It’s Showtime folks.

Ballots for the 2022 Board of Trustees election will be mailed on June 3rd. This year you will have the opportunity to select a total of 6 Board members. Also included with the ballot will be all relevant information pertaining to how the election will be conducted. The Board of Trustees has expended significant effort to ensure the election will be conducted in a fair and consistent manner complying with all applicable legal requirements. To ensure the counting of ballots and the tally is fair and unbiased, the Board has engaged an outside auditing firm who will count, tally and report the election results.

I’d like you all to know that it has been my pleasure to serve as your President for the past 2 years and, in the event that the members decide not to re-elect me, I want to take this opportunity to provide a “State of the Community” message.

We have been through a lot these past three years – a lifetime global pandemic, a crippling inflation spike, Unprecedented Infrastructure improvements, refreshes and updates to our wonderful community and a complete rethinking and reengineering in the way LeisureTowne conducts its business.

In total over 128 projects, initiatives and upgrades were completed during our tenure.

- Kept LT safe and “lawsuit free” during Covid
- Surveillance, Access and Safety Upgrades
- Completed first phase – Lakes Remediation
- Infrastructure updates and improvements: amenities refresh (New Bocce ball court, Horseshoe/Tennis/Pickle ball Courts/walking path at Village Green)
- Community-wide tree remediation
- Comprehensive repair to all sidewalks
- New facilities (Fitness center and meeting room at Settlers
- Technology and improved community operational efficiency (Zoom Room)

LeisureTowne is home to over 3000 people whose quality of life is significantly affected by how the community is managed. It is, in fact, a multi –million dollar business enterprise which requires business acumen, experienced and informed decision making, strong leadership, vision, competency and, most importantly, the ability to get things done. I believe this team met and exceeded those requirements.

The single most important thing each of you can do to build on our accomplishments and to prepare for the future is to vote. Regardless of who you vote for, I encourage you to participate in the very important decision of who will control the Association for the next three years. I thank you for the opportunity to help make LeisureTowne one of the most desirable retirement destinations in New Jersey.
Overall, it has been a productive month in the areas of MANINTENANCE & PROJECTS as follows:

**MAINTENANCE:**
- This week of May 23rd, the cutting down of tagged trees will continue. We are currently at 104 trees remediated as of April and this week’s total will be added to that. We are estimating another thirty trees for the week.
- The gazebo roof at Village Green was replaced at a cost of $3800
- The second exit door was installed on the Village Green building.
- The maintenance team has been down 2 staff members for the last six months due to the same problem the country is having...... a labor shortage.

**PROJECTS:**
- The parking lots at Pine View Park and TOUCH were both paved and lined for parking. During the paving and rolling a sink hole was found in both parking lots and had to be filled in at an additional cost. The paving for the bocce ball court could not be done due to rain flooding the area to be paved. If the weather remains dry, the paving should be completed the week of May 23rd. **Note eleven truck loads of the asphalt millings recovered from the two parking lots was recycled, using them to level and fill in dips/holes in the Maintenance Yard. Doing this saved LT money as we will not have to purchase stone aggregate in the future to do the job.**
- Landscaping for bocce ball area and Village Green should also be completed the week of May 23, weather permitting.
- A decision on additional playing space for pickle ball courts will be made within the next few weeks. Again, we are looking at all options including input from the Pickle Ball Club. We met with them and they had some very useful suggestions.
- In answer to some questions in regards to the mounds of wood chips along side Dorchester Road by Pine View Park, they are there for a long-time project. The Board is working on a plan to reclaim the land and picnic area that had to be demolished due to surface roots that plagued the area.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION.**
The Board has tried to set up a column/posting called **FOR THE RECORD** on Next Door Leisure-Towne for informational purposes only. The intent is to reach out to those members of the LT community via social media and correct the posts containing misinformation and drama that continues to be perpetuated by those without facts. **FOR THE RECORD** was never intended to be for commentary or discussion purposes, the sole intent was to factually represent the issues at hand. These are changing times. The Board of Trustees desires to use all types of mediums to reach out, educate, inform and correctly update residents on current events. **FOR THE RECORD** will not perpetuate misinformation, but seeks to educate and outreach on behalf of the Leisure-Towne Board of Trustees. It is with this in mind that it has come to our attention that the Administrators of the website on Nextdoor (LT Neighbors) site is not fairly represented. The privilege of Administering/Moderating has been used to control/favor the narrative of the new Candidate's platform, while editing **FOR THE RECORD** postings by the Board of Trustees.
It is worth noting that the only components that the Administrators of Nextdoor are allowed to edit are as follows:

- **Posts containing Discrimination**
- **Posts containing hate speech/groups**
- **Posts containing organization of violence/crime**
- **Impersonation or misrepresentation**

Any posts that are edited by anyone other than the original poster is prohibiting free speech and is taking liberties with the position of Administrator on Nextdoor.

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**Paving at Pine View Park**
Good day fellow LeisureTowners!! It is mid-May and hopefully you are enjoying the May flowers as much as I am. The May weeds, not so much—remember weed your flower beds!! It makes your flowers happier and makes our community look better.

We are in the midst of a long, protracted election cycle here in LeisureTowne. This is an unprecedented cycle, due to untimely deaths and a string of resignations, there are 6 of our 7 Board seats open. Being the only Board member not vulnerable I believe I have a unique perspective, some of which I would like to share. A while ago a resident posted on social media that it is “not hard” being on the Board, “you meet 2 hours a week and the office staff does the rest.” Maybe that is what this resident thinks but that is just NOT the way it works. I have kept a record of every “formal” meeting, meaning a scheduled meeting, having a start time and a stop time that I can quantify, that I have attended since June 2020. This includes Board meetings, twice weekly during the pandemic, weekly meetings now, and open Board meetings, by various methods of transmission. It also includes vendor meetings, committee meetings and scheduled meetings with residents and clubs. The hours do not include telephone calls (with Board, office staff or residents), emails with the same, unscheduled or emergency visits (like when there were residents using a snow blower to clear the tennis courts to play pickleball) and any other oddities that occur here in LeisureTowne (oddities in LT??) that require a Board presence to help resolve the issue.

Since June 2020 until the end of April 2022 I have logged 416 recorded hours spanning 223 meetings. That’s 18 hours, of formal time dedicated to LT, per month, and almost 10 (9.6 for transparency) meetings per month. That is a lot of uncompensated, volunteer time that is dedicated to LT and probably only accounts for 40/50% of the actual time invested (such as the time it takes to write this article). I can also tell you that other Board members have invested a greater amount of time than I.

This Board has taken the time to bring LT out of the 1990’s and into the 21st century by advancing the technology, communication and infrastructure of our community. Is it all perfect, NO, but the improvements in LT are a work in progress (as all things are), and should NEVER be stopped. LT needs to continue on its trajectory toward the future.

**A LOOK AT SOME OF THE COMPLETED PROJECTS**

- The new Village Green gazebo roof
- The new handicap accessible front office door
I’m starting this article with a big THANK YOU to all the residents that attended the free Public Education Class given by Hampton Lakes Emergency Squad on May 13th. Family and Friends CPR and First Aid were the topics covered by Eamon Fitzpatrick-Ruth, Captain of HLES and Emergency Management Coordinator for Southampton. With a combination of hands on and verbal instruction plus singing along to “Stayin Alive” everyone there learned how we, as lay people, can truly make a difference.

FIRST ON THE SCENE COURSE will be held on Thursday, July 7th from 8am-12pm in Settlers Hall. Many of us have or may come upon an incident/accident here in LeisureTowne or elsewhere. Check your June Watchdog page 6 to see a list of topics. The easiest way to register is by calling 888-240-1780, Ext. 4 and leave a message if you get voicemail. It’s not necessary to call, but by doing so, the instructor will know how many are coming. If you forget, it’s OK to just show up.

Question? What season is this? Well, it’s HURRICANE season plus you can throw in Tornadoes for good measure. Both seasons appear to overlap with hurricanes from June 1st to November 30th and tornadoes from March to August, although they can occur at any time of the year. Meteorologists use Watch and Warning to let the public know of impending severe weather. I always get these two words Confused. Hurricane WATCH means conditions are possible in the specified area usually within 36 hours. WARNING means conditions are expected in the specified area usually within 24 hours. Tornadoes are a bit different: WATCH is issued when conditions are favorable for the formation of a tornado, while WARNING is issued when a tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Please pay close attention to weather alerts via TV, Radio or emergency notifications on cell phones and follow directions as needed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FROM APRIL 2022

The Operating and Reserve Fund Cash Balances as of APRIL 30, 2022:

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YTD (1 month) – Positive Cash Flow: $18,028.18

Collections: (Information as of 5/25/2022)

- 98% LT residents paying assessments on time
- 2% (45 homes) owe 3+ months
- 37 of 45 homes are with legal counsel for collection (37 accounts = $109,857 total)
- 28 homes are vacant
TRUSTEE’S REPORT by Bob Quinn

Traffic Awareness – Are you Prepared?

Traffic Awareness…. We tend to focus on pedestrian safety as daylight decreases, but it should be a year-round concern. While you can’t control other drivers, you can take the best steps to keep yourself safe while running, walking, biking or driving. Have these tips in mind the next time you are on the road.

1. Run or walk against the flow of traffic
2. Bike with the flow of traffic
3. Try to stay on the sidewalk, only cross streets at a crosswalk
4. Cross near straight parts of the road so a car is not caught off guard around a corner
5. When driving go slow around corners and by busy areas
6. Go slow through parking lots
7. Stash your cellphone or electronics, whether you are driving, walking or just crossing the street
8. When a light is green, slow enough to make sure no one is crossing the crosswalk
9. For right on red, make sure no is crossing
10. If you are walking or running at night, make yourself visible. Wear reflective gear or light options.

And for our older drivers, we should follow some additional safety tips, such as:

1. Stay physically active. It improves your strength and flexibility.
2. Schedule regular vision and hearing tests. These senses may decline as we age.
3. Manage any chronic conditions. Especially those that might impact driver safety such as diabetes or seizures
4. Consider your physical limitations and make any necessary adjustments.
5. Drive when the roads – and you – are in good condition
6. Consider taking a refresher course for older drivers

In general, common sense should be your guide. Following these few suggestions and using your better judgement will help keep you and your passengers safer.

June is National Safety Month. While everyone should be practicing safe habits every day of the year, it can’t hurt for seniors to review some measures they can take for additional peace of mind. The safety practices we talk about here can benefit seniors’ physical and mental well-being.

Summer is a time when many people go on vacation. Your home will be empty while you are away. Please ask a neighbor or relative to keep an eye on your home. Ask them to drive by your home once every day or so and check on the place. Either stop the mail and the newspaper or give that person a key to bring your mail and newspaper into your home on a daily basis. That wonderful person who is helping you out should also have your contact information and a copy of your itinerary in case of an emergency. And since they are helping out, maybe a souvenir from your trip or a box of candy or cookies is a nice way to say thank you.

Live life to its fullest …. be safe …. Enjoy the summer and the pool ….. Bob
A SEASON OF CHANGE

The days are getting longer, the birds are chirping. Warm breezes kiss our faces and the sounds of Spring and Summer has made its presence known. We are all neighbors – we live in the same community, share streets and share common goals.

Never has one election been so polarizing. Why? Is the “Me Generation,” coming to a certain age? The generation that puts their own agenda above anything else? Our Country has seen these phenomena become a reality and now it has touched our lives personally. We have seen the good/the bad/and the ugly regarding political views, machinations and rhetoric.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage each and everyone of you, to seize the day. Whatever the outcome, use this season of change to reach out to your neighbors. Let our community become whole again. Use the Spring and Summer to build relationships, to walk, talk, to be especially attentive, listen and be respectful of one another. After all, don’t we all have an inherent need to be heard and understood?

Gather with neighbors around the barbeque and share a meal, some history, seek commonalities and be there for one another. Offer a ride, help with meals or perhaps some assistance with chores if you are able, or join one of the great clubs and get to know your neighbors.

Let’s demonstrate that we can come together as one and coexist.

TRUSTEE’S REPORT by Kathy Henson

MANAGER’S REPORT by Nancy Saunders

Do you have a new pet in your household? Please remember to update your pet information at the Association Office by stopping by the office to complete a new pet information form.

The Architectural Review Committee has been busy – they reviewed and approved 62 applications in the month of April. Exterior painting and new roof applications make up 23 of the 62 applications. I have heard from several residents that the community looks great! I want to take this opportunity to thank you, the residents, for putting forth the time, energy, and resources to update and maintain your properties. Each individual property that looks great helps to make the overall appearance of the neighborhood look amazing.

With the Board of Trustee’s election cycle underway, we look forward to your participation. The strength of your Association depends upon the active participation by all members. Best of luck to all candidates!

POOL OPENING IS HERE!

Pools will be open daily from 10 am to 7 pm starting Saturday May 28, 2022.

Children permitted at Laurel Pool ONLY—M/W/F/Sat/Sun during the hours of 11 am to 2 pm.

Outside of the Children’s hours, THERE WILL BE NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY AT EITHER POOL. SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Have a safe & enjoyable summer!
Weekly Bus Schedule as follows:

*Bus schedules are subject to change by the Board of Trustees and subject to availability of qualified drivers and rider-ship.*

**MONDAY** Please advise the driver if you are going to the Post Office, PNC Bank, Red Lion Diner or McDonalds when boarding the bus.

**Morning**

Pick-up Residents ........................................................................................................................................... 8:45 AM

*Stops – Post Office, PNC Bank, TD Bank, Republic Bank, McDonalds before Murphy’s Market*

Arrive Murphy’s Market, Bank of America, WSFS, McDonalds ................................................................. 10:00 AM

Depart Murphy’s, McDonalds. ......................................................................................................................... 11:00 AM

Arrive LeisureTowne. ........................................................................................................................................ 11:30 AM

**Afternoon**

Pick-up Residents ............................................................................................................................................... 12:15 PM

Arrive Medford Acme or Walmart, Kohls Shopping Center ................................................................. 1:30 PM

*Stops—Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Pet Smart, Produce Junction, Trader Joes*

Depart Acme or Kohls ........................................................................................................................................ 2:45 PM

Arrive LeisureTowne. ........................................................................................................................................ 3:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY** Please advise the driver if you wish to stop at Virtua Hospital, Mount Holly, or Walmart when boarding the bus.

**Morning**

Pick-up Residents ............................................................................................................................................... 8:45 AM

Arrive Medford Shop Rite ................................................................................................................................... 9:45 AM

Depart Medford Shop Rite ................................................................................................................................. 11:00 AM

Arrive LeisureTowne. ........................................................................................................................................ 11:30 AM

**Afternoon**

Pick-up Residents ............................................................................................................................................... 12:15 PM

Arrive Walmart ..................................................................................................................................................... 1:00 PM

Arrive Lumberton Plaza—*Big Lots, TD Bank, WSFS, Aldi’s, Virtua Urgent Care & more* ................... 1:15 PM

Arrive Hainesport Shop Rite ............................................................................................................................. 1:30 PM

Depart Hainesport Shop Rite ............................................................................................................................... 2:30 PM

Pick-up at Lumberton Plaza and/or Walmart ............................................................................................. 2:45 PM

Arrive LeisureTowne. ........................................................................................................................................ 3:15 PM

**FRIDAY** Second Friday of the Month

DEPTFORD MALL or DEPTFORD CROSSING and CHRISTMAS TREE SHOP

Pick-up Residents ............................................................................................................................................... 8:45 AM

Arrive Deptford or Deptford Crossing. ............................................................................................................. 10:30 AM

Pick-up Deptford Crossing and Christmas Tree Shop .................................................................................... 11:30 AM

Pick-up Christmas Tree Shop and transport to the Mall. ........................................................................... 12:30 PM

Depart Deptford. .............................................................................................................................................. 2:30 PM

Arrive LeisureTowne. ........................................................................................................................................ 3:15 PM

**Bus Reservation Number** 609-859-8001

Please leave your Name, Phone Number and day that you wish to ride the bus.

When you are calling for a reservation for Monday or Wednesday, make sure to call the evening before or by 8:00 AM the morning of. This applies to morning and afternoon rides.
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IF YOU SEE SOMETHING...SAY SOMETHING

Call 911 in an emergency or if you see suspicious activity.

Please DON’T WAIT until the Association Office opens.

Do Not call the Gate Attendant.