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MAY EVENTS NOT TO BE MISSED



Pool Opening - Saturday May 23rd

Antique Car Show - Saturday May 9th



POND STONE NAMING DEDICATION - SATURDAY MAY 23rd ALSO

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BOARD PRESIDENT

Steve Statz

The operation of our community has settled into a routine that has minimized the need for the regular meetings. All of our contracts are being administered by FirstService Residential, and supervised by our volunteers. Your Home Owners Association Board meets regularly with Ross Rutman, our FirstService Residential property manager to insure the Association's business is current, bills are paid, and the property is maintained. The next public meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 28th. Typically the Board does not hold public meetings during the summer vacation months. October brings our General Meeting where we will elect a new Board member.



It is important to your community that you select new Board members that reflect your ideas of what should be done in our community. The general election this October is your opportunity to affect the way your maintenance fee is spent. If there are things you want to see changed, consider submitting your name for the election. The only qualification to be a Board member is that you must be a homeowner. The solicitations for candidates will be sent out in late August or early September.

Landscaping has started with spring cleanup and mulching, with more sprucing up and seasonal plantings to continue through the season. New trees will be planted along our streets and in common areas. The required pool safety inspections are in progress to support opening on Memorial Day weekend.

Our volunteer workers are helping to keep our expenses down, because they ensure our contractors perform correctly and perform some tasks themselves. This Chant newsletter is produced by volunteers, and actually makes money for us through the advertising. Support the advertisers. Volunteers set up and return the chairs for

our meetings, program repair or replace our key fobs, make pool passes, and perform all sorts of other tasks that save us money. Have you borrowed a book from our library? Volunteers are essential to our ability to “Live the Dream at Enchantment”. The Social Committee welcomes new residents to their meetings. The meetings are a great way to meet your new neighbors and discover the activities available to you in our community.

Please volunteer your time to support one of our committees. No special commitment of time or talent is required, just a desire to get involved with your neighbors.

BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

Tony Gambino

Spring has finally arrived and it reminds us that it is time to pay attention to the interior and exterior of our homes.

Weed our beds, clean our windows, power wash our houses and do any other chores that need care. Lorraine Bean and her landscape committee are busy beautifying our community by placing flowers and plants around our clubhouse, inside our pool area and reflection garden and other areas of our grounds. They water



and tend to these plantings all summer long. LMS, our landscape company, who did a wonderful job last year cutting and trimming grass and weeds and taking care of any other problems with our property that did arise is back again with us this year. Crab grass pre emergence and fertilizer have been applied and weed and feed will be applied by the middle of May.

Summer is the time to relax and enjoy our many recreational venues and maybe sip a Pina Colada or two. Swim in our pool, play tennis, pickle ball, bocce, horseshoes or quits. Walk our paths, ride our bikes or just nap and enjoy the summer. Rejuvenate our hearts and bodies. Our recreation committee is newly formed and will be meeting and discussing plans they may have for our residents.

As Board liaison for the transition process I have arranged several meetings with officials from Hamilton Township, the Robertson Douglas Group (our builder) and our Board. We are discussing phases of our sidewalks and aprons, landscape plantings, our roadways and other minor issues. Our meetings have been cordial and we continue to meet on a regular basis in order to complete the process of transition.

The Board thanks all of our volunteers and residents for keeping Enchantment the premier adult Community that it is and for helping us to “LIVE THE DREAM AT ENCHANTMENT.

BOARD TREASURER Jeff Schenker



Although it seems like it finally arrived. The grass is green and the trees almost pool season! Thanks

to all of our volunteers who keep giving their time and expertise to help maintain our community.

Last fall we replaced some trees and shrubs and we are working with the contractor to replace the ones that didn't make it through the winter. In addition we will be replacing ones that died since the fall planting. This is an ongoing process and we will look again in the fall to see what else needs to be replaced.

If you take the time to walk around the community and see how nice it looks, it is easy forget the second consecutive brutal winter that we had. Fortunately, with the additional money allotted to snow removal in the budget, as well as the leftover money in the snow fund, we have been able to avoid an assessment at this time. We just have to be mindful that December can be nasty so we will have to wait and see what Mother Nature brings.

Overall our financial situation remains solid with adequate cash to pay our bills and fund our reserves. Last year at this time I mentioned that the board was having an engineering firm do an updated reserve study. This is done approximately every five years to insure that we are adequately funding our Replacement Reserve Account. The report indicates that we have to increase our annual contribution to properly fund the account. When we budget for next year we will have to take into account the necessary increase in funding. The board, working with the engineering firm, will try and keep the increase to a minimum and spread it over two years. We will be doing the budget for 2016 at the end of the summer and finalize it by the end of September.

The 2014 audit draft has been completed and the board will be going over the details with the auditor. It appears that the steps we took last year allowed us to finish 2014 in good shape. Once finalized, the audit will be posted on our site.

As I said at the top of the article our community looks great and we want to keep it that way. The annual Earth Day event provided an opportunity for our resident volunteers to pitch in by picking up trash around community and they did a nice job. If you're out walking and see a plastic bag or something else that might have blown out of our trash cans please pick it up and dispose of it in your trash. Ignoring it will not make it disappear. After all, this is our community and the way it looks reflects on all of us.

BOARD SECRETARY

Kathy Platt



Spring has sprung in Enchantment. We had our annual Earth Day festivities that were a big success. Even though our landscaper cleaned most of the community, those that attended found more to clean up. They did a wonderful job and then were treated to goodies provided by First Service Management Company. Ross, our community manager from First Service also attended to help with the clean-up and meet and greet. Seemed that all enjoyed.

The Social Committee is very busy making plans for fun things to entertain our community. The second annual Car Show is coming up on May 9th. Come out and view some of our residents toys (oops, I mean very special vehicles) as well as some of their friends and family who will show unique, classic or antique vehicles. As you stroll thru the parking lot viewing the vehicles be sure to grab a hot dog or two along with something cold to drink. Then stroll over to Bill Harbach's hacienda to see his collection of miniature cars and memorabilia. This should be a real fun day.

This committee has some great things planned. Please read Dee Gambino's article about all that will be happening. If you have some time and want to have fun and meet great people, join the Social Committee.

Your Clubhouse Committee is keeping a sharp eye out for what needs to be done. Our handyman has been busy patching some cracks in the ceiling of the main room and lobby, filling at the base of some of the moldings, changing light bulbs, mulching around the clubhouse and on Sedona at the entrance. We are working on getting a contractor to refinish the front doors of the Clubhouse. As you all know they are in really bad shape. This should be done in the next month or two.

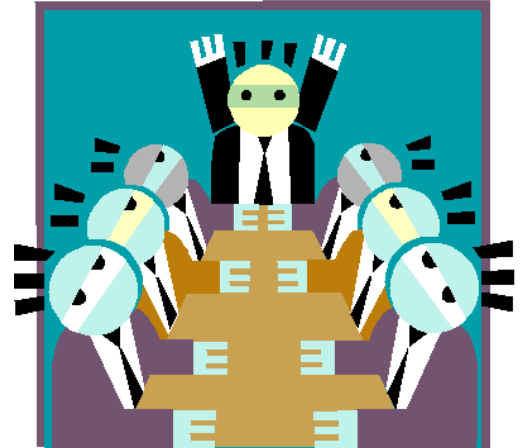
Pool should be opening Memorial Day week-end. A good sign that summer is beginning and the time is now to move outside for your entertainment.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy summer.

BOARD TRUSTEE

Stephen Fischberg

Thank god the snow filled winter is behind us. Spring is here and the warm weather is starting to arrive. The lawns are being mowed and work has started to prepare our pool for its opening.



This year we have a new company, RMS, who will be operating the pool and we look forward to working with them. The pool will be open from Saturday May 23 thru Monday September 7. The pool committee will follow tradition and they will be having bagels and donuts on Saturday May 23. Please come and join us.

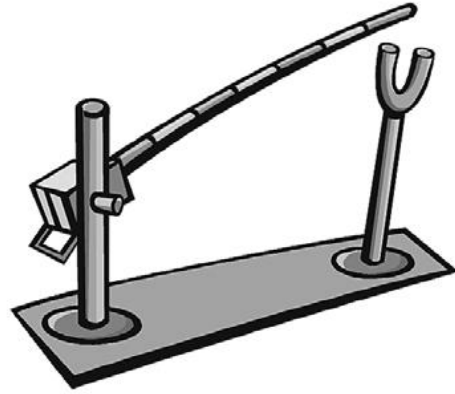
Both Pickleball Ball, and Bocce have started and we look for a fun filled season.

We have met with the township and the builder to bring Transition to a close.

Please remember to pick up your dogs waste; we have received numerous complaints.

All external change to your homes and property must be approved by the ACC Committee. Forms are available on the community WEB site.

Instructions



There are two ways the visitor gate can be opened:

A visitor can stop at the call box at the visitor entrance lane and using the “A” or “Z” buttons, locate the last name of the resident to be visited. When the name is selected, the visitor presses the “CALL” button. A phone call is placed to the resident, who can answer the phone. The visitor can converse with resident using the call box, and the resident can open the visitor gate by pressing 9 on his telephone key pad. If the resident does not want the visitor to enter, the resident can press the star button (*), or hang up and the call box will be disconnected. If residents do not have their key fob with them, residents can enter the community by using the visitor gate call box. In this instance the resident presses the pound or number key (#) on the call box followed by the last four digits of the phone number that is on record.

The gate will then open. Entering pound (#) followed by 1111 will open the gate up until 8pm.

CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Floyd Weiner, Chair

Your Clubhouse Committee continues to keep the Clubhouse as pristine as possible. Repairs to the Main Room and Hallway ceilings have been completed. Complaints about toilet paper have been addressed as well as offending smells coming from the ladies room. Sauna repair should have been completed as of this writing. In the spring we anticipate the front doors of the Clubhouse being redone, shower wallpaper being removed and walls painted (ladies shower), pool furniture being cleaned, repaired, & or replaced as needed. Pool opening is scheduled for May 23, 2015.



Keep in mind that the Mahjongg players (Tuesday evening game 7 P.M. experienced players) Pinochle players double deck (Monday evening 7 P.M.), Pinochle players single deck Tuesdays 7 P.M, Ladies Games Thursday afternoon 1P.M. and Poker Tuesday evening 7 P.M. are all looking for additional players. Follow upcoming events in your E-mails and in the Chant.





As more things get done in and around the Clubhouse we will keep you informed. Please continue to note any problems you find in the building on the problem sheet which is on the front counter. New residents needing Pool Passes or Key Fobs should contact Sally Ashmen (24 Monte Carlo [609-585-3476](tel:609-585-3476)). Our residents are the eyes and ears of the community, and all input is greatly appreciated.

New committee members are always welcome.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Lorraine Bean, Chair



Hello and Happy Spring to all of you living in the land of Enchantment!

By this time, Growing Concern has activated the irrigation system. Please notify me if you notice any sprinkler heads or leaks so I can arrange for repairs.

The Committee has been busy gathering the plant material to fill the pots in the pool area and at the clubhouse doorways.

All the pots will need water as the season goes on. Volunteers always welcome, even if just on standby during vacation breaks. Drop me an email if you would like to help a little or a lot.

Our Earth Day gathering was a success. An amazing amount of trash had blown around the community over the winter and our volunteers collected bags and bags. Saturday Brunch was graciously supplied by our Management Company and we thank them for being there again for this event.

Have a wonderful Spring and Summer.



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Lee Levitt, Chair

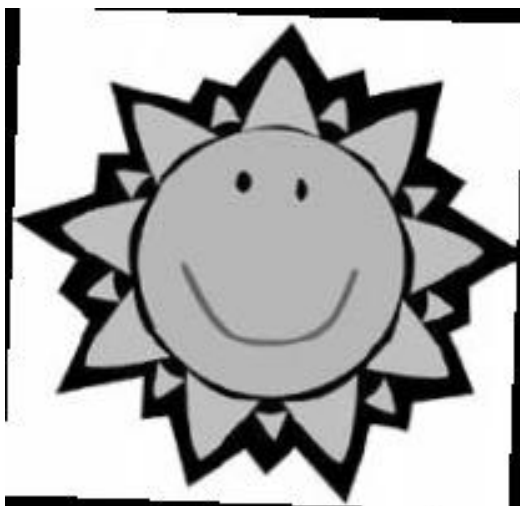


The pool committee had its first pre-season meeting and is getting organized to gear up for another great pool season.

The board has finalized the contract with a new pool company – Residential Management Services (RMS). They have begun getting the pool ready for the season. The pump has been checked and they are adding water to get the level to where it should be.

The pool will be open as in the past from 10am to 8pm seven days a week including holidays. The season will begin with the traditional pool opening party on Saturday May 23. Come join your neighbors for bagels and donuts. The pool will close Monday September 7.

Resident and guest pool passes will be required as usual. If you need a pass please contact Sally Ashmen to provide you a replacement. All residents should read and understand the pool rules. Always know that the lifeguard has final authority on all pool matters.



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Contact Arlene at 838-7381 or

Alice at astatz@optonline.net



LADIES



Coffee & Conversation

At Panera Bread

9:30 am

The first Tuesday of the month

Social Committee
Mela Griffiths---Secretary
Dee Gambino---Communications/ Chair
The Calendar Girls and 2 Guys



BEEP! BEEP! TOOT! TOOT!
The Cars are Coming! The Cars are Coming!

Our Car Show returns to the Enchantment Parking Lot Saturday-May 9th from 11AM to 2PM. Chairman Lee Platt and Co-Chairman Tom Smetanka have been rounding up a fantastic group of cars for your viewing pleasure. Bill and Jean Harbach are again opening their home for you to view Bill's vast miniature car collection. The Roadside Grill will be serving up its special hot dog with all of the fixings---soda, water and snacks are also for sale. Of course, there will be a 50/50----Sounds great. (This Chant may be out after the Show takes place.)

Dedication of the Pond Naming Stone on Saturday-May 23rd

Henry and Isabel Hersh will hold the dedication of the Pond/Basin Naming Stone on the opening day of the Enchantment Pool – Memorial Day Weekend. The winning name was offered by Kathy Woolston. Time to be determined.

Spring Concert and Dessert

We are sponsoring a Spring Concert featuring Lou DiPietro and the Chant Tones. “Music for a Spring Evening with a Little Rock and Roll” will be held at the Clubhouse on Saturday-June 13 from 7PM to 9PM. There will new tunes added to their repertoire that will surely “knock your socks off”. We will be asking our “Fantastic Lady Bakers” to once again provide the desserts for the evening. Seating will be limited to 100. Sign up sheets will be available on Monday May 11th.

4th of July Celebration (On the 5th of July) -Ice Cream Social

Back By Popular Demand!!!! We are having our Ice Cream Social to cap off the celebration planned for our community. Your favorite flavors and toppings with an all you can eat deal. Make your own! Mmmmm!! The traditional Hot Dogs “hot” off the grill plus the usual goodies for lunch will be provided by your Pool Committee. For your listening and dancing pleasure, there will be “A Little Night Music”. Oh, what a night!!!!

Thunder Ball Game on Saturday-July 11th at 7PM

Lou DiPietro and the Chant Tones will open the game by singing the National Anthem. We are sponsoring the event by selling group tickets to the game for \$8.00 per person. Information to follow.

Annual Pool party on Saturday-July 25th

We are in the planning stages of the party. We will have the same caterer as last year. Their Food and service were great. Same D.J. also---he kept the party hopping. We will keep you informed.

Fashion Show Featuring Designs by Chico's on Sunday-September 20th

Our first on site fashion show---how great is that? Thanks to Candy Rerecich, who helped Make this event possible. More and more info to follow.

Besides keeping you informed and happy---we help to keep you in great shape. There's always room for you---Chair Exercise, Zumba, Water Aerobics and now Yoga.

Please continue to support our events----That's all we ask of you!!!!!!

Pasta Night kicked off the Social Season

Fun and great food were enjoyed by all. Keep your eyes open for another Pasta Night...

Pasta Night was a great way to start our Social season! We had a scare on Friday but that good old sun came out and gave us a beautiful Saturday. We all had a great time seeing our friends and neighbors and catching up with the news after a long-long winter.

Fresh tulips, forsythia and pastel colors added to the spring feeling. Mannino's #3 provided us with a most delicious dinner and Alex Liccaddello, one of our residents, again donated beautiful fresh spring greens and veggies to make a great salad. Of course our fantastic lady baker volunteers out did themselves and made desserts that you couldn't refuse to eat and eat.

Thanks go out to our baking ladies ---to all of our volunteer ladies who always do their thing in the kitchen and leave it spotless---to Rich Smith, the Chairman of the chair men, who plans the setup and directs the cleanup with all of our wonderful gentlemen volunteers. To Ron Bearce who ties up all of my loose ends-----but most of all to a group of outstanding women that we call our Social Committee----who never say no-and give us these good times that we all enjoy together.

To view pics from this event click on:

<http://enchantmentathamilton.org/20150321PastaNight/>

**Stuart Goss,
Presentations Organizer,
Enchantment Social Committee**

Report on the Enchantment Presentations Program

So far in 2015 we have had an active program of presentations, which audiences appear to have received very favorably.

On February 23rd, Enchantment Resident, Edie Glover, spoke to us about “The Benefits of Positive Communication.”

Communication is that most basic and essential of human activities that sets us apart from all other species on the planet for the range and sophistication with which we interact with one another. Edie spoke to us about the definition of communication, its benefits, as well as different modes of communication and also gave us tips on ways in which we can improve how we communicate with one another. To illustrate her points about positive communication, she got the attendees to interact with one another.

On March 25th, we enjoyed a presentation from Physical Therapist, Dr. Joseph Caruso, and Dietitian, Ms. Olivia Caruso of Caruso Physical therapy and Nutrition of Allentown, NJ, on



how diet and physical therapy can be used to treat osteoporosis. We learned from them about the balance between bone formation and bone breakdown that determines the wellbeing of our skeleton throughout life. We learned that what we did or did not do in our younger years to improve our bone health often tends to have an impact on our bone health in our later years. As we age, due to changes in our diet and physical activity and also due to hormonal changes, particularly in women, the breakdown of bone starts to outpace the formation of bone leading to an imbalance in this equilibrium. Initially, this leads to a condition of declining bone density known as osteopenia and then, later, to full blown osteoporosis, where bone fractures can occur more readily. While osteoporosis is not usually reversible, we learned how modifying our diet and increasing weight bearing exercise can help to restore a better equilibrium and slow the progress of the condition.

On April 14th, we were treated to a fascinating and informative, presentation from Dr. Edward Soffen, Radiation Oncologist, with Princeton Radiology Associates and one of the attending physicians at the ProCure Proton Therapy Center in Somerset, NJ. The latter is one of only 14 such centers in the entire United States. Dr. Soffen explained how proton radiation treatment, an advanced form of cancer therapy, can be used to effectively and beneficially treat a wide variety of solid tumors, both malignant and non-malignant. He also explained why proton radiation treatment tends to be better tolerated than more traditional forms

of radiation treatment, and often leads to better outcomes than the latter.

Looking to the future, on May 19th, we will have a presentation on Pet First Aid from Dr. Stacey Rebello, veterinarian with NorthStar Vets., veterinary emergency trauma and specialty center in Robbinsville. This should appeal to all pet owners, pet grandparents and all animal lovers, in general, residing in Enchantment. If you are in one or more of these categories, you are strongly urged to attend!



ProCure Proton Therapy Presentation



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I have truly enjoyed my time working with the Enchantment Homeowners and Board. One could only hope to work with such great people.

Ross E. Rutman

Regional Director

FirstService Residential

KNITTERS AND CRAFTERS

Sara Levitt, Chair



Welcome knitters.

We would like to thank everyone who participates in our Knitters and Crafters Club to make it such a successful club within our community. We are always looking for residents who have ideas and projects that we can share together. Hopefully, old and new faces will continue to enjoy our activities at Enchantment. Please join us on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in the library.

Have a great summer.





Enchantment Book Club News

Date: First Wednesday of the Month

Time: 10:30 AM

Where: Main Room in the Clubhouse

The Enchantment Book Club had a reorganization meeting on April 1. It was decided that the meeting will now take place on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am at the Clubhouse. Coffee and Tea will be served.



For the May 6 meeting we will be discussing **To Kill a Mockingbird** by Harper Lee. Selections for the rest of the year will be decided at this meeting. The list will be posted on the bulletin board at the Clubhouse.

The Book Club now has a core group of 12 people. Everyone in the community is invited to attend. If you would like your name added to the email list contact Nancy at oc23girl.com. A copy of the reading list will be sent to you. (Monthly commitment is not required.) Hope to see you at the next meeting. Happy reading! "Living the Dream, one book at a time."

ENCHANTED LADIES SOCIETY

Sharon Weiner

Spring is here after a very cold winter. Enchanted Women are still meeting every Thursday for games in the club house from 1P.M. Until? We are always open to learning and playing new games. Our favorite game is playing Rummikub and we have been teaching some new residents the game. All new female residents are encouraged to join us.



In March we had our St. Patrick's Luncheon and it was a great success. April 28th was our trip to Grounds of Sculpture with a guide, another successful event. May 12th at 2:30 The Enchanted Ladies annual spring tea will be held. Bring your Tea Cup, and any special tea you might wish to share and a tasty treat. Some women in the past have made tea sandwiches, scones, salad, desserts etc. Its a good time to meet new and old residents that have been stuck in the house this cold & snowy winter. The sign up sheet is in the club house at the front desk. Hope to see you there. June 16th will be our last event until September. We will be having a Wine & Hors d'oeuvres party at the pool. More information will be going out as we get closer to that date.

If you have any ideas for activities for the Ladies Group please do not hesitate to e-mail me. We can do more than one activity per month.

So new and old residents please join us for games and fun activities.

I just wanted to take a moment to share the Fitness Room Rules.

Use of the Fitness Room will be on a first-come first-use basis. Use must be limited to 30 minutes when others are waiting for the equipment.



- Equipment may not be operated by anyone younger than 19 years old
- Users should consult their physicians for exercise recommendations
- Users should wipe down the equipment before and after use
- Those using exercise equipment do so at their own risk. It is strongly suggested that those exercising should always use the "Buddy System" and have another person present while they use the equipment
- Proper attire must be worn, at all times, including tennis shoes or sneakers and a shirt.
- Where required and posted, sign-in sheets must be used
- Attempt to share the TV and be mindful of volume when others are present

In addition to these rules please be mindful and courteous towards your neighbors. We take pride in our community and how neighborly everyone can be.

Should you have any questions or concerns; please feel free to reach out.

Thank you!

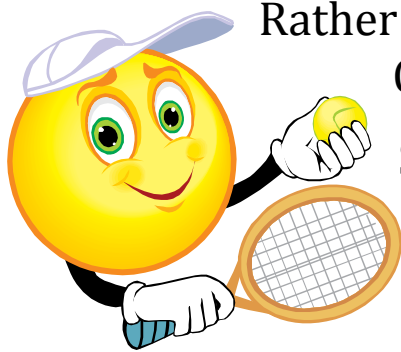
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PICKLEBALL

Jeff Christides, Pickler

Hi Everyone,

Have you played racquet sports (tennis, racquetball) but just cannot get around like you used to? Do you feel the need to be active? Then Pickleball might be for you. We started it here last spring. Just like it is taking off in senior communities around the country, it has taken off here. Last season we had 40 different residents try it. Your neighbors played over 3,600 games. For some it is addictive.



Rather than explain here what Pickleball is, Google “what is Pickleball”.

Some of those who tried Pickleball last year, for whatever reason had to stop playing. They as well as some new residents have asked me if we are going to have introductory lessons again.

The answer is YES.

Beginning May 6 we will have our first Pickleball lesson for beginners. We will supply the balls and paddles. We will introduce you to the paddle, the ball, and the court. We will start with basic shots like the serve, return of serve, ground strokes and the volley. We will also introduce you to the scoring and basic strategy. And yes, by the end of the first night you will be hitting winners! So do not be intimidated. Come on out.

What you need to bring is some water and a pair of court shoes/tennis shoes. Running shoes, street shoes, flip flops etc. are a no no as they do not protect the court and more importantly do not protect the ankles.

We will have at least two people to help you at each session which should last about an hour and a half.

The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday May 6

Tuesday May 12, 19

Thursday May 28

Thursday June 4

We will begin at 6:30PM.

I will see you on the court.

Jeff Christides

Atlantic City Bus Trip

Most remember April 15th as tax day. Fifty-five Enchantment residents and guests remember that day as a beautiful spring day at the shore.

Mark and Betty Maleson of the social club held their semi annual bus trip to Atlantic City.

The cost for the trip was fully reimbursed in the form of slot play.

We left the clubhouse parking lot at 10am loaded up with water and soda and plenty of snacks for the 90 minute ride to the Tropicana casino.

After arriving, we had lunch on our own -- either at the many enjoyable restaurants at the casino or after taking a short walk to the White House, a favorite subshop for many.

After an afternoon where we were free to experience the delights of casino gambling or walk the boards we boarded our bus sharply at 6pm for the ride home. More drinks and snacks!!!

To view Atlantic City bus trip pics click on:

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