

Village of Long Creek

Neighborhood Newsletter

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May you have . . .
enough happiness to keep you sweet,
enough trials to keep you strong,
enough sorrow to keep you human,
enough hope to keep you happy,
enough failure to keep you humble,
enough success to keep you eager,
enough wealth to meet your needs,
enough enthusiasm to look forward,
enough friends to give you comfort,
enough faith to banish depression,
enough determination to make each day
better than yesterday.



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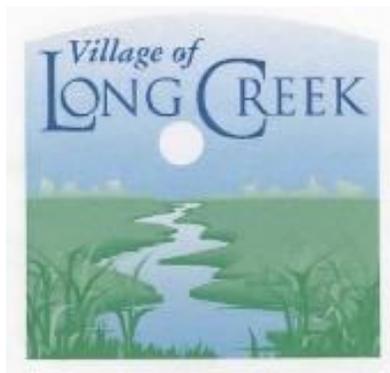
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Around the Neighborhood



*Bear enjoyed his trip through the car wash with mom, **Jean Skelly**. He even wanted to go through again...*



***Chandrika Thankappan** and **Loretta Dougherty** took in the Christmas display at Longwood Gardens in January.*



The monthly restaurant luncheon outings continue to draw a good group of neighbors.

All enjoyed Mexican food at Los Machado's in Middletown.

The next Monday Luncheon will be held on March 3rd at the Blue Crab Grill 322 Suburban Drive in Suburban Plaza in Newark. Contact [Christine Killian](#) to sign up.

(Neighbors, cont.)

JoanMarie Powers was feted by family and friends with a surprise party on her 90th birthday on January 2nd!

Held at La Casa Pasta, family members from as far as Seattle and New Orleans made it to the festivities. JoanMarie was truly stunned! Kudos to all for keeping the secret!

And speaking of secrets, more than one neighbor wants to know JoanMarie's for staying so young! (JoanMarie's daughter, Janice Losito, the main on-the-ground organizer, is in the background of the picture.)



Happy 90th Birthday!

NEW ORLEANS – In an unexpected twist during the winter whip-lash, metro New Orleans received more snowfall since the start of meteorological winter than many cold-weather cities across the country, including Philadelphia, New York and Anchorage, Alaska. Jan 22, 2025



JoanMarie's granddaughter Valerie and her husband, Mark, sent these pictures from their home in snowy New Orleans. They got 8 inches!



(Neighbors cont.)

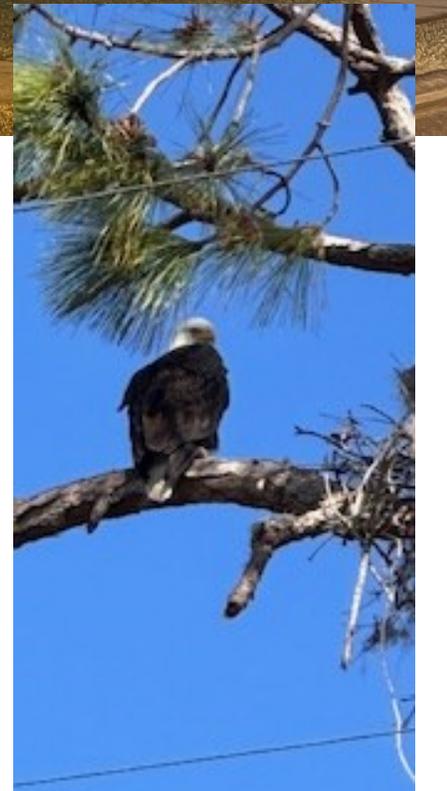


*The Philadelphia skyline was awash in **Eagles** green in support of its beloved football team.*

But...

*...the city had nothing on **Donnie Thompson's** house, below!*

*Below—**Sharon and Bob Dick-ol** sent these photos from their RV resort in Florida—*The Surf at Sunset and Up Close with a Bald Eagle*. They certainly chose a great time to be in the Sunshine State!*

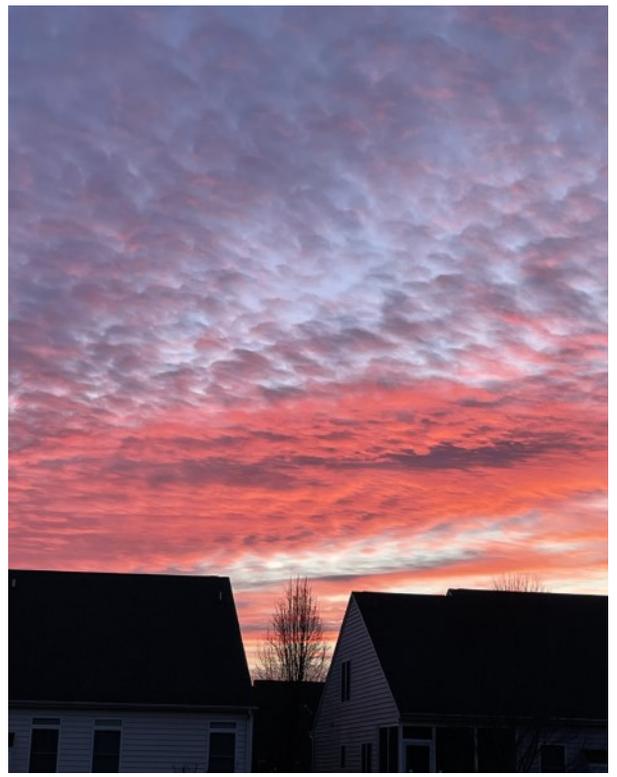




Chandrika Thankappan was surprised by the large number of big and beautiful blooms that her two amaryllis plants produced. They were certainly a nice gift!



At right—Chandrika also sent this snapshot of sunrise in the last week of February.



Cheryl and Guy Werner’s grandson, Garrett, along with his parents, took part in the Harpers Ferry Community Lantern Garden. Hand-made lanterns of every design glowed in the dark, including the Werner owl above and Garrett's mushroom at left. Creativity and neighborliness were is great supply for this annual event.



2025!



A New Years's Day brunch has become an annual tradition in the Clubhouse, and this year's event was the most well-attended one yet! Chef Mark from the Omelette King, kept four pans going at the same time, customizing each omelet to the wishes of his hungry customers.

Thanks to the Activities Committee for organizing this fun—and delicious—event!

Photo by Bob Greenblatt

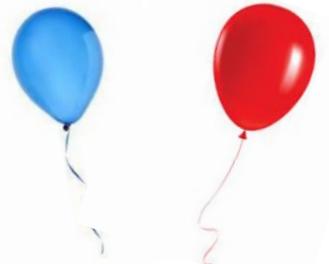


Those born in January were honored on New Year's Day.

From left—Chandrika Thankappan, Bob Greenblatt,

JoanMarie Powers,

Sharon Mutschler, and Ken White.



(Clubhouse cont.)

A group of residents gathered in the clubhouse to watch the Philadelphia Eagles defeat the Kansas City Chiefs, 40-22!!



It was a DIY painting party when several women came together to paint a variety of clear glass items. The results were beautiful!

Above, Grace Hobson, Jean Skelly, Nancy Halbedl, Chandrika Thankappan, Susie White and Susie's Friend, Susan. The session was organized by Cheryl Werner, Chair of the Clubhouse Committee.



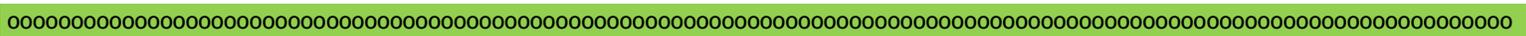
(Clubhouse cont.)



The clubhouse pool table got a makeover and a successful workout in February.

Pool is played every Tuesday afternoon at 3

o'clock and all are welcome. All levels of skill are represented and more experienced players are happy to share tips and knowledge.



***Maryann Fagan** played host to her great niece and nephews on Valentine's weekend, and good friend **Loretta Dougherty** lent a hand. Besides all the fun activities Maryann had lined up for indoors on a cold weekend, they managed to walk the neighborhood.*

They even dropped into the clubhouse for Friday Meetup, where a whole roomful of grandmas and grandpas were happy to shower them with treats!



Bear Skelly wanted to snuggle and show off his Valentine's Day sweater. It was made for him by our still-missed knitting guru, Sue Bifano.



(Clubhouse, cont.)

MYSTERY! *This gorgeous pot of poinsettias arrived at the clubhouse on a Tuesday before Christmas.*

There was no card—either from the florist or for the recipient!!

Some guesses as to who sent it....

...Santa

...Delivered to wrong house

...Delivered to wrong neighborhood

...Brought to clubhouse by folks with pets, knowing they are poisonous.

...The Plant Fairy

...A generous resident who forgot to include a card.



And the real answer? They were sent from BrightView Landscapes as their annual gift to customers.

Thanks Bob Leaming for solving the mystery!



May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind always be at your back.

***May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.***

We're gonna have to paint potatoes this Easter ya'll.



Sent by Cheryl Dean

March

<i>Jane Cheek</i>	<i>2nd</i>
<i>Ray Whiteoak</i>	<i>8th</i>
<i>Bob Dickol</i>	<i>10th</i>
<i>Judy Pannucci</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>Stephano Medio</i>	<i>21st</i>
<i>Monica Chan</i>	<i>23rd</i>
<i>Charlie Pinchot</i>	<i>4th</i>
<i>Donnie Thompson</i>	<i>28th</i>
<i>Linda Smallbrook</i>	<i>28th</i>



April

<i>Bob Leaming</i>	<i>6th</i>
<i>Stephanie Nealy</i>	<i>6th</i>
<i>Marilyn Abrams</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Pam Smith</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Carolyn Aresu</i>	<i>10th</i>
<i>Linda Trach</i>	<i>15th</i>
<i>Joan Rowland</i>	<i>16th</i>
<i>Paul wellborn</i>	<i>17th</i>
<i>Don Hobson</i>	<i>18th</i>
<i>Sonja Lemanski</i>	<i>18th</i>
<i>Debbie Happold</i>	<i>19th</i>
<i>Carol Thompson</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>Barbara Lawrence</i>	<i>27th</i>
<i>Bonnie Anderson</i>	<i>28th</i>
<i>Susie White</i>	<i>28th</i>
<i>Stephen Rapp</i>	<i>29th</i>

New!!!

Help us celebrate your milestones! The Neighborhood News-letter would love to announce your anniversary or other milestone.

Include name, date, and occasion, and picture if possible.

Send to Cheryl Werner

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'Ya gotta laugh...

FREE SNOW SHOVELING CLASS: Tomorrow I will be holding a FREE snow shoveling class in my driveway. Come and join the class and learn about the proper ways to shovel. Reviewed techniques will include the scoop and throw method, the down and push method (AKA the plow technique), as well as the upside down scraping technique. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to enhance your snow lifting techniques without throwing your back out! I will provide the driveway to ensure your training is conducted in the most life-like situation, I only ask that you bring your own shovel (Ergonomical designs suggested) PM me for additional details and times.

Submitted by Charlie Pinchot

An old man and a 20 year old are paired together at a golf tournament. They're playing a long par 5 that dog legs around some tall trees.

As the 20 year old sets up his tee shot to hit onto the fairway the old man notes "when I was your age we used to hit over the trees - not around to the side."

So the 20 year old readjusts and tries to hit over the trees - but can't clear them and loses his ball. He tries again and loses that one too...

Then the old man says "of course, when I was your age, the trees were only 6 foot tall."

1. I have a photographic memory, but I keep forgetting to develop it.
2. I used to have a handle on life, but then it broke off.
3. I'm not old, I'm just chronologically gifted.
4. My grandson asked me what my favorite music is. I told him it's anything that doesn't require me to wear earplugs.
5. While I was getting ready for work, my granddaughter walked in and asked me what I was doing. I responded, "I'm putting on my wrinkle cream." She replied, "Oh, I thought those were natural!"

Can February March? No, but April May!

What did the eggs do when the light turned green? They eggs-elerated!

How do baby chickens dance? Chick to chick...

How did the egg get up the mountain?

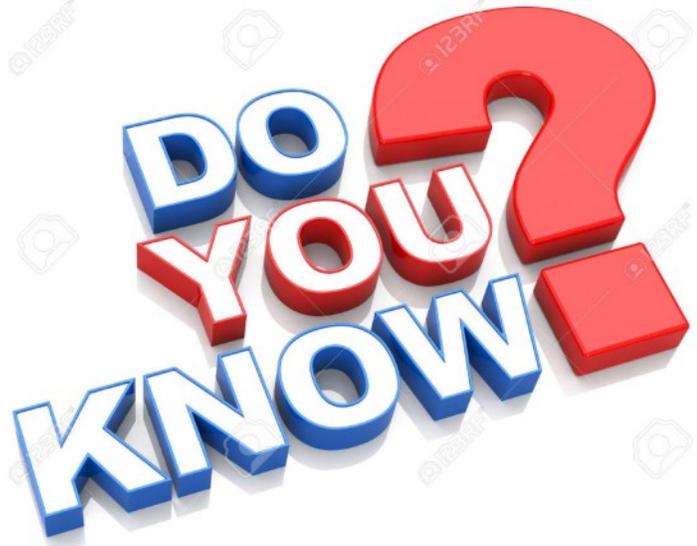
Groan!

American Places' Nickname Trivia

From The Big Book of American Trivia by J. Stephen Lang

How many do you know? Correct answers below.

1. The "Old North Sate" is actually in the South. What state is it?
2. What famous baseball stadium is "the house that Ruth built?"
3. What humid southern state calls itself, "A Sportsman's Paradise?"
4. What state's unofficial nickname is "Little Rhody?"
5. "America's Most Historic Square Mile" is in the Independence National Historic Park in what city?
6. Idaho's "River of No Return" is actually named for an edible fish. Which one?
7. If you are in the "Buckeye State," where are you?
8. Which southern state is the "Peach Sate?"
9. If you are visiting a downtown area called the LOOP, what metropolis are you in?
10. Which southern state was known as the "Land of the Four Cs", referring to its four Native American tribes (Cherokee, Creek, Chickasaw, and Choctaw)?



1. North Carolina
2. Yankee Stadium: After Babe Ruth, of course.
3. Louisiana
4. Rhode Island, naturally
5. Philadelphia
6. Salmon
7. Ohio
8. Georgia; hence, all the Peachtree streets in Atlanta.
9. Chicago
10. Alabama



Jean Talks Movies

Hello, everyone.

My movie group and I have recently seen a few movies worthy of my recommendation.

"Flight Risk" is about a prisoner transfer gone bad. Think "Con Air" in a smaller plane. People aren't who you think they are.

"Brave the Dark" is about a teacher who finds out one of his students is living in his car and he takes him in. It's a true story and we get to meet the real people involved at the end.

"The Unbreakable Boy" is another true story about an autistic boy who also has a brittle bone disease. Get your hankies out for this one.

See ya at the movies!

Jean Skelly

A suggestion from AARP

*So many folks are looking for ways to cut down on streaming expenses. Here's one idea. YouTube is best known for short-form videos: how-to demos, behind-the-scenes reels and adorable cat clips. But the service also hosts a surprising amount of long-form content, from full-length movies to classic TV staples like *The Carol Burnett Show*. (Film offerings tend to change every few months, so don't wait too long if you find a title you like.)*

There are also original shows (like a documentary about Johnny Cash) that were created exclusively for YouTube. Most of this content streams with commercials, though YouTube parent, Google, does offer a premium service, for \$14 per month, that bumps up the streaming quality and strips out all those annoying ads.

Now playing:

Darkest Hour (2017)

Joe Wright's historical drama eschews the epic sweep of a typical biopic to zero in on the key period in the life of Britain's WWII-era prime minister, Winston Churchill. The result is a riveting look at a man whose intelligence and gruff demeanor seemed tailor-made for a critical juncture in history. The film won two Oscars, for Gary Oldman's towering performance and for the makeup team that made the veteran actor almost unrecognizable.

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(movies cont.)

Pride and Prejudice (2005)

*It is a truth universally acknowledged that just about any Jane Austen adaptation is worth your time. That's certainly true of this one, starring the luminous Keira Knightley (Oscar-nominated for the role) in a lush and lovely film co-scripted by Emma Thompson. Future *Succession* star Matthew Macfayden plays the brooding Mr. Darcy who begrudgingly falls for the charms of Knightley's Elizabeth Bennet.*



Red (2002)

Retirement has never been quite as fun, or as explosive, as it is for the former CIA agents who are drawn back into game for mysterious reasons. It helps that stars Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman, Helen Mirren, and John Malkovich all seem to be having a blast firing high-caliber weapons and posing as action stars decades younger. And there's just enough goofiness to the shoot-'em-ups to keep the whole thing from plunging into tired pastiche.

Jiro Dreams of Sushi (2011)

*Documentarian David Gelb, who revolutionized food TV with his award-winning Netflix series *Chef's Table*, cut his proverbial teeth on this absorbing and mouth-watering documentary about Jiro Ono. Then in his 80s, Jiro was hailed as the best sushi chef in the world – despite operating out of a modest 10-seat establishment tucked into a Tokyo subway station. (He retired from the restaurant in 2023, at age 97.)*

The Carol Burnett Show (1967–78)

*With apologies to [Lorne Michaels and Saturday Night Live](#), is there any sketch comedy show more beloved than this one? [Carol Burnett](#), 91, established herself as one of TV's biggest stars over the course of 11 sidesplitting seasons, creating legendary characters like the working-class homemaker Eunice Higgins and the curtain-rod-wearing Starlet O'Hara in a parody of *Gone With the Wind*. It's enough to make you want to tug on your earlobe in satisfaction.*

Death on the Nile (1978)

Forget [Kenneth Branagh](#)'s recent remake. This classic Hollywood take on the [Agatha Christie](#) mainstay is a lush, Oscar-winning delight, led by Peter Ustinov as the Belgian detective Hercule Poirot. Plus, it's hard to top the cast of Hollywood legends, including Bette Davis, David Niven, [Maggie Smith](#), Angela Lansbury and Mia Farrow.

Did you know...

...that the state of Delaware does not recognize Presidents' Day?

Below is the list of state holidays according to state code. Those holidays recognized by Casella Waste are highlighted. They are the only holidays which, if fall on a Monday, would push pickup to the following day.

Holiday	Date	Day
New Year's Day	January 1	Varies
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 20	Monday
Good Friday	April 18	Friday
Memorial Day	May 26	Monday
Juneteenth	June 19	Thursday
Independence Day	July 4	Varies
Labor Day	September 1	Monday
Veterans Day	November 11	Tuesday
Thanksgiving Day	November 27	Thursday
Day After Thanksgiving	November 28	Friday
Christmas Day	December 25	Varies

Did you know...

...that the Pickup schedule and other important information can be found on the community website:

www.myvolc.org? Click on Current Homeowners. Scroll down to Quick Links.

Documents found on the website can be downloaded and printed.

Did you know...

...that the Artesian water quality report is posted online?

www.artesianwater.com/wp-content/uploads/wqawc2023.pdf



Did you know...

...about these senior discounts as listed by AARP? They change often, so it's always best to ask.

CVS.com	20% off and free shipping	Must be an active duty or retired military member or immediate family of either. Must join Veterans Advantage card benefit program.
	10% off	Must be an active duty or retired military member with honorable status or spouse of either. Maximum of \$400 in savings annually.
Home Depot		
	20% off	Must be 60+; Tuesdays Discount varies by location, generally ranging from 15-25%.
Goodwill		
	15% off	Must be 60+
Kohl's		
Lowe's	10% off	Must be an active duty or retired military member or their spouse.
Ross Dress for Less	10% off	Must be 55+; Tuesdays
	10% off	Must be 55+
Michael's		
Rite Aid	20% off	Must be 65+; First Wednesday of each month. Discount for in-store purchases only.
Tanger Outlets	Free Tanger coupon book	Available to AARP Members
	10% off	Must be 55+; Not available at all locations
TJ Maxx		
Walgreens	20% off eligible items	Must be 55+ or an AARP Member ; Available once per month in-store and for one week per month online.

Did you know...

... these are currently the lowest gas prices in New Castle County? The numbers are provided by Gas Buddy.

Price	Station	City	Time
2.730	<u>Sun Gas & Diesel</u> 1228 Middletown Warwick Rd	<u>Middletown</u>	Feb 27, 9:14 AM
2.770	<u>Liberty</u> 1715 Foulk Rd	<u>Talleyville</u>	Feb 27, 8:32 AM
2.770	<u>CITGO</u> 921 Middletown Warwick Rd	<u>Middletown</u>	Feb 27, 7:34 AM
2.770	<u>BJ's</u> 2131 Kirkwood Hwy	<u>Elsmere</u>	Feb 27, 6:42 AM
2.770	<u>BJ's</u> 124 Sunset Blvd	<u>New Castle</u>	Feb 26, 5:47 PM
2.770	<u>Liberty</u> 1401 Northeast Blvd	<u>Wilmington - NE</u>	Feb 26, 5:46 PM
2.780	<u>BP</u> 2307 Foulk Rd	<u>Wilmington - North</u>	Feb 27, 8:32 AM
2.780	<u>Costco</u> 900 Center Blvd S	<u>Newark</u>	Feb 26, 5:01 PM
2.790	<u>Liberty</u> 1923 PULASKI HWY	<u>Bear</u>	Feb 27, 8:58 AM
2.790	<u>Liberty</u> 1001 W 4th St	<u>Wilmington - Central</u>	Feb 27, 7:53 AM

Did you know...

... that there was a recent road-rage-related, shots-fired incident on I-95 near 896?

The State Police have issued these guidelines: (Delaware Online)

What to do if you encounter an aggressive driver:

- **Call 911:** Report the aggressive driver or driving behavior.
- **Give them space:** Avoid engaging with aggressive drivers.
- **Stay calm:** Your primary goal is safety and to not escalate the situation.
- **Don't retaliate:** It's not worth trying to teach them a lesson.
- **Ignore gestures:** Avoid making eye contact or responding to offensive gestures.
- **Keep a safe distance:** Don't tailgate or follow them too closely.
- **Avoid home:** If being followed, don't go home. Head to a police station, a public place, or a well-lit location.

**WEIGHT LOSS GOAL:
TO BE ABLE TO CLIP
MY TOENAILS AND
BREATHE AT THE
SAME TIME.**

**When older
people say,
"Enjoy them
while they are
young." They are
talking about
your knees and
hips not your
kids.**

**Do y'all remember,
before the internet,
that people thought
the cause of stupidity
was the lack of access
to information? Yeah.
It wasn't that.**

**To get rid of
unwanted junk
during the
holidays ...**

**Put it in an
Amazon box and
leave it on the
porch.**

**The best murder
weapon would be
a tupperware lid
because no one
would ever find it.**



COFFEE AND JELLY BEANS

**A PENNY
FOR YOUR
THOUGHTS
SEEMS A
LITTLE
PRICED**

**Never seen
anyone jogging
and smiling, so
that's all I need
to know about
that.**

When I ask
for directions,
please don't use
words like "East"

**I've found marriage to
be very educational.
For example, I had no
idea there was a wrong
way to put milk in the
fridge.**

**Life's short. Make
sure you spend
as much time as
possible on the
Internet arguing
with strangers
about politics.**

**Always make sure
SOMEONE in the
relationship has
good credit. That's
why it's called
SIGNIFICANT other.
Sign/if/I/can't.**

**Follow me for more
marriage tips**

**Beware of a new
Amazon scam.
My husband
ordered me
some expensive
jewelry, but
motorcycle parts
came instead.
Thankfully they
fit his bike...**

**I finally figured
out what I
want to be
when I get
older.
Younger.**

**HAVE
SOME FRIENDS
YOU CAN BE
SILLY WITH.**



**Folgers got it
wrong. The best
part of waking up
is going back to
bed after you pee.**

**Every time we try to
eat healthy, along
comes Christmas,
Easter, summer,
Friday or Tuesday
and ruins it for us.**

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