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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Carol Powell

I find myself sitting in front of a keyboard on the day after our national election, of course not knowing who our next president will be. Our Board of Trustees election is next week. We have had an outstanding turnout of candidates for the three available positions and we are looking forward to that result as well.

As many of you know, we are required to submit articles for the Pride well in advance of when they arrive in our homes. So, I am actually writing the final submission for the year 2020, and what a year this has been! I'm sure I will not encounter any objection if I say that I am praying that 2021 is a much better year for all of the world.

On my very long list of the things I missed this year was the new resident meet and greet. We would normally have had two of these meetings, one in April and one in October. Our Board members, Standing Committee chairs and those many other volunteers who keep the various activities that normally occur here going, would sit down to share some refreshments with the people who have moved in within the past few months. The goal is to simply answer questions and get to know one another. I have had the pleasure of working with the Welcoming Committee to coordinate these fun evenings. We will absolutely make sure that all who should have been there this year receive invitations as soon as we are able to begin those types of events again. I'm confident that I can speak for all involved when I say we are looking forward to meeting all of our new residents and hopefully convincing you to "come out and play" by perhaps joining a club or working with a committee. This truly is a great place to reside, but it takes the hard work of many volunteers to make that happen.

In the interim, the Board and our Standing Committee members have been working hard to ensure that the day to day needs of the community are being addressed. Most started with Zoom online meetings. The next step was to meet outside, near the pool area. We have recently opened the Lion's Den in the Clubhouse, with limited access for use of those committees. Our office and maintenance staff have all returned to regular work schedules. We hope these are the first steps to a future where we can all enjoy all of our facilities again. As I write this, there are committees addressing opening the fitness center and the clubhouse for limited use, but at the same time the Covid numbers are increasing all over the country. Hopefully, by the time you read this, things will be better.

As we approach the holiday season, let's all enjoy as much as our individual situations allow and take the time to reflect on the benefits of being able to live in a community like this. It's easy to get caught up in what's wrong with the world; let's make sure we also remember what's right. From our family to yours, Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for 2021.

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401.5 Rental Income	\$	-
402.0 Maintenance Late Fees	\$	825.00
403.0 Rental Security Deposits	\$	(2,449.98)
406.0 Interest Operations	\$	2,269.19
408.0 Miscellaneous	\$	620.00
410.0 Participation Fees	\$	49,500.00
450.0 LHCC Revenues	\$	54,437.29
Total Income:	\$	915,267.59

LHCC Sales Tax:

209.0 LHCC Sales Tax	\$	(22.89)
Total Sales Tax:	\$	(22.89)

Expenses:

500.0 Administration	\$	325,785.15
520.0 Residences	\$	278,649.91
540.0 Common Facilities	\$	206,165.58
Total Expenses:	\$	810,600.64

Total Income Over Expenses: \$ 104,666.95

Balance at Month End: \$ 104,666.95

LIONS HEAD SOUTH

New Residents - 2020

Popola, Patricia.....70 Meadowbrook Rd.
R/S Lauriano
Mullen, Patricia.....128 Lauren Ln.
R/S Barrow
Kilkenny, Elizabeth.....109 Meadowbrook Rd.
R/S DeSimone Estate
Rackenberg, Robert & Betty.....31 Meadowbrook Rd.
R/S Meisch
Minervini, Benito & Nicoletta.....7 Garland Dr.
R/S Setran
Smith, Jeanette (Flipper).....28 Lauren Ln.
R/S Bank Owned/Millman
Ombalsky, Michael & Rita.....146 Lions Head Blvd.
R/S DeVito
Noval, Javier & Josephine.....46 Meadowbrook Rd.
R/S Culnen/Sirni

Deletions - 2020

Lauriano, Rosemarie70 Meadowbrook Rd.
R/S Popola
Barrow, Carol.....128 Lauren Ln.
R/S Mullen
DeSimone Estate.....109 Meadowbrook Rd.
R/S Kilkenny
Meisch, Charles & Debra.....31 Meadowbrook Rd.
R/S Rackenberg
Setran, Gary & Carol.....7 Garland Dr.
R/S Minervini
Bank Owned/Millman.....28 Lauren Ln.
R/S Smith
DeVito, Anthony & Maria.....146 Lions Head Blvd.
R/S Ombalsky
Constantino Estate.....91 Lions Head Blvd.
R/S Duthie; Spiegel
Culnen/Sirni (Flippers).....46 Meadowbrook Rd.
R/S Noval

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Mayer, Mena.....82 Lauren Ln.
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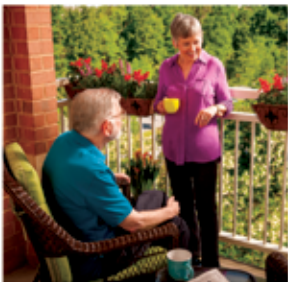
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EDITORIAL

Susan Mills

The holiday season is in full swing. What does that even mean this year? Sharing, caring and counting our blessings are gift wrapped differently. We made it through an election. We managed to adjust and somehow still enjoy our turkey festivities. We are dealing with longer nights and colder days. What comes next? Will Santa be wearing a mask? Will there be a hustle and bustle of shoppers? Will we be able to exchange our presents in person or will they have to be sent through the mail? Each month I mention the challenges we are all facing during this pandemic. Being able to give a hug, share a meal, or just laugh together seems so far away.

Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa celebrate new beginnings and hope. Let us all dig deep and find a way to perpetuate this positive feeling. Reaching out, being generous and offering emotional support to those around us is more important than ever. The glittering lights that decorate so many of our homes help brighten our surroundings. Enjoy their beauty and let their symbolic glow fill your hearts. My Lions Head South friends: Be safe, stay well, and God Bless. Happy Holidays everyone!

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Rose Saputo

On October 20th our Clubhouse Committee finally held its first official meeting since COVID-19. It actually felt good to start getting back into the “swing of things”, even though after a longer period of time than expected. Our nation, as well as other countries, has been experiencing the second outbreak of the virus. There is still no word yet as to when our Clubhouse will re-open its doors for our use. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15th at 9:30am in the Lion’s Den.

From all of us to you and yours. Blessed and *Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!*

May the new year of 2021 bring health and happiness to all and may it be the year that brings the end to COVID-19.

MAYOR DUCEY’S SENIOR COMMUNITY MEETING

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Tree Lighting – 12/1 in front of Town Hall - Santa arriving + pictures with Santa (at a safe social distance), Sing along, cookies and hot chocolate.

Brick Business News:

Restaurants:

- Sunnyside Up Café (Breakfast/Lunch) Mantoloking Rd.
- Manera’s Steakhouse (Lunch and Dinner) Cedar Bridge Ave.
- Komodo (Chinese) - Drum Pt. Plaza
- Pho Hanoi (Vietnamese) - Hooper Avenue
- Quaker State and Il Boccone restaurants have closed due to COVID-19.
- Taylor Sam’s is moving to Il Boccone’s site.

Other Businesses:

- Sports Dome has received its CAFRA permit and construction can begin.
- Clark’s Land Design opening at 660 Mantoloking Road.
- Wine Outlet is opening in Brick Plaza next to Trader Joe’s
- Planet Fitness is moving to Bay Harbor Plaza in the AC Moore’s location.
- Royal Farms - their building application is in and is currently going through the permit review process.

Brick Senior Services (Brick Senior Center/VFW Post 8867, 373 Adamston Road, 732-920-8686)

Senior Services Classes:

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LHCC

Jim Mort

As we wrap up 2020, we reflect back on this year of COVID-19 and its impact on our community and the golf course. With the virus still surging throughout the country, it appears that 2021 will be more of the same precautions, mask, social distancing, etc. Our hopes and prayers are for the discovery, testing, acceptance and distribution of a successful COVID vaccine that will protect all of us.

Our Thursday Men's League wrapped up their season in October with Gerry Byrnes and Jack Cummings taking First Place in the National League. John Dolan and Phil DeCarlo took First Place in the American League. Brian Halm, once again, stepped up when Tom Tormey had to drop out due to health reasons. Brian kept the League going, ensured all aspects of play were properly conducted and administrative support supplied. Thank you, Brian. The 2021 season is scheduled to start on May 12th. Signup sheets will be posted to the outside LHCC BB.

On October 19th we held our one and only General Membership meeting. We had a good turnout and passed on the changes in membership fees and over all operational changes for LHCC in 2021.

The Board of Directors was reappointed for 2021 and Iris Mahoney was appointed as Secretary. Anyone interested in working on the LHCC Board of Directors should contact me at the clubhouse. The next election for our Board will be held in October 2021 at the General membership meeting.

Our hole-in-one program for 2020 was completed on October 31st. We had 23 participants this year which is down by 50% from last year mostly due to the virus. We had one "hole in one" this year, which I had on August 19th and was paid \$460.00. Hopefully, we will have a bigger and better turnout next year.

The virus overshadowed our planning for a Veterans Day get together at the American Legion. It was felt that we should not have a group at the Legion and that we would be better served to have a Veterans Day Shootout at our course with refreshments after golf. Jack Cummings and Ed Gregersen organized and ran the event.

Our last event of every year is our Polar Bear Shootout, scheduled for December 31st. The Shootout will start at 12:00, and refreshments will be served after golf. All members are invited and it is planned as a coed affair. Signup sheets will be posted to the LHCC outside BB.

We had a very good year for both our 20/20 and Free Membership Raffles and appreciate the support we received from our community. The final 20/20 drawing, total of \$1,050.00 in prizes, is scheduled for after the Association Meeting December 7th. The Free Membership raffle

drawing will also be drawn at this meeting. You do not have to be present to win.

As we prepare to close out the LHCC golfing season, we would like to take the time to once again thank the many volunteers that contributed so much of their time and effort making our events, programs and projects such a success. This year we rebuilt/refurbished our bridges, replaced our Sponsor boards and almost drained the swamp on Hole 9. It was a good year for us and we owe so much to those who gave freely of their time. Special Thanks to Jay Wiss, Vic Carlson, Paul Varga and Bill Woods for their work on several of our projects and to Brian Halm, Joe Bill, Joe Barrow, Jack Cummings, Ed Bischoff, Joe Bivona and Lee Scaturro and many others that ensured our few events were a success. Also, a special thanks to Rich DeFonce for the maintenance of our outside BB, which provided one of the few opportunities to provide current information to our members.

Thank you all for your participation and membership in the LHCC. We finally broke one hundred members this year and appreciate your continued support.





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BOWLING

Peter Brennan

With this writing the league is now in its 10th week. We have added a team and now consist of 12 teams of two people per team. Everyone is wearing a mask and keeping apart. As always, the bowling continues to improve each week of the league.

Some of the good scores that have happened the first ten weeks are

Team 1. Sue Auer 174, Dennis Grasso 258,

Team 2. Joyce Speziale 134, Peter Brennan 248

Team 3. Cherie Parker 145, Tino Yodice 235

Team 4. Joe Bivona 150, Carl Thul 236

Team 5. Marie Militello 148, Wayne Parker 249

Team 6. Sandra De Carlo 170, Mike Cimato 258

Team 7. Pepi Gennarelli 200, Deb Tristam 214

Team 8. Janet Bazaz 167, Bill Leck 210

Team 9. Chuck Florio 175, Jerry Cinnanello 203

Team 10. Dennis Gregory 149, Phil De Carlo 194

Team 11. Barbara Chidwick 123, Jack Petronick 177

Team 12. Christine Schmidt (not yet), Peter Manco 226

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WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Peter Brenman

The Lions Head South website still continues to be the primary source of activity happenings at LHS. We strive to stay on top of changes, but can only do so much. When chairpersons alert the website with new events, we will post that information as soon as possible. Keep the website active with current info for our LHS residents' benefit.

SNOWBIRDS

If you expect to be away from the community for the winter months, please make the arrangements to have the *Lions Pride* which includes the Newsletter mailed to you. The Board and Standing Committees continue to work all year long on your behalf. It is important to keep up with events here. If you decide not to have the publications mailed, let the office know you will be leaving so that the Newsletter and Pride won't be left in your door. Likewise, when you return in the spring, please inform the office so that delivery will be resumed to your door.

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MEN'S CLUB

Brian Halm, Treasurer

Attention, all Members: In the last few issues of the Pride, the Executive Board reached out to all members asking if anyone would volunteer to serve as an officer for the year 2021. No one came forward, but the current officers have agreed to stay on for another term. Therefore, in accordance with our MC Bylaws, our Secretary Tom Tormey cast one vote in acclamation for Tony Bozzetti, President; Don Antonelli, Vice-President; and Tom Tormey as Secretary. Subsequently, President Bozzetti re-appointed Brian Halm as Treasurer. We realize there is not much going on due to the Covid Virus, but we are planning ahead for 2021 in hopes that things will improve towards the end of next year.

Normally we have many fund raisers and community service events, but this year the only thing going on is the Mega 50-50 Raffle. At this writing (11/3/2020), the first prize is over \$1,000 and the second prize over \$250. These will continue to grow towards the end of this year when the drawings will occur. Anyone wishing to buy tickets can contact either Don Antonelli, Joe Bill, Tony Bozzetti or Brian Halm and the MC will deliver them to you. Tickets are \$5 each. Why fund raisers? Besides providing fun events for the enjoyment of the community, the Men's Club has community service activities that are NOT fund raisers. Sundae-Sunday is free to all residents and guests; Breakfast with Santa has a minimal \$10 fee for adults with children free. Last year over 50 children received gifts from Santa and a breakfast was served to over 125 people. Members of the Men's Club are able to attend the Annual Christmas Gala Dinner Dance at no cost to them. We have also donated things to the community such as the ice-maker in the Clubhouse, the Commercial Sink in the kitchen among others. We also do a trash picking cleanup on Beaverson Boulevard several times a year as a service to the Township.

Stay safe and remember to reach out to your friends and neighbors; we are all in this together!



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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Debbie Holzherr

I just want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who came out to the Oktoberfest event. Thank you to the trustees for approving the event and for their confidence in the Social Committee. Special thanks to our members who helped with this event: Maureen Benesch, Rose Saputo, Roberta Marvel, Joe & Patty Ross. We were so fortunate to have additional volunteers: Thomas Behrens, George Bannon, Vito LaFerrara and his friend Paul, Kathleen Fagan and Lucy Hubert helping anywhere they were needed. Thank you so much!!! Of course, we can't forget DJ Louie. He always goes over and above starting early and stays till the party is over. WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!!!!!!

On another note: Happy Holidays from the Social Committee. Hopefully in 2021 we will be able to bring some nice events to our community. Wishing all of you Health, Happiness and Peace. God Bless us everyone.



Merry Christmas

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THE RECIPE BOX

Sue Auer

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH CAKES!

*****Hanukkah* - 12/10/20 to 12/18/20 (an 8-day festival of lights).

*****CHRISTMAS* - 12/25/20 (based on tradition & beliefs...12 days before or after or both)

*****KWANZAA* - 12/26/20 to 01/01/21

Cinnamon-Apple Cake - AKA CHANUKAH CAKE

***** recipe given by Myrna Gellman (a community friend)!

STEP 1 - Preheat oven to 350 deg. Spray an 8-inch spring form pan with cooking spray.

STEP 2 - In bowl # 1 ...Beat until creamy ...1 1/2 cup of sugar with 1/2 cup butter, 1 tsp. vanilla extract & 6 oz. of cream cheese (softened). Beat in well... 1 at a time 2 large eggs.

STEP 3 - In bowl # 2... whisk together 1 1/2 cups of all-purpose flour, 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder & 1/4 tsp. salt.

STEP 4 - Bowl # 3 mix...stir 2 tsp. cinnamon with 1/4 cup sugar. Stir 2 tbsp. of mixture into flour mixture.

STEP 5 - Stir the flour mixture into the butter mixture to make a smooth batter, mix in 2 large baking apples, peeled and chopped. Pour into prepared pan. Sprinkle top of the batter with reserved cinnamon-sugar.

STEP 6 - Bake in preheated oven until cake pulls away from edge of pan, 1hr 15 mins. Cool on wire rack.

CHOCOLATE MOUSSE CAKE

***** a Christmas favorite offered by Marie Militello

2 - 6oz. or 1 - 12oz. pkg. semi-sweet chocolate chips.

4 - tbsp. sugar

6 - eggs - separated

2 - cups heavy cream - whipped

2 - tsp. vanilla extract - (add to heavy cream before whipping).

2 - pkgs. plain LADY FINGERS

BUTTER SIDES AND BOTTOM OF A 9" SPRING

FORM PAN - line with the Lady Fingers, both sides and bottom. Powered side of the Lady Fingers should be against the pan.

NOTE: It is best to make the Chocolate Mousse one day ahead before serving, so that the cake is chilled & firm. Prepare the whipped cream, the whipped egg whites & the melted chocolate mixture ahead of time, because in preparing the cake, everything is done quickly. For instance, if chocolate mixture starts to cool off, it will thicken, and it must be soft for mixing.

CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

1. Melt chocolate chips in a double boiler — or use 2 pots, one a little larger for water - the other smaller that fits in the larger pot with the chocolate chips.

2. Beat egg yolks in a bowl well, add the chocolate mixture, beat with whisk until smooth.

3. Beat egg whites, until stiff, and fold into chocolate mixture.

4. Fold in the beaten whipped cream.

5. Pour the chocolate mixture into the lined pan and refrigerate until ready to serve.

BEFORE SERVING top with a pint of heavy whipped cream, adding vanilla extract OR Bailey's Irish Cream (1-2 tsp.) to cream before whipping.

GARNISH suggestions: Chocolate Curls, Toasted Silvered Almonds or Chocolate Sprinkles.

KWANZAA DRIED-FRUIT FRUITCAKE

Recipe sent to LHS from Brown University Graduate - Lisa Curtis

STEP 1 - Grease & lightly flour an 8 -inch fluted tube mold. OR, grease an 8x4x2-inch loaf pan; line pan with parchment paper; grease paper. Set aside.

STEP 2 - DRY ingredients: Combine 1 1/2 cups flour, 1/2 tsp. baking powder & 1/4 tsp. baking soda; SET ASIDE.

In a bowl BEAT 1/4 cup butter with an electric mixer @ (med) speed. **ADD** 3/4 cup packed brown sugar & beat until mixture is combined. **ADD** 2 eggs, 1 at a time (med) speed. (BATTER MAY APPEAR CURDLED).

STEP 3 - Juice mixture - **COMBINE** 1 tsp orange peel finely chopped, 1/2 cup orange juice, 2 tbsp. light corn syrup & 1 tsp vanilla. **ADD** dry ingred. & juice mixture alternately to butter mixture. Beat on low after each addition until combined. **FOLD** into batter 3/4 cup snipped dried apricots, 1/2 cup dried cherries or raisins. 1/2 cup whole dates chopped, 1/2 chopped pecans or walnuts. **SPREAD** batter into prepared pan.

STEP 4 - Bake in a 300-deg. oven about 1 hr. in tube pan, (about 1 1/2hr. in a loaf pan) or until a wooden toothpick comes out clean. If necessary, cover cake with foil the last 15 to 30 minutes to prevent overbrowning.

STEP 5 - Cool cake in tube pan on wire rack 10 mins. Remove from pan. Wrap cake in brandy or juice moistened 100% cotton cheesecloth. Over wrap in foil. Store in refrigerator 2 - 8 weeks. remoisten cheesecloth as needed. Sprinkle with pearl sugar & garnish with orange peel curls. before slicing. Makes 16 servings.

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GARDEN CLUB

Linda Adamo

With Thanksgiving behind us and getting ready for the upcoming holiday season, the Garden Club was busily removing the fall decorations from around the community and setting out our various holiday/winter displays throughout our beautiful neighborhood. This will be our last outdoor work for a while. We hope you enjoy this time of year as much as we do. We also enjoy seeing what you do to your own homes and perhaps the weather will cooperate so you can take a walk and take pleasure in your neighbors' holiday decor.

During the cold winter months, we can help to protect our outdoor plantings by making sure we have enough mulch to keep their roots warm. This will enable them to recover from the harsh winter come spring. If we are lucky enough not to have a significant freeze before you read this, watering your outdoor plants before a freeze may help them last a bit longer. Water acts as an insulator ... Plant cells that are plump with water will be stronger against cold damage. Likewise, moist soil will tend to stay warmer than dry soil, so a regular watering schedule in dry, cold weather can help protect plants from freezing temperatures.

This is the time of year when we can concentrate on our indoor plants. Before you know it, we will have poinsettias and other seasonal plants in our homes. You may also want to consider having a small herb garden in your homes for the winter months. It can be the next best thing to gardening outdoors. There is nothing quite like snipping fresh herbs in the dead of winter. Basil, chives and mint can successfully be grown from seed while other herbs may do better if already bought in pots. Parsley will do well indoors. Organic potting soil is recommended as the herbs will be ingested. Additionally, terra cotta pots that drain well are another suggestion. Pick the sunniest window in your home for your garden and if there isn't a good one, a grow light will work. Feeding your herbs once a month can also keep them healthy. When picking your herbs, always take the lower and outer leaves first.

As the Garden Club begins its hibernation for the winter, we hope you get to enjoy this festive time of year with family and friends. We wish the "snowbirds" safe travels. Best wishes to all of LHS for a happy holiday season.

Please consider joining us in March when we return for our first meeting of 2021. It would be the perfect time to join our busy group. Please watch the Lions Pride for the date or listen to your Robo Call reminding you of our upcoming meeting.

RECIPE BOX continued from page 12

IMPORTANT CORRECTION - NOV. 2020 ADDITION... of the "RECIPE BOX". Apple Cider donut cake. (Thank you, Bill Leck, for bringing this to my attention): APPLE CIDER MIXTURE section...please omit in line 2 1/2 cup of milk"...the last line should read... Combine 1 cup of mixture with 1/2 cup milk. I deeply apologize for the error.

**WISHING EVERYONE & THEIR FAMILIES
A SAFE, HEALTHY, HAPPY
& BLESSED HOLIDAY!**

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A DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS POEM

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light,
I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.
My wife was asleep, her head on my chest,
My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.

Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white,
Transforming the yard to a winter delight.
The sparkling lights in the tree I believe,
Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.

My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,
Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.
In perfect contentment, or so it would seem,
So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream..

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near,
But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.
Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know,
Then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.

My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,
And I crept to the door just to see who was near.
Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,
A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.

A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old,
Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold.
Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled,
Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.

"What are you doing?" I asked without fear,
"Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!
Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,
You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"

For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift,
Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts..
To the window that danced with a warm fire's light
Then he sighed and he said "It's really all right,

I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night."
"It's my duty to stand at the front of the line,
That separates you from the darkest of times.
No one had to ask or beg or implore me,

I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me.
My Gramps died at "Pearl on a day in December,"
Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Nam always re-
members."

"My dad stood his watch in the jungles of Nam,
And now it is my turn and so, here I am.
I've not seen my own son in more than a while,
But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile."

Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag,
The red, white, and blue.... an American flag.
I can live through the cold and the being alone,
Away from my family, my house and my home.

"I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet,
I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.
I can carry the weight of killing another,
Or lay down my life with my sister and brother..

Who stand at the front against any and all,
To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."
"So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright,
Your family is waiting and I'll be all right."

"But isn't there something I can do, at the least,
Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast?
It seems all too little for all that you've done,
For being away from your wife and your son."

Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret,
"Just tell us you love us, and never forget.
To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone,
To stand your own watch, no matter how long.

For when we come home, either standing or dead,
To know you remember we fought and we bled.
Is payment enough, and with that we will trust,
That we mattered to you as you mattered to us."

PLEASE, would you do me the kind favor of sharing
this with as many people as you can? Christmas will be
coming soon and some credit is due to our U.S. service men
and women for our being able to celebrate these festivities.
Let's try in this small way to pay a tiny bit of what we owe.
Make people stop and think of our heroes, living and dead,
who sacrificed themselves for us.

DECEMBER 2020 CALENDAR EACH WEEK DAY OF THE MONTH AS LISTED

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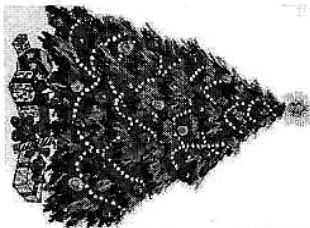
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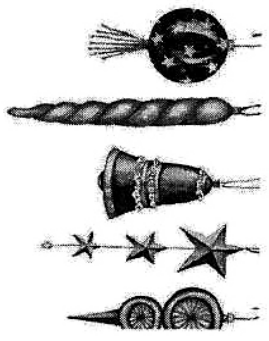
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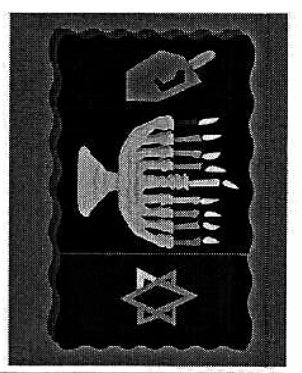
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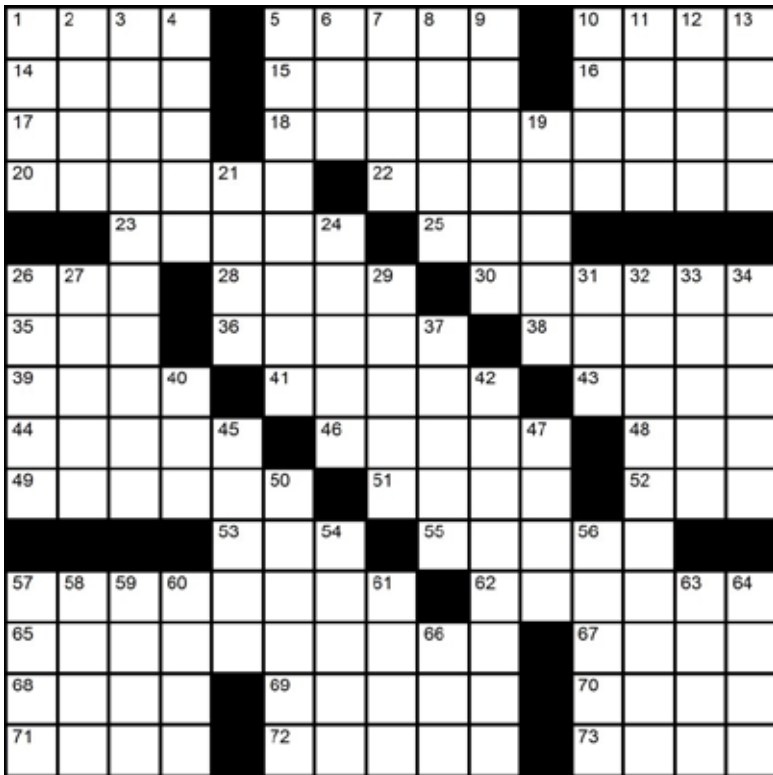
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Opposite of neither
- 5 Protect
- 10 "Four and twenty blackbirds baked in ---"
- 14 On the ocean
- 15 Publish
- 16 Route
- 17 Via
- 18 Serviced
- 20 Cotton Club setting
- 22 Jamboree
- 23 Up
- 25 Intelligence agency
- 26 Not traded on a stock exchange
- 28 Top guns
- 30 Ethnic
- 35 In favor
- 36 Adeptness
- 38 State animal of Maine
- 39 The Sultan of Swat
- 41 Talent seeker
- 43 Shuttle operator
- 44 Behaved
- 46 Wished
- 48 Beat
- 49 Accidental dive
- 51 Feeble
- 52 Some foreign Government heads
- 53 Except
- 55 Comic --- Martin

- 57 Light metal
- 62 Knuckleheads
- 65 Suspension
- 67 Duration
- 68 First to die in the Bible
- 69 Untrue
- 70 Egyptian dancing girl
- 71 Dabbling duck
- 72 Absquatulates
- 73 Drip slowly

DOWN

- 1 Tub
- 2 Workplace regulation agency
- 3 Unglazed brownish-red earthenware
- 4 Pulls
- 5 Ingenious sales devices
- 6 World's largest economy
- 7 Expression of incredulity
- 8 Scrap
- 9 Despise
- 10 Parched
- 11 Small lake
- 12 U N nuclear watchdog
- 13 Swirl
- 19 Warning signal
- 21 Touchdown forecasts
- 24 German state
- 26 O founder
- 27 Temporary peace
- 29 Single-masted sailboat
- 31 Electrically charged particle
- 32 Maritime refugees
- 33 Tea-growing Indian state
- 34 Inclines
- 37 Southern hemisphere constellation
- 40 "He'd make a lovely corpse" (Dickens: "Martin Chuzzlewit")
- 42 1,000%
- 45 Kind of card
- 47 Artificially-colored
- 50 Went on the lam
- 54 Like Mayberry
- 56 Travel stamps
- 57 "I --- my wit's end"
- 58 Projecting part of the brain
- 59 Common fertilizer ingredient
- 60 Shopping center
- 61 Height of Denver
- 63 Dull
- 64 Sudden
- 66 Employ

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LHSA 2021 Approved Budgets. Due to COVID Executive Orders, the December 7, 2020 Budget Presentation has been cancelled. Please forward any questions or concerns to the administrative office. The Finance & Insurance Committee will review questions and contact you directly.

Lions Head South Association Proposed Budget 2021

	Proposed 2021 Budget	2020 Budget	Actual as of 9/30/20	2020 Budget vs. Actual as of 9/30/20
Administration				
501 Salaries	165,000.00	160,000.00	114,915.84	45,084.16
502-A Prof Fees-LHSA	30,000.00	30,000.00	17,466.04	12,533.96
503-A Insurance-LHSA	45,000.00	40,000.00	29,237.20	10,762.80
504-A Telephone-LHSA	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,604.90	1,395.10
504-B Telephone-LHCC	550.00	525.00	395.38	129.62
505-A Postage-LHSA	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,218.00	282.00
505-B Postage-LHCC	250.00	250.00	55.00	195.00
506-A Printing-LHSA	3,000.00	3,000.00	(1,032.88)	4,032.88
506-B Printing-LHCC	750.00	700.00	474.80	225.20
507-A Supplies-LHSA	3,100.00	3,000.00	2,456.46	543.54
507-B Supplies-LHCC	300.00	300.00	308.87	(8.87)
508 Taxes Pd Payroll	30,000.00	34,000.00	19,082.14	14,917.86
509-A LHSA Fixed AssetAssessment	13,200.00	8,800.00	5,150.00	3,650.00
509-B LHCC FixedAssetAssessment	1,800.00	1,200.00	700.00	500.00
510 Miscellaneous Exp.-Other	2,000.00	2,000.00	317.68	1,682.32
510-A Advertising LHSA	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
510-B Lunches,Awards&Recognitions	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
510-C Advertising LHCC	400.00	400.00	49.05	350.95
510-D Dues	250.00	250.00	-	250.00
510-E Seminars & Training	300.00	300.00	-	300.00
510-F LHCC Miscellaneous	350.00	300.00	258.86	41.14
510-G Bank Fees	200.00	-	-	-
512 Fed Corp Income Tax	14,000.00	5,500.00	14,000.00	(8,500.00)
513 Payroll Prep	3,700.00	3,300.00	2,866.34	433.66
514-A Office Equip/Expense-LHSA	8,000.00	2,300.00	2,114.66	185.34
516-A R E Tax LHSA	75.00	75.00	40.60	34.40
516-B R E Tax LHCC	10.00	10.00	3.53	6.47
517 LHCC Activities Expense	1,400.00	1,400.00	934.98	465.02
518 Maint. Supplies (small tools, parts & repairs)	1,500.00	1,500.00	688.53	811.47
519 Website expenses	750.00	1,000.00	204.00	796.00
Sub Total Administration	339,385.00	313,610.00	215,509.98	98,100.02
Residences				
521 Lawn Mowing	133,000.00	125,000.00	95,804.23	29,195.77
522 Thatching - Chemicals	135,100.00	76,000.00	35,488.86	40,511.14
523 A Sprinkler Systems - LHSA	110,000.00	100,000.00	97,345.52	2,654.48
524 A Well Expenses	26,000.00	23,000.00	13,255.16	9,744.84
525 Snow Removal	40,000.00	50,000.00	-	50,000.00
526 House Painting	12,000.00	16,000.00	8,341.29	7,658.71
Sub-Total Residences	456,100.00	390,000.00	250,235.06	139,764.94

Lions Head South Association Proposed Budget 2021

	Proposed 2021 Budget	2020 Budget	Actual as of 9/30/20	2020 Budget vs. Actual as of 9/30/20
Common Facilities				
523B Sprinkler Systems - LHCC	10,000.00	10,000.00	8,000.00	2,000.00
524B LHCC Well Expense	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,307.07	192.93
528 LHCC Course maintenance	127,300.00	123,000.00	91,097.44	31,902.56
541 Pool Expense	22,140.00	20,000.00	9,537.97	10,462.03
542A Clubhouse Maintenance	12,640.00	10,000.00	10,313.91	(313.91)
542B LHCC Clubhouse Maint.	1,000.00	1,400.00	365.71	1,034.29
543A Clubhouse Utilities - LHSA	27,000.00	30,000.00	16,128.64	13,871.36
543B LHCC Clubhouse Utilities	3,200.00	3,200.00	1,519.44	1,680.56
544 Recreation Facilities	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,068.40	931.60
545 Vehicle Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00	573.97	426.03
546A Ground Maintenance - LHSA	6,000.00	26,000.00	6,593.76	19,406.24
546B LHCC Ground Maintenance	11,000.00	11,000.00	8,342.86	2,657.14
546C Garden Club Ground Maint.	2,500.00	4,000.00	817.95	3,182.05
546D Front Entrance Maintenance	3,350.00	4,000.00	2,802.89	1,197.11
546E LHSA Tree Trimming Common	10,000.00	-	-	-
546F LHSA Tree Removal Common	15,000.00	-	-	-
546G LHSA Stormwater Basins	7,500.00	-	-	-
546H LHCC Stormwater Basins	2,500.00	-	-	-
547 Van Service	2,000.00	5,000.00	750.00	4,250.00
548 Entrance Way Utilities	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,308.66	1,691.34
549 Security	70,000.00	71,000.00	8,026.21	62,973.79
550 Emergency Management Fund	200.00	200.00	-	200.00
551A Water Allocation Permit - LHSA	4,000.00	4,500.00	3,834.60	665.40
551B Water Allocation Permit - LHCC	1,000.00	1,000.00	730.40	269.60
553 Fitness Center	11,000.00	11,000.00	8,222.68	2,777.32
Subtotal Common Facilities	\$ 357,830.00	\$ 343,800.00	\$ 182,342.56	\$ 161,457.44
Allocations to Replacement Fund				
511-A Cap Replace Asses LHSA	62,000.00	60,000.00	36,965.00	23,035.00
511-B Cap Replace Asses LHCC	11,000.00	10,000.00	5,833.31	4,166.69
511-C Allocation of Participation Fees	44,000.00	44,000.00	35,100.00	8,900.00
Subtotal Allocations to Replacement Fund	\$ 117,000.00	\$ 114,000.00	\$ 77,898.31	\$ 36,101.69
Budget Total:	\$ 1,270,315.00	\$ 1,161,410.00	\$ 725,985.91	\$ 435,424.09



Lions Head South Association – Finance Committee

2021 Capital Improvement/Replacement Budget

Items on the Capital Improvement/Replacement Budget are determined either by recommendations on the long-term Engineering Report; requirements for changes due to local or state government laws, or by justified requests from the various LHS Standing Committees. Some funds indicated have been allocated subject to pending quotations [as indicated by an asterisk(*)].

BLDG & GROUNDS	Front Fountain Repair*	\$~15,000.00
	Clubhouse Generator	\$~25,000.00
	Well Wiring & DEP Caps	\$~23,000.00
	Clubhouse Windows*	\$~27,000.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$~90,000.00

CLUBHOUSE	40th Anniversary Party	\$~17,500.00
	Seasonal Decorations	\$~~~ 500.00
	Lions Den Chair Replacement	\$~~9,000.00
	Lions Den Card Tables	\$~~~ 320.00
	<i>Total Requested</i>	<i>\$~27,320.00</i>
TOTAL APPROVED	\$~27,500.00	

RECREATION	Pool Furniture & Accessories	\$~23,110.00
	Bocce Court Canvas Shade Extensions	\$~~~ 600.00
	Game Room Billiard Accessories	\$~~1,520.00
	Pool Shed Door & Exhaust Fan	\$~~1,000.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$~26,230.00

GARDEN CLUB	Assorted Landscaping, Tree & Stone Work (Lions Head Blvd & Yorkwood Dr)	\$~~5,000.00
	TOTAL APPROVED	\$~~4,500.00

LIONS HEAD COUNTRY CLUB	Top Soil, Clay, Bunker Sand & Sod	\$~~2,800.00
	Maintenance Tools	\$~~~ 450.00
	Pull Golf Carts (5)	\$~~~ 350.00
	Water Coolers	\$~~~ 250.00
	<i>Total Requested</i>	<i>\$~~3,850.00</i>
TOTAL APPROVED	\$~~3,900.00	

TOTAL CAPITAL APPROVAL	\$152,130.00
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2020/2021 CONTACT INFORMATION WHILE AWAY

Name:

Address:

Departure Date:

Return Date:

In case of emergency, I can be reached as follows:

Telephone:

Address:

LIONS HEAD SOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.

MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR 2021- APPROVED NOVEMBER 2, 2020

January

04	8:30 AM	Ratify December Straw Poll of Officers for 2021 and Standing Committee Chairpersons and Members
11	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting
11	TBA	Activities Coordinating Council – Residents Meeting
25	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

February

08	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting
08	TBA	Residents Association Meeting
22	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

March

08	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting
08	TBA	Activities Coordination Council – Residents Meeting
22	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

April

05	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting
19	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting – Standing Committee Reports
19	TBA	Meeting with New Members – (October 2019)

May

03	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting
03	TBA	Activities Coordination Council - Residents Meeting
17	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

June

07	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting
07	TBA	Residents Association Meeting
21	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

July

12	8:30AM	Board of Trustees Meeting
12	TBA	Activities Coordination Council - Residents Meeting
26	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

LIONS HEAD SOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.

MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR 2021 – APPROVED NOVEMBER 2, 2020

August

09	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting
09	TBA	Residents Association Meeting
23	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

September

13	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting
13	TBA	Activities Coordinating Council - Residents Meeting
27	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

October

11	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting
11	TBA	Residents Association Meeting - Trustee Candidates' Night
25	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting – Standing Committee Reports
25	TBA	Meeting with New Members (April 2020)

November

01	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees - Finance Approval of 2022 Budget
08	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting
08	TBA	Activities Coordinating Council - Residents Meeting
22	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

December

06	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting
06	TBA	Residents Association Meeting - 2022 Budget Presentation
07	8:30 AM	Straw Poll of 2021 Trustees for 2022 Officers and 2022 Committee Chairpersons
13	8:30 AM	Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

Veterans Day Shoot Out



Sudoku

	7			8		9		1
1		4	7	9				3
2		9		1		7		8
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	2		5		7			8
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8		6		5		4		7
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As we approach another winter season, we again find it necessary to clarify who qualifies for the Priority Snow Removal list for 2020-2021 winter season. A new request is required every season.

For those who qualify, please submit your request to assure that you will be placed on the priority list. To qualify, a resident must require regular life-sustaining medical treatment, such as chemotherapy, radiation, or dialysis in or outside the home.

A "heart condition" does not qualify. Your request must be accompanied by a **physician script/note** which specifies that life-sustaining treatment for any of the conditions outlined above is necessary. Hand written notes are unacceptable. All information will be kept by the administrator and will be confidential.

For convenience purposes, your doctor may fax this information to our office. Our fax number is 732-920-2650. Please be assured this information will be kept strictly confidential. Placement on the Priority Snow List cannot be accomplished until we receive the necessary documentation from your physician. Please respond as soon as possible as the winter season will be here soon.

Your need to go to work does not qualify for priority snow removal. For this purpose, we suggest you make advance arrangements with a private contractor for snow removal.

The township will cooperate by plowing our roads so that our contractor can begin work. Of course, the town will continue to respond to any serious problems during storms.

ALWAYS CALL 911 FOR ANY MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Please be sure to keep on hand extra supplies of medications and food, so there is no need to leave the house during, or immediately after a snowstorm. The weather predications generally provide ample warning time for making preparations.



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The Ocean County Office of Senior Services is currently taking appointments for Medicare Open Enrollment from October 15-December 7 to assist Medicare plan enrollees reevaluate their coverage. For the safety of our residents, all interviews will be conducted over the phone with limited in-person appointments available at the County Connection in the Ocean County Mall.

Whether it's Original Medicare with stand-alone drug coverage or Medicare Advantage, our highly qualified and experienced SHIP Counselors are available to provide unbiased counseling and assistance to Ocean County residents age 60 and older at no cost or obligation.

Schedule your appointment now by calling the Ocean County Office of Senior Services at 732-929-2091; (toll free) 1-877-222-3737 or visit our website www.co.ocean.nj.us to schedule an appointment on line.



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Sudoku Answers

5	7	3	6	8	2	9	4	1
1	8	4	7	9	5	6	3	2
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7	9	5	4	3	8	1	2	6
8	1	6	2	5	3	4	9	7
9	5	7	8	4	6	2	1	3
3	4	2	9	7	1	8	6	5

KIRMS PHOTOGRAPHY

Holiday Images

It's time to prepare for the holidays - Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Years. The main subjects are family and friends. I run this article every December because I think this is a good time for a review.

This time of year we often see relatives and loved ones that we haven't seen for a while. We want to capture the festive atmosphere and good time that everyone is enjoying. What can we do to make these images look relaxed and more professional?

For candid shots make certain you're prepared -- have your camera ready and watch the subject for the expression you want. If you aren't ready the shot will be gone before you press the shutter. Most holiday shots will be taken indoors so don't forget to use your camera's flash.

For portraits and group shots get yourself set up first, and then prepare your subject. If you keep them waiting you will not get a natural relaxed image. For individual portraits choose a background that's festive, but not too busy. Have your subject(s) turn their shoulders slightly so they are not too square to the camera.

When photographing grandchildren or pets try to get eye level with them, rather than shooting down at them.

I also like to photograph the festive holiday decorations. These often make fun shots and can be used on your holiday cards next year.



Don't forget the rule of thirds (also from a previous photo tip). Rather than placing your subjects in front of the Christmas tree, move them slightly to one side. If shooting the dinner table set for the holiday feast, have the host stand at one side of the table about 1/3 of the way from the end, rather than centered at the end of the table.

These techniques will help improve your images holiday images. Have a great holiday season, a happy and healthy New Year and remember to have fun with your camera.

