



Neighborhood Newsletter

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Summertime memories



There's something about summer that stirs thoughts of childhoods long ago. For me, it is the season of the senses – the sight of early morning sunlight reflecting on the dewy grass; the sound of the ocean waves pounding the shore; the feel of light breezes on a hazy moonlit night; the taste of first watermelon; the smell and sizzle of hamburgers charring on the grill. Invariably, the memories are soothing. They remind me of a time when life was carefree and untroubled, where my only worry was to be home for dinner and in the house by dark. I imagine this feeling of nostalgia comes to all of us when we enter our 50s, 60s and beyond. We are easily transported back in time by a familiar summertime song, smell, or sound. And it feels wonderful.

A good friend once told me she believes that our memories are stored energy from our past. They are what carry us forward in time, strengthening us for the decisions, choices, and challenges that lie ahead. Memories are not dormant; they are a powerful force within the psyche, a sum total of ourselves. Perhaps it is the rapid pace of life to-

day that makes us realize just how much we need our childhood memories to restore a sense of calmness and stability. To help us realize that life is far too precious to let it slip away so quickly.

So, hold on to your memories, and take some time this summer to recall what it is that brings you feelings of contentedness and happier times. Lightening bugs. . . the smell of French fries on the boardwalk. . . camping out in the back yard. . . listening to the Beach Boys. . . chasing the ice cream truck. . . playing in the sprinkler. . . Climbing trees. . . Jumping rope. . . VOLC neighbors share their favorite summertime memories on page 3.

-- Sharon Dickol

VOLC Clubhouse Board Making Progress

Submitted by Paul Wellborn and Patti Abernethy

The VOLC Clubhouse Board held its initial meeting on May 14, 2013. Subsequent meetings were held on May 23, 2013 and June 11, 2013. The major focus of each meeting has been twofold: 1) to develop organizational and operational procedures, such as establishing fiscal procedures, identifying job descriptions, opening a bank account, communication processes, and writing by-laws; and 2) to address club house issues involving the facilities, needs and activities, including maintenance and repair, safety, storage, patio furniture/grill, and coordinating actions with Benchmark and BC Communities..

The following is a summary of the progress made to date:

- A checking and savings account with Wells Fargo Bank has been opened. Jim Haefner, Treasurer, is in the process of working on a set of procedures to handle funds and make disbursements.
- Jim Davis and Sam Ferrara have developed by-laws which were presented at our last meeting. Board members will

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To see the summer sky is poetry, though never in a book it lie -- true poems flee. -- Emily Dickinson

Residents Honor Memorial Day

May 26, 2013

VOLC COMMITTEES

Clubhouse Coordinating Committee

Patti Abernethy	836-8447
Paul Wellborn	836-8524
Marty Lyon	838-1631
Jim Haefner	836-8714
Jim Davis	908-295-1001
Maria Tricarico	595-2712
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Activities Committee

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Carol Thompson	595-2717
Maria Tricarico	595-2712

Liaison Committee

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Clubhouse Board *(continued from page 1)*

review them and will vote on the final version at the meeting scheduled for July 9th.

- The Board is developing a communications system to inform clubhouse members of the Board's activities.
- The Facilities Committee has been coordinating repairs and maintenance issues with BC and Benchmark.
- The Activities Committee has been dealing with a number of issues including a temporary solution to the problem of too much sun in the main room while continuing to research a long-term solution. Other issues include: shelving for the storage area, purchase of patio furniture, a rolling cart for chairs, and a way to increase the serving area for large events.
- Benchmark builders has agreed to give us \$3000 to be deposited in our account for the purchase of patio furniture. They also purchased and will be installing a grill.

The Board authorized up to \$600 to install paving blocks between the sidewalk and the curb at the location of the front and side entrances and up to \$200 for the purchase of shelving for the storage closet. The Board also asked the Activities Committee to make recommendations for purchasing a rolling cart for chairs and a hard cover to enable the pool table to be used as a serving table.

Summers Long Ago



"In my youth i would spend time with my father and grampa fishing off the pier in Captree, Long Island.. I longed for a full day of fishing with them..living so close to the beach..Jones Beach was a summer pastime for me with concerts, dancing, miniature golf and playgrounds. I swam in the family pool until my skin looked like the prunes i eat today." -- **Maria Tricarico**

"My father took us three children (Bill, Paul, & Patti) by Mrs. Crowningshield's home to go fishing in the Brandywine by the water falls. Putting those worms on the hook was one thing; casting (no pole) and having it stick in your own arm, worm and all, is another! We had such fun together and caught a few to

throw back in." -- **Patti Abernethy**

"My favorite childhood memory of Summer: playing ANYTHING with my pals long after sundown and then sitting on the front porch with family until long after dark - all of us wearing citronella oil, citronella candles burning all over the porch (and still being devoured by mosquitoes)! Thinking back now, it probably has more to do with the fact that I'm a night owl and liked staying up late because I just don't do the mosquito thing very well now!" -- **Mary Legreid**

"I grew up on a farm and all my "city cousins" would come to visit and some would stay for the entire summer. We would climb all over the hay bales in the barn, play with the new kittens that were always being born, go berry picking, go tree climbing, and catch fireflies in the evenings. We had very little money but all those things were free." -- **Joann Palaisa**

"My favorite summertime memory is playing Little League baseball. I was 10 years old when Little League started in Collingswood, New Jersey. I played third base for three years before reaching the age limit of twelve. My third year I was on the All Star team and we won six games, becoming the champions of South Jersey and Delaware. I really enjoyed it." -- **Joe Strasser**

"My Dad and another neighborhood dad (a fireman) stuffed about 10 of us kids into an old Studebaker to go to Green Hill Park (Worcester MA) for 4th of July fireworks. Car broke down, and we got a lift home in a fire truck! We all got to ring the bell, and entered our street with great fanfare, feeling like the luckiest kids on earth." -- **Cheryl Werner**

"After pestering my mother and father all summer long they finally relented and let me get a collie puppy. Here he is a few months later having fun chewing my fingers instead of the furniture." -- **Bob Greenblatt** →

"After the rain stopped, I would put on my galoshes so I could wade in the stream behind the park. I would catch "crayfish" and try to make sure the water didn't go over the top of my galoshes . It almost always did (which, by the way, did not bother my mother in the least.)." -- **Peg Wellborn**



"There are many summer memories that blend together . Pick-up baseball games, playing and exploring along the Brandywine Creek, collecting empty soda bottles @ 2cents per bottle and after you had 5 bottles you had enough to spend an afternoon at an air conditioned movie. There were 10 movie houses in Wilmington so there was never a problem finding a show." -- **Paul Wellborn**

"Nothing extraordinary other than coming to Delaware from Pennsylvania to spend the summer with my grandmother, grandfather and aunt and being completely spoiled. We usually spent a week in the Poconos or Rehoboth and that was always a fun time." -- **Barb Doto**

"My good summer memories are when my sister who is 10 years older than me was married and living in NJ and for one week each year I would go from PA to NJ and spend time at her place. Loved those times with her." -- **Ginny Pelachick**

"I loved my part-time summers in Ocean City, NJ with relatives and as a teen through college as a waitress there in several restaurants. We all had great fun and are paying for beach time spent now by seeing dermatologists!" -- **Barbara Strasser**

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Summertime Safety

Summer is a great time to be outside and enjoy the weather. But summer activities bring additional risks to your health. Be sure to be safe this summer by knowing these top summer health risks. A little bit of prevention can keep your summer safe.

Skin Cancer

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer. Over one million people are diagnosed with skin cancer each year. If caught early, skin cancer is usually treated easily. Skin cancer is more common in people who:

- ◆ have spent lots of time in the sun or have been sun-burned.
- ◆ have fair skin, hair and eyes.
- ◆ have a family member who has had skin cancer.
- ◆ are over the age 50.

Heat Stroke

Heat stroke is a serious medical condition that can be life threatening. In heat stroke, the body's core temperature rises. Much like a fever, extremely high body temperatures can lead to permanent damage. Some signs of heat stroke include:

- ◆ confusion
- ◆ short, rapid breathing
- ◆ stopping sweating
- ◆ a fast pulse



Food Poisoning

The CDC estimates that 76 million people suffer from food poisoning. Summer time is full of picnics, and picnics bring food out into the open where it can stay warm too long. Avoid an outbreak of food poisoning this summer by following simple guidelines about food safety and food handling. Common sense will prevent you and your friends and families from coming down with a food-borne illness.

Eye Damage

UV rays in sunlight can damage your eyes. If you are out in the sunlight in the summertime, be sure to wear sunglasses that filter out UV light. Otherwise, your sunglasses are opening up your pupils by making things darker, which actually lets in more UV rays, not less. Be sure your sunglasses filter out 100 percent of UV light and be sure to wear them, especially around water, which can reflect a tremendous amount of light to your eyes.

Dehydration

Dehydration can happen quickly in the summer heat. Be sure that you have water handy whenever you will be in the heat for a long time. Don't forget about children too - they may not ask for water. Be sure to take frequent water breaks during the kids' summer activities.

Bug Bites

Bug bites can be annoying and itchy. They can also be serious if they bring an infectious disease like West Nile or Lyme disease. Prevent bug bites and infection this summer by avoiding buggy situations, using a good bug repellent and

Baseball Baby!

My granddaughter, Anna Kathleen, ("Annie") was born to my son James and his wife Kerry in January. Since then she has attended 5 Phillies games, the most recent on



June 4 when she received a Carlos Ruiz bobble head and had her picture on the Jumbotron. The Phillies won that night with a grand slam home run in the 11th inning, but Annie only lasted through the eighth. My daughter and her family were babysitting Annie this past

Saturday night. When lullabies wouldn't help Annie fall asleep, my granddaughter Elizabeth (age 12) sang "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" Annie fell asleep in 5 minutes! That is her favorite song. -- Nancy Halbedl



Congratulations!

To **Pete and Maria deArmas** on the graduation of their grandson, **Zachary Wallace** on June 1st from St. Mark's High School. Zachary will attend York University in the fall as a nursing student.

To **Ginny Pelachick** on the birth of a grandchild, **Rhys**, born on June 7th. Ginny now has 5 grandkids!!

Summer Songs Trivia

Can you match the song with the artist? Below are some of the greatest summertime hits spanning the decades. The first person to respond to sdickol@verizon.net with the most correct answers wins!!

No cheating now; resist the urge to Google the answers. Have fun!

1. Summertime Blues
2. Summer in the City
3. Hot Fun in the Summertime
4. Summer of '69
5. Summertime
6. In the Summertime
7. Summer Breeze
8. Those Lazy Hazy Crazy Days of Summer
9. Summer Wind
10. The Boys of Summer



- A. Bryan Adams
- B. Frank Sinatra
- C. Billie Holiday
- D. Eddie Cochran
- E. Don Henley
- F. Nat King Cole
- G. Mungo Jerry
- H. Seals & Crofts
- I. Sly & the Family Stone
- J. Lovin' Spoonful

Summers Long Ago (continued from page 3)

"Being raised in Northern Brandywine Hundred, I was very lucky to work at Lynthwaite Farms, serving Mr. Passmore's homemade ice cream. As a 16 year old, very few jobs were available for girls back in the late 50s. Through the week, we were paid 75 cents an hour and \$1 for evenings. On weekends, we made \$1.25 an hour. Anyone who lived in the area from 1957 through the early 60s, I am sure I scooped up ice cream for you... Do you remember the bull's eye trash can when you left the parking lot? Oh, to taste the fresh ice cream that was so creamy!"



Lynthwaite Farms circa 1960

-- Nancy Weldin

Village Scenes



Pete deArmas relaxes with a newspaper on his front porch. Lookin' good, Pete!!



Donnie Thompson reported this rare sight on a recent sunny afternoon. You never can tell who will come through the neighborhood. Be on the lookout, everyone!



Happy June birthday to Joe, John, Paula, Sharon and Ken.



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Photos courtesy of Bob Greenblatt, Christine Killian, and Donnie Thompson.

Clubhouse Activities

The following activities occur on a regular basis at the clubhouse. Be sure to check out the monthly calendar for Happy Hours, Movie Night, and other special events. The full calendar is posted on NextDoor.com and is emailed to all clubhouse key holders. Copies are also available in the clubhouse. For an electronic copy, contact Sharon at sdickol@verizon.net.

Activity	Day	Time
Morning Workout	Mon. thru Saturday	9:30 am
Stitch 'n Bitch	1st Monday	6:30 pm
Book Club	2nd Monday	6:30 pm
Pool / Wii	Tuesdays	2:00 pm
Cards	Wednesdays	6:30 pm
Pool / Wii	Thursdays	6:30 pm
Poker / Cards	Saturdays	6:30 pm
BINGO	2nd Wednesday	2:00 pm
BINGO	3rd Friday	7:00 pm

Questions? Contact any member of the Activities Committee (page 2). Activities/dates/times are subject to change.

Happy Birthday!

JULY

Nancy Ferrara

AUGUST

Kathy Karthaeuser	1st
Gary Legreid	14th
Mary O'Hara	28th

SEPTEMBER

Joe Strasser	3rd
Vinnie Maricone	9th
Nancy Halbedl	12th
Christine Killian	18th



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

If you need assistance from your neighbors, contact anyone on the list below.

Call Barb Carter for more information.

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| Patti Abernethy (31) | 302-836-8447 |
| Barb Carter (49) | 302-836-3023 |
| Richard & JoAnne Skidmore (18) | 302-595-4348 |
| Jim & Judy Davis (5) | 908-295-1001 |
| Jackie & Eric Dean (47) | 302-838-1805 |
| Sharon & Bob Dickol (62) | 302-836-8575 |
| Barb & Joe Doto (37) | 302-836-3262 |
| Nancy Ferrara (25) | 302-834-3205 |
| Dick & Lois Hallett (50) | 302-838-0652 |
| Kitty Heston (73) | 302-595-2902 |
| Don & Grace Hobson (24) | 302-838-1771 |
| Kathy Karthaeuser (119) | 302-365-6067 |
| John & Christine Killian (70) | 302-454-1098 |
| Valerie Landon (35) | 302-365-6685 |
| Marty Lyon (96) | 302-838-1631 |
| Ginny Pelachick (59) | 302-834-8504 |
| Joan Rowland (54) | 302-595-2090 |
| Dennis & Joann Sabato (43) | 302-365-6713 |
| Donnie & Carol Thompson (58) | 302-595-2717 |
| Lenny & Maria Tricarico (9) | 302-595-2712 |
| Peg & Paul Wellborn (55) | 302-836-8524 |

Update from Benchmark Builders

I am happy to report that since I started with Benchmark on May 6th, I have taken 6 deposits! Most of these are non-contingent and the owners will be your new neighbors by the end of the year! There have been no closings since April, however, Lot 92, the quick delivery, will be settling on July 25th. We will also be starting Lots 50 & 98 next month as well. So there will be a lot of construction going on and you will have at least 12 new neighbors by the end of the year.

— Theresa Gallagher

