to open in 2022. The developer is planning a complex with upscale residences, shop and office space around the Wegmans at the former DuPont Co. office complex.*

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## **Glasgow Farmers Market**

Fridays, 3-7 p.m.

Glasgow Park

US 40 and DE 896

Bear/Glasgow

### **Live music returns July 16!**

Live music returns to the Glasgow Park Farmers Market on July 16! Featuring local artists, you can bring a chair or blanket or simply listen while you shop at the market. All ages. FREE

July 16, Joe Nester

July 23, Chloe Bigler

July 30, Box Turtle Bob

From the county newsletter:

## **Wienermobile Coming to Glasgow Park Farmers Market this Friday, July 2!**

Come ketchup with the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile at the Glasgow Farmers Market! Frank fanatics can take pictures with the Wienermobile and receive their very own Wiener Whistle. It's sure to be buns of fun!



## Activities Committee 2021



Above—Standing from left: Wanda Search, Loretta Fitch, JoanMarie Powers, Jean Skelly, Cheryl Werner (Co-chair), Cheryl Ford, and Nancy Halbedl. Seated, from left—Fran Rapp, Maria Tricarico (Co-chair), and Christine Killian. (Not pictured—Monica Chan, Barbara Medio, and Janet Sanders.)

The group's first event was a big one! The Grand Re-Opening Barbecue took place on June 27 in the sweltering heat. Sixty eight folks gathered at the clubhouse for the first time in well over a year, making the temperature seem much more tolerable, sharing greetings and stories along with chips, dips, meatballs, and deviled eggs. The mealtime buffet featured traditional barbecue from Young's of Middletown, followed by a luscious variety of desserts and ice cream.



(Barbecue cont.)

Special thanks to Jean Skelly and Bob Leaming who contributed these photos...



We're back!



## Coming events

Watch for details as the Activities Committee continues to add events to the calendar.

Old Favorites, to be scheduled soon—

Pizza and Bingo

Happy Hour

Pajama Party



Dates we do know! Mark your calendars now! (Details to follow closer to the events.)

September 25—Painting décor/gift items with Crimson Pallets



December 5— Holiday Party at white Clay Creek Country Club at Delaware Park

Our annual Holiday Party will be held in the Veranda Ballroom at the White Clay Creek Country Club at Delaware Park, on December 5th from 1—5 PM.

Menu, directions, and carpooling options will be available.





*Be sure to contact Jean Skelly if you'd like to be added to the Birthday Club. You're never too old to feel special! You'll be celebrated at clubhouse events and treated to a special goodie. [twirler64@comcast.net](mailto:twirler64@comcast.net)*

## July

Susan Anderson	6th
Nancy Ferrara	18th
Mindy Steele	18th
Cheryl Ford	31st

## August

Katie Whiteoak	1st
Tom Novak	3rd
Ron Dreibelbis	4th
Loretta Dougherty	9th
Linda Middleton	10th
Gary Legreid	14th
Bob Anderson	22nd
Roger Getty	22nd
Mary Ohara	28th
Fran Rapp	31st
Tom Skelly	31st



## ***A wise woman...*** Submitted by Mary Legreid

In Ireland, the 99-year-old Mother Superior lay quietly dying.

The nuns had gathered around her bed, laying garlands around her, trying to make her last journey comfortable.

They tried to give her warm milk to drink but she declined.

One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen.

There, remembering a bottle of Irish Whiskey that had been received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk.

Back at Mother Superior's bed, they lifted her head gently and held the glass to her lips.

The frail nun drank a little, then a little more, and before they knew it, she had finished the whole glass down to the last drop.

As her eyes brightened, the nuns thought it would be a good opportunity to have one last talk with their spiritual leader.

"Mother," the nuns asked earnestly, "Please give us some of your wisdom before you leave us."

She raised herself up very slowly in the bed on one elbow, looked at them and said:

"DON'T SELL THAT COW."

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*According to Stacker.com, using info from the 'US government, the 25 girls' and boys' names listed below are the 25 most popular given Baby Boomers, the generation commonly used to describe those born between the years*

*1946 and 1964.*

#25 Judy, George	#16 Pamela, Kenneth	#7 Deborah, Richard
#24 Carolyn, Jeffrey	#15 Kathleen, Donald	#6 Karen, William
#23 Margaret, Timothy	#14 Cynthia, Ronald	#5 Barbara, David
#22 Janet, Stephen	#13 Debra, Steven	#4 Susan, Michael
#21 Cheryl, Edward	#12 Carol, Gary	#3 Patricia, John
#20 Elizabeth, Dennis	#11 Sharon, Joseph	#2 Linda, Robert
#19 Lisa, Daniel	#10 Donna, Mark	<b>#1 Mary, James</b>
#18 Diane, Larry	#9 Nancy, Charles	
#17 Brenda, Paul	#8 Sandra, Thomas	

# How old is Grandpa?

Submitted by Lois Inglis

How old is Grandpa?

One evening, a grandson was talking to his grandfather about current events.

The grandson asked his grandfather what he thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general.

The Grandfather replied, "Well, let me think a minute, I was born before:

- ' television
- ' penicillin
- ' polio shots
- ' frozen foods
- ' Xerox
- ' contact lenses
- ' Frisbees and the pill

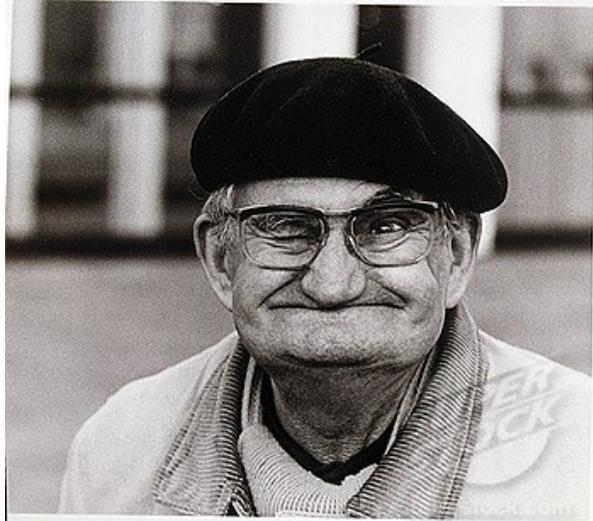
There were no:

- ' credit cards
- ' laser beams or ball-point pens

Man had not invented:

- ' pantyhose
- ' air conditioners
- ' dishwashers
- ' clothes dryers, and
- ' clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and
- ' space travel was only in Flash Gordon books.

minute, I



Your Grandmother and I got married first,... and then lived together...

That was before computer-dating, dual careers, daycare centers, and group therapy.

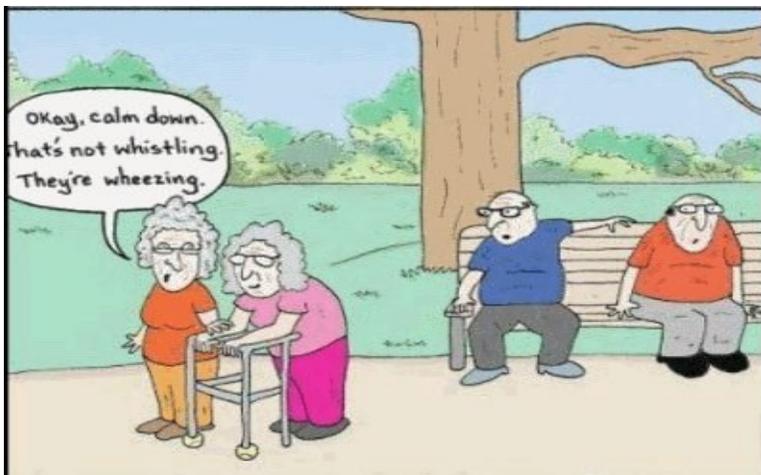
We thought fast food was eating half a biscuit while running to catch the school bus.

Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins.

Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee were unheard of.

We had 5&10-cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents. Ice-cream cones, phone calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel. And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail 1 letter and 2 postcards.

You could buy a new Ford Coupe for \$600, but who could afford one? Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon."



# ♻️ RECYCLING IN DELAWARE ♻️

## ☑️ ACCEPTED IN BIN

Place only these materials loose, empty, clean and dry in your recycling cart or dumpster:



### PAPER

Magazines, junk mail, paper bags, office paper, newspaper, etc.



### PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Leave lids on.



### CANS, BOTTLES, JARS

Remove lids and recycle separately.



### CARTONS, PAPERBOARD, CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

**KEEP YOUR RECYCLING OUT OF BAGS. PLACE ITEMS LOOSE IN THE BIN.**

## ☒ NOT ACCEPTED IN BIN

Keep these items out of your recycling cart or dumpster:



### SHREDDED PAPER



### FROZEN FOOD/ REFRIGERATED CONTAINERS



### FOOD WASTE



### COFFEE CUPS

Visit the website to learn about recycling these items:



### BATTERIES



### STYROFOAM



### GARBAGE



### MIRRORS AND WINDOW GLASS



### TANGLERS

Garden hoses, string lights, nylon rope, etc.



### SCRAP METAL



### PLASTIC BAGS

Return to retail store.



### ELECTRONICS



### YARD WASTE

# PARAPROSDOKIANS— CLEVER FUN

Submitted by Barb Doto

*Winston Churchill loved paraprosookians, figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected*

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
6. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
7. They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out, I just wanted pay checks.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put "DOCTOR."
11. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
12. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street...with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they're sexy.
13. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
14. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
15. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
16. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
17. There's a fine line between cuddling and...holding someone down so they can't get away.
18. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
19. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
20. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
21. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
22. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
23. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
24. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but now it's getting harder and harder for me to find one.

