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Hello Neighbor!

Here is your second quarter newsletter! for 2023. We are so excited to give you updates on what the Civic Association is doing!

Please remember that the board is made up of community volunteers. Please reach out to your tier representative or appropriate committee member for any questions, concerns, suggestions or comments you may have! We are here to represent and serve our members.

Please note that our members do not get involved in local social media page discussions.

First Beach is Open!

First Beach is open for the 2023 season! The beach will be open from 11AM to 6PM 7 days a week until September 4th, 2023. If there is not a lifeguard present the beach is closed. There have been issues with lifeguard staffing that we are actively working through with *The Lifeguard Company*. Our goal is to have a guard on staff daily, but this has unfortunately not been possible. Please bare with us as we navigate the lifeguard shortage.

Beach tags were distributed at first beach for the first 3 weekends of the season. If you missed it you can contact your tier representative to request them!

Join us for - Committee Nights!

If you have been looking for a way to get involved in a specific part of the board we would love to see you and your friends out for committee nights! Leads for the Fundraising, Grounds, and Dams committee are meeting the second Monday of each month via zoom. This is a time to discuss specific topics as they relate to that committee. Each committee meets consecutively. So you may login for your committee of choice, or stay for them all!

We hope this is a great way for the community to get more informed about specific projects, share their ideas and thoughts, and get more involved! Please see the committee schedule to the right for the dates and information!

2023 Elections!

We have 4 positions up for election this year. Each tier has a member up for election as well as our At Large member position. Nomination forms will be out in August for your household to nominate yourself or another community member in your tier to be on the board.

Members up for election this year include, Nell Woulfe (Tier 1), Shauna Schneeman (Tier 2), Marie King (Tier 3), Anna Marie LaRocca (At-Large).

If you have questions please feel free to reach out! Our Vice President, Donna Sutts will be heading the elections committee this year.

2023 BOARD MEMBERS

President: Shauna Schneeman | Tier 2
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2023 GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE

August 7, 2023 6:30pm Via Zoom
September 11, 2023 6:30pm @ Folsom Borough Hall
October 2, 2023 6:30pm Via Zoom
November 6 2023 6:30pm Via Zoom
December 4, 2023 6:30pm @ Folsom Borough Hall

Zoom Meeting ID: 836 1397 6652
Password: CLCA

2023 COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

August 14, 2023 @ 6:00pm
September 18, 2023 @ 6:00pm
October 9, 2023 @ 6:00pm
November 13, 2023 @ 6:00pm
December 11, 2023 @ 6:00pm
Zoom Meeting ID: 880 5423 5552
Password: CLCA

2023 PRELIMINARY EVENT SCHEDULE

September 9, 2023 - Community Yard Sale
October 8, 2023 - Harvest Fest (First Beach)

General Meeting Update

In Person Vs. Virtual Meetings have been a popular subject for a while now. We know many residents love the virtual option and there are residents that prefer we are in person. We have tried to accommodate both options during our general meetings. However, it has been hard to manage both options at once. Our board has scheduled both full zoom and full in person meetings scheduled for the remainder of 2023. We feel that having both types of meetings throughout the year is the best solution.

All of our zoom meetings can be accessed through the same meeting ID. That meeting ID is, 836 1397 6652. Additionally, there will no longer be a waiting room. The system does allow us to disable the waiting room by requiring all attendees to have a registered Zoom Account or Enter the password which is, CLCA. So, if you are planning to attend meetings please take the time to ensure you have a registered zoom account on zoom.us or have the password available which is, CLCA.

In person meetings will take place at Folsom Borough Hall. Located at 1700 12th Street in Hammonton.

All meetings begin promptly at 6:30pm. In person meetings will end at approx. 7:30pm. Zoom meetings may go later depending on the agenda for the night.

If you cannot make it to the meetings you can find the recording and the summary of minutes on our website at Collingslakes.org. minutes are posted 7-10 days after the meeting. If you have any comments questions or concerns regarding the meetings can be brought to President, Shauna Schneeman. Her email is Shaunas@collingslakes.org



**The Grounds Committee
Installed the new Welcome Sign!
Thank you all for volunteering
your time!**

50/50 Ticket Fundraiser Happening Now!

50/50 Tickets are on sale now until December 4, 2023. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Proceeds of this fundraiser benefit the Dam Restoration Projects.

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE GENERAL MEETING YOU CAN FIND THE
MINUTES ON OUR WEBSITE!

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Fundraising Committee Update

The fundraising committee hosted a wonderful Easter Egg hunt/spring flower sale as well as helping host the Folsom Environmental Day. The next event will be the Harvest Festival! Just like last year we are hoping to have craft vendors, food vendors, crafts/activities for the kids, pumpkin painting, and mums for sale! If you would like to get involved the fundraising committee would love to have you! You can join the Fundraising Committee zoom call on August 14th and get involved in this event and future events!

The fundraising committee is also selling 50/50 tickets! Tickets will be for sale through representatives directly, as well as at the September general meeting and Harvest Festival. The drawing for the 50/50 will take place at the December General Meeting at Folsom Borough Hall.

Grounds Update

Lots of things happening in Grounds this year! Our Grounds Lead, George Protopapas and his committee have been working hard this year donating time and materials to give different structures new life! They are little projects, but will hopefully make a big impact as they continue!

The new welcome sign has been installed! Huge thank you to the grounds committee for volunteering their time to getting it installed.

The swimming area clearing for second and third beach was scheduled for June, but has been delayed due to the large amount of rainfall we experienced. We expect to see this rescheduled very soon. It was recommended by the engineer to have these areas cleared. The engineer advised that the remaining vegetation in the lake area would correct itself over time when the water returns. If you have a lakefront home on Cushman lake this would be a good time to clear your swimming area as well!

Dams Update

The Cushman Dam project is underway! As with any construction project we have experienced and expect to experience hurdles and delays. Please know that our Dams Committee has been and will continue to be proactive in working closely to assist the professionals in getting this project completed as quickly and as efficiently as possible. Your dams committee is a group of your fellow neighbors volunteering their time and skills.

The committee has starting working with the engineer to start the process for the next 2 dams projects. We expect to hear the results of the inspections of these dams and the next steps to move forward. We are hopeful we will get these two projects progressing so we have a better understanding of what is needed and will update in meetings and future newsletters.

The committee are made up of our community members who are willing and eager to share their time, skills, and experience to assist in moving these projects along. If you would like to get involved.. you can! Our next Dam committee meeting is August 14 at 6PM via zoom!

Letter from the Treasurer:

Though the physical appearance of progress appear subtle. A lot of preparation and progress has been made behind the scenes regarding the financial responsibilities and needs of the

CLCA. As construction on our new dam comes underway, the association and treasury, prepare for its financial liability. As such, the association has taken claim to its Dunn's and Bradstreet number, which allows the nonprofit to obtain a credit score, creating a history of financial worthiness. This allows the association to navigate more lenders in the event of an emergency or expense requiring a loan. While preparing for its financial responsibilities, the association, has hired H&S business partners for its bookkeeping needs, financial credibility and guidance. Currently, H&S and the association are executing, a financial audit which started in June 2023 and is currently taking place. Though board members may not remain the same, the financial concerns of the Association will always have a financial constant for future generations. In an attempt to trim the yearly budget, the association has signed on with a new insurance company, providing bonding and excess coverage reducing the costs incurred from the previous years policy. The lot is taking place in the present, preparation's for the future are Paramount.

Join Us for Harvest Festival!

Sunday, October 8, 2023

10AM-3PM

Crafts - Food Vendors - Craft Vendors-
Mums & More!



The fundraising committee is looking for Vendors interested in participating in the October 8th Harvest Festival. If you or someone you know is interested use this QR code or visit our website to sign up!



2023 Community Yard Sale Sign ups are open!



The community yard sale is September 9, 2023. This is not a CLCA sponsored event, but something we are happy to organize for our residents. We will be posting the participating addresses on September 2, 2023 on the Collings Lakes NJ Facebook page. This year the Yard Sale will be on the same date as the Lady of the Lake's Chicken BBQ. Participating homes will post posted on Saturday September 2, 2023. Registration or Cancellation of your yard sale after that post will not reflect on the announcement.

The Civic Association is not responsible for checking local municipality rules regarding residential yard sales. Our residents are split into three different townships and it would be nearly impossible for us to ensure the information is accurate that we would be providing. Please check with your township to verify your participation in the yard sale event will be in compliance.

If you have any questions or concerns email, ShaunaS@collingslakes.org.