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NOVEMBER

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NOVEMBER

**6TH-
DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME
ENDS**

**8TH-
ELECTION DAY**

**11TH-
VETERAN'S DAY**

**24TH-
THANKSGIVING
DAY**



TOLERANCE DAY-NOVEMBER 16TH

The human family is very diverse, with many different beliefs and cultures and ways of life. Many conflicts in our world are caused when people are intolerant of the ways that others see the world. Learning tolerance is an important cornerstone to creating a better world.

What is *tolerance*? UNESCO's Declaration of Principles on Tolerance defines tolerance as "*respect, acceptance and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human. It is fostered by knowledge, openness, communication, and freedom of thought, conscience and belief. Tolerance is harmony in difference.*"

Intolerance is often caused by ignorance and fear. When we don't know about other cultures, religions or nations we sometimes fear them. Education is the most important way to promote tolerance. Teaching people what our shared rights and freedoms are is the first step in tolerance education. Learning about other cultures is also important to help us see the similarities between all cultures, and to respect and celebrate our differences.

Building tolerance and trust in diverse communities takes time and commitment. Tolerance Day is an opportunity to see what progress has been made throughout the year, and rededicate our commitment to promoting tolerance, respect, cooperation and dialogue between different cultures in our communities and between nations. Along with outright injustice and violence, discrimination and marginalization are common forms of intolerance. Education for tolerance should aim at countering influences that lead to fear and exclusion of others, and should help young people develop capacities for independent judgement, critical thinking and ethical reasoning. The diversity of our world's many religions, languages, cultures and ethnicities is not a pretext for conflict, but is a treasure that enriches us all.

Taking the **Tolerance Pledge** is a way that each of us can help to make every day Tolerance Day.

"I pledge to have respect for people whose abilities, beliefs, culture, race, sexual identity or other characteristics are different from my own."

RENT

Rent is due on the 1st.

If you are using any of the rent boxes, your check must be in

the box **before 4 PM on**

**November 5th. After 4 PM it is late—
No exceptions!**

*** **Important*****

- ◆ Do not post-date your checks. When a check is received by the Housing Authority, it must be deposited within 48 hours. We cannot deposit checks that are post-dated and cannot hold them until the following month.
- ◆ If you have a third party paying your rent (e.g. family member), they must put your name, building and apartment number on the check so it can be identified and deposited correctly.



COMING SOON!!!! TRANSPORTATION Serving Evergreen Senior Center and Sycamore Senior Center

The Woodbridge Department of Health and Human Services provides curb-to-curb, reservation based transportation services, free of charge to Woodbridge Township seniors citizen residents (ages 60 & older) who have no other means of transportation to our local senior centers and designated township events.

How To Register:

In order to participate in this program, clients must register by calling 732-726-2394 to receive a Client Transportation ID Number. Upon first visit to a senior center they must complete a Senior Transportation Client Form to finalize their registration. No client will be transported without a Transportation ID number.

Please call 732-726-2394 to register.

Service Areas:

Zone 1: (Sycamore Senior Center) Woodbridge Proper, Port Reading, Sewaren, Avenel (part of), Fords, Hopelawn, Keasbey, Stern Tower, Olsen Tower, Finn/Adams Towers and Maple Tree Manor.

Zone 2: (Evergreen Senior Center) Colonia, Iselin, Menlo Park Terrace, Avenel (part of), Cooper Tower, Greiner Tower, and Reinhardt Manor.

HOW CAN INTOLERANCE BE COUTERED?

1. Fighting intolerance requires law: Each Government is responsible for enforcing human rights laws, for banning and punishing hate crimes and discrimination against minorities, whether these are committed by State officials, private organizations or individuals. The State must also ensure equal access to courts, human rights commissioners or ombudsmen, so that people do not take justice into their own hands and resort to violence to settle their disputes.

2. Fighting intolerance requires education: Laws are necessary but not sufficient for countering intolerance in individual attitudes. Intolerance is very often rooted in ignorance and fear: fear of the unknown, of the other, other cultures, nations, religions. Intolerance is also closely linked to an exaggerated sense of self-worth and pride, whether personal, national or religious. These notions are taught and learned at an early age. Therefore, greater emphasis needs to be placed on educating more and better. Greater efforts need to be made to teach children about tolerance and human rights, about other ways of life. Children should be encouraged at home and in school to be open-minded and curious. Education is a life-long experience and does not begin or end in school.

Endeavours to build tolerance through education will not succeed unless they reach all age groups, and take place everywhere: at home, in schools, in the workplace, in law-enforcement and legal training, and not least in entertainment and on the information highways.

3. Fighting intolerance requires access to information: Intolerance is most dangerous when it is exploited to fulfil the political and territorial ambitions of an individual or groups of individuals. Hatemongers often begin by identifying the public's tolerance threshold. They then develop fallacious arguments, lie with statistics and manipulate public opinion with misinformation and prejudice. The most efficient way to limit the influence of hate-mongers is to develop policies that generate and promote press freedom and press pluralism, in order to allow the public to differentiate between facts and opinions.

4. Fighting intolerance requires individual awareness: Intolerance in a society is the sum-total of the intolerance of its individual members. Bigotry, stereotyping, stigmatizing, insults and racial jokes are examples of individual expressions of intolerance to which some people are subjected daily. Intolerance breeds intolerance. It leaves its victims in pursuit of revenge. In order to fight intolerance individuals should become aware of the link between their behavior and the vicious cycle of mistrust and violence in society. Each one of us should begin by asking: am I a tolerant person? Do I stereotype people? Do I reject those who are different from me? Do I blame my problems on 'them'?

5. Fighting intolerance requires local solutions: Many people know that tomorrow's problems will be increasingly global but few realize that solutions to global problems are mainly local, even individual. When confronted with an escalation of intolerance around us, we must not wait for governments and institutions to act alone. We are all part of the solution. We should not feel powerless for we actually possess an enormous capacity to wield power. Nonviolent action is a way of using that power—the power of people. The tools of nonviolent action—putting a group together to confront a problem, to organize a grassroots network, to demonstrate solidarity with victims of intolerance, to discredit hateful propaganda—are available to all those who want to put an end to intolerance, violence and hatred.

GREINER GOING-ONS

WOODBIDGE MALL—Mondays, 10AM—2PM. *Call MCAT at 1-800-221-3520.*

BINGO—Monday & Friday from 6PM—8:30PM in the Community Room.

FOOD SHOPPING—Wednesdays, 9AM to 12PM. *Call MCAT at 1-800-221-3520.*

MULTI SERVICE PROGRAM—Tuesday, November 8th at 2PM.

RESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING—Tuesday, November 8th at 6PM.

RARITAN BAY MEDICAL CENTER-Tuesday, November 15th from 2PM to 3PM.

NEWS- At our October Council meeting two Trustees, Josie Zahradnik and Walter Hamilton were selected for a period of two years and 3 years respectively. Their induction will be in November at the Council meeting by Danielle Fusco. Judy reminded all residents to take action before October 28th for their PSE&G billing otherwise they will be transferred to another company. Madhu Butala was nominated President of the Indo American Seniors of Woodbridge Township which has more than 700 members.

Congratulations! I made a mistake in last months newsletter. I wished a Happy Birthday to December residents instead of October. Happy Birthday to Walter H., Mary B., Bruce and all those born in November. Happy Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day to all.

Your Greiner Reporter, Madhu Butala

SUPER COOPER

WOODBIDGE MALL—Tuesdays, 10AM—2PM. *Call MCAT at 1-800-221-3520.*

FOOD SHOPPING—Thursdays, 11:30AM to 2:30PM. *Call MCAT at 1-800-221-3520.*

MULTI SERVICE PROGRAM—Wednesday, November 9th at 2:30PM

STRETCH & TONE- Wednesdays from 10:30AM to 11:30AM *by the Club at Woodbridge.*

RARITAN BAY MEDICAL CENTER-Wednesday, November 16th from 2PM to 3PM.

RESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING-Watch for posting.

NEWS- Any Cooper Resident interested in reporting for the newsletter is encouraged to contact Diane Boyle at (732) 388-4103. Access to email would be ideal but not necessary.

FABULOUS FINN NEWS

CONGREGATE MEALS— Daily at 12PM in the Adams Towers Community Room.

BINGO— Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Community Room.

CONGREGATE AFTERNOON TEA— Every Thursday at 12:30PM at Adams Towers.

MALL— Wednesdays, 10AM. *Call MCAT at 1 (800) 221-3520.*

FOOD SHOPPING— Fridays, 11:45AM— 2:15 PM. *Call MCAT at 1 (800) 221-3520.*

MULTI SERVICE PROGRAM— Tuesday, November 15th at 1PM in Adams.

RARITAN BAY MEDICAL CENTER— Tuesday, November 1st at Finn at 2PM.

RESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING— Tuesday, November 15th.

NEWS— We had some beautiful warm days for late October. Then reality set in and it got cooler but still a great month. The breakfast for our residents turned out very good. Our KFC night was opened to all. Residents got together to bag candy for Halloween to be passed out to the kids. We encourage all residents to come down, do puzzles and gather and talk to one another. We'd like to offer our sincere condolences to the family, friends and Husband of Elizabeth Benyola.

Your Finn Reporter, Deborah Ellison

SENSATIONAL STERN

CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM— Daily at 12PM. Contact Rhonda at (732) 634-3972.

FOOD SHOPPING— Tuesdays from Noon— 2:30PM. *Call MCAT at 1-800-221-3520.*

WOODBRIIDGE MALL— Wednesdays, 10AM. *Call MCAT at 1-800-221-3520.*

CONGREGATE AFTERNOON TEA— Mondays at 2:00PM. Join us!

MULTISERVICE PROGRAM - Monday, November 14th at 2PM.

RARITAN BAY MEDICAL CENTER— Wednesday, November 9th from 2PM to 3PM.

NEWS— Fall is arriving. We have 3 special days in November. The first is Election Day and a responsibility for every citizen to vote. The second is Veteran's Day, the day we remember all those who fought for us. The third, Thanksgiving Day, is the day we give thanks for all the good things we have here in this great country, the good old USA. Happy Birthday to Eston P. We wish a speedy recovery to Flo K. Hope that everyone stays healthy in November!

Your Stern Reporter, Janice Samuels-Siena

OUTSTANDING OLSEN

FOOD SHOPPING—Mondays, 11:30AM—2:30 PM. *Call MCAT at 1-800-221-3520.*

COFFEE TIME—Join us each Tuesday from 9:00AM to 10:00AM.

BINGO—Tuesdays and Sundays at 6:30PM in the Community Room.

WOODBIDGE MALL—Thursdays, 10AM—2PM. *Call MCAT at 1-800-221-3520.*

MULTI SERVICE PROGRAM—Thursday, November 3rd at 2PM.

RARITAN BAY MEDICAL CENTER—Wednesday, November 2nd from 2PM-3PM.

NEWS—Any Olsen Resident interested in reporting for the newsletter is encouraged to contact Diane Boyle at (732) 388-4103. Access to email would be ideal but not necessary.



AMAZING ADAMS

CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM—Daily at 12PM in the Adams Community Room.

BINGO—Saturdays at 6:00PM in the Community Room.

CONGREGATE AFTERNOON TEA—Every Thursday at 12:30PM at Adams Towers.

MALL—Wednesdays, 10AM. *Call MCAT at 1 (800) 221-3520.*

FOOD SHOPPING—Fridays, 11:45AM—2:15PM.

MUTI SERVICE PROGRAM—Tuesday, November 15th at 1PM in Adams.

RARITAN BAY MEDICAL CENTER—Tuesday, November 1st at 2PM in Finn.

NEWS—We had an Indian Sumer in October. Kay turned 90 last month! Happy Birthday! Once again we are without a resident Council. The children looked cute for Halloween and there was plenty of candy. Enjoy Thanksgiving with friends, family and all the goodies. Speedy recovery to James S.



Your Adams Reporter, Cathy Ellison

Events Around Town

BARRON ARTS CENTER
582 RAHWAY AVE.
WOODBIDGE, NJ 07095
(732) 634-0413

POETS WEDNESDAY
FEATURING
Adele Kenny
 WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9TH
 8PM-10PM
 WORKSHOP 7PM

THE BARRON ARTS CENTER'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY MODEL TRAIN SHOW 2016

The Barron Arts Center presents the annual
 Holiday Model Train Exhibit on view
 November 26th through December 30th
 (Closed December 25th & 26th)
 Exhibit hours Monday through Friday
 11AM-4PM
 Saturday & Sunday 2PM-4PM
 Free with suggested donation of \$5.00
 For more information call
 (732) 634-0413
 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge



10TH ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY PARADE **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH**

1:30PM

MAIN ST., WOODBRIDGE

For more information or to register your
 organization to participate in the parade
 contact Recreation Department
(732) 596-4048

**Parking available at the NJT Lot
 across from town hall**



TURKEY TROT **TO BENEFIT THE WOODBRIDGE FOOD** **PANTRIES** **SPONSORED BY THE COLONIA BUSINESS** **COMMUNITY**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
1PM-3PM

Trot will assemble in the School 21 parking lot
 at 12:30PM. We will walk/trot down
 Inman Ave. to the Evergreen Center where
 there will be crafts, refreshments, hayrides,
 pumpkin painting and entertainment.

For more information contact
 Debbie Meehan (732) 382-0273

Seniors at the Community Center

600 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ
Call Cynthia Ruzich at (732) 596-4053

These programs are made possible with the cooperation of the Woodbridge Township Recreation Department. Pre-registration is required for participation in all programs.

Brown Bag Movie

Tuesdays: 11 AM to 1:30 PM

Pack lunch and a beverage—popcorn is on us!

Knitting Group

Wednesdays: 9:30 AM to 11 AM

Jewelry and Paper Crafts Workshops

Wednesdays: 11 AM to 1 PM

Basic and advanced jewelry making as well as scrap booking, card making and rubberstamping!

Scrabble Club

Fridays from 11 AM to 1 PM—Join the fun!

Wii Gaming

Mondays and Thursdays from 11 AM to 1 PM

Rummikub, Mah Jongg and Scrabble games are also available for use weekdays from 9 AM– 2 PM. The gaming card tables are set up in the upstairs lobby during those times. See front desk for the key to the senior gaming cabinet.



**DUE TO THE
PENDING
CONSTRUCTION
ON BUNNS LANE,
THE
POLLING
LOCATION FOR
THIS YEAR AND
NEXT YEAR WILL
BE AT THE REC
CENTER IN
WARREN PARK**

✓OTE

**WHA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge met in Regular Session on Monday, October 3, 2016 at Adams Tower 555 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge, NJ.

RESOLUTIONS:

#2804-Annual Notice of Meetings

#2805-Establishing Payment Standards for Housing Choice Voucher Program

#2806-Annual Update of Housing Choice Voucher Utility Allowance

#2807-Renewal of Public Housing Utility Allowance

#2808-Revision of Flat Rents

#2809-Adopting Monthly Bill List

#2810-Adopting Budget 2016



NEXT BOC MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016
7PM
GREINER TOWERS
460 INMAN AVE., COLONIA

RESOLUTION #2804

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey that the Regular Meetings of the Board during the period of November 1, 2016 through October 30, 2017 shall be held as follows:

Monday, November 7, 2016

Greiner Towers 460 Inman Ave., Colonia

Monday, December 5, 2016

Cooper Towers 1422 Oak Tree Rd., Iselin

Monday, January 9, 2017

Finn Towers 19 Martin Terr., Woodbridge

Monday, February 6, 2017

Stern Towers 55 Brook St., Woodbridge

Monday, March 6, 2017

Adams Towers 555 Rahway Ave.,

Woodbridge

Monday, April 3, 2017

Olsen Towers 555 New Brunswick Ave., Fords

Monday, May 1, 2017

Greiner Towers 460 Inman Ave., Colonia

Monday, June 5, 2017

Cooper Towers 1422 oak Tree Rd., Iselin

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Finn Towers 19 Martin terr., Woodbridge

Monday, October 2, 2017

Stern Towers 55 Brook St., Woodbridge

Regular Meetings shall commence at 7PM prevailing time in the Community Room of the aforesaid locations. The Annual Reorganization Meeting for October 2, 2017 shall also be held at 7PM and followed immediately by the regularly scheduled meeting.

Agenda Sessions, Work Sessions, Special Meetings and Emergency Meetings of the Board will be scheduled at the call of the Chair at a date, time and place to be determined by the Chair.

Politics, Politics, Politics!

Y N O R C C L P W K R T
 M S I L A T I P A C R N
 U O U R U T S H R U I E
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 N G T A N O T N I L C R
 G P O G S C I T I L O P
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 G N L A R O T C E L E P

FIND: Bias, Bipartisan, Caucus, Capitalism,
 Clinton, Clubs, Corrupt, Crony, Electoral, GOP,
 Help, Hype, Issue, Lame Duck, Law, Motion,
 Mudslinging, Nominee, Politics, Poll, Power,
 President, Right, Trump, War, Veto

PUMPKIN PANCAKES

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup pumpkin pie filling
 2 eggs
 2 cups milk
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 4 teaspoons baking powder
 1 tablespoon white sugar
 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1 pinch ground nutmeg

DIRECTION:

1. Whisk pumpkin pie filling and eggs together in bowl until smooth. Add milk flour, baking powder, sugar pumpkin pie spice, cinnamon and nutmeg. Whisk until smooth.
2. Heat a lightly oiled griddle over medium-high heat. Drop batter by large spoonfuls onto griddle and cook until bubbles form and edges are dry, 3-4 minutes. Flip and cook until browned on other side.



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THANKSGIVING

The year has turned its circle,
 The seasons come and go.
 The harvest is all gathered in
 And chilly north winds blow.

Orchards have shared their
 treasures,
 The fields, their yellow grain,
 So open wide the doorway-
 Thanksgiving comes again!

-Old Rhyme





KATHY'S CORNER

When leasing units to new tenants and each year during the annual recertification process, all residents are provided the opportunity to elect to pay rent based on their income, or they may choose to pay the flat rent amount. Prior to making their choice, they are advised of the amount they would be obligated to pay based on their income, as well as the flat rent amount for the size unit they lease.

Income based rent is determined by comparing 10% of a family's gross income, to 30% of the family's adjusted gross income, as well as to the minimum rent of \$50.00. The formula requires that the greatest of the three amounts is the income-based rent that the family will be obligated to pay should they elect the income-based rent.

The flat rent for each unit size is reviewed and established each year by the housing authority. HUD's Fair Market Rents (FMRs) that are published each October 1st, are compared to the previous year's flat rent amounts as well as the local private market rental trends to determine if the current flat rents should remain constant for the next year, or if they should be increased or decreased.

The option to elect flat rent over income-based rent is only available at the time of lease-up, or during the annual recertification process. If flat rent is elected, you cannot switch back to income-based until your next annual recertification date, unless you can document a significant decrease in income due to a loss of employment, the death of a family member, or some other event that would alter the family's income.

Flat rent is a benefit to families that have an income that will result in the income-based rent exceeding the flat rent amount, or families who are not on a fixed income and believe there is a good possibility that their income will increase prior to the time of their next annual recertification, to an amount that will cause their income-based rent to surpass the flat rent.

When a family has elected flat rent, we only have to recertify their income every three years rather than annually. The family is however obligated to verify that they are in compliance with the Community Service/Self-sufficiency Requirement (CSSR) and that the composition of their family unit remains the same annually.

The flat rents effective November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2017 will be as follow:

0 Bedroom size unit	\$ 949.00
1 Bedroom size unit	\$1,166.00
2 Bedroom size unit	\$1,489.00
3 Bedroom size unit	\$1,898.00
4 Bedroom size unit	\$2,296.00

These amounts will be reviewed again after next years FMRs are published.

THERESA BRIANTE

The oldest of 10 children, Terri remembers helping her father chop ice for his ice, coal and oil business in Newark. During tough times, when customers couldn't pay for ice and coal her family received relief or welfare funds. "We were poor but we had good times. I'm Italian and we'd get together and sing and dance," she said.

Her family stopped receiving public assistance when her father got a new job in construction and her mother started working as a seamstress in a factory where lapels were sewn on big overcoats. The family worked hard and eventually bought a house in the ironbound section of Newark.

After performing in the dramatic club in school, Terri went to New York at age 14 to audition for a show called "Bloomer Girls". She got married when she was 17 years old and got pregnant shortly afterwards. She was six months pregnant when she received a letter asking her to join the chorus of "Bloomer Girls". She said, "I cried, but I got a beautiful daughter."

Terri moved to Cooper Towers in 1997 and in 1999 was sworn in as Resident Council President. Her first order of business was to construct a game room for the senior residents there. "There is no game room here and we need something to do," she said.

Terri states that her greatest joys have come from cooking for the homeless, helping the seniors as a chauffeur for those who needed transportation and delivery food baskets during the holidays for those in need.

In 2006 Terri transferred to Greiner Towers and in 2008 was sworn in as President of Resident Council there. Terri served until 2015.

Also in 1999 Terri was appointed Resident Commissioner to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge where she served until 2016.

Terri is the proud Mother of 2 children, JoAnn and Louis; Proud Grandmother of Valerie, Michael, Anthony and Danny; and Proud Great-Grandmother to Kyle and Brian.

At the age of 88, Terri has now officially retired. On behalf of the Housing Authority I would like to congratulate her and wish her all the best. Thank you for your service to all of Woodbridge Township as well as to the Woodbridge Housing community.



TOLERANCE

"When you find peace within yourself, you become the kind of person who can live at peace with others."

-Peace Pilgrim Quotes

"There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love."

-Bryant H. McGill

"You have your way. I have my way. As for the right way, the correct way, and the only way, it does not exist."

-Frederick Nietzsche

"The test of courage comes when we are in the minority. The test of tolerance comes when we are in the majority."

-Ralph W. Sockman

"In the practice of tolerance, one's enemy is the best teacher."

-Dalai Lama

"Tolerance is the virtue of the man without convictions."

-G.K. Chesterton

"Tolerance implies no lack of commitment to one's own beliefs. Rather it condemns the oppression or persecution of others."

-John F. Kennedy

"Tolerance is another word for indifference."

-William Somerset Maugham

"Tolerance implies a gratuitous assumption of the inferiority of other faiths to one's own."

-Mahatma Gandhi

Sincerely, Donna Brightman