



Small Things, Big Things and Lithium

by Peggy Schleicher

When I shop at Market Basket, I really appreciate that the cashier puts an elastic band around my box of blueberries. It is a small thing but I smile every time. It is grand not to have my blueberries spill out into my grocery bag. This is a small thing but it adds to my positive opinion of Market Basket. Small things add up. Small things taken together have impact. EC has a big thing to do and the accumulation of small things will make that big thing happen. We need to stand up against a rich company that wants to place a lithium-ion storage site in our surrounding area. Our resistance is a big thing, a big hard thing. But we will achieve it through the small things that each of us contributes. Together we can make a difference because we know that small things added together make big things. Everyone who holds a sign on the street demonstrating against lithium, everyone who writes a letter to our representatives, everyone who comes to a meeting, everyone who signs a petition, calls a neighbor, works on a committee, contacts friends, donates signs, posts signs around town, researches procedures, contacts experts, anyone who helps in any way adds to the whole and that creates a big thing. Emerald Court needs all of us to do whatever we can, big or small, to try and prevent the building of a lithium-ion facility near people. We do what we can because every act big or small makes it better for us all. Thank you. ■■■

(Check out Demonstration Photos on Page 6)

EC Clubhouse Fun:

Upcoming Social Committee events: --

Dominoes - July 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Clubhouse Bar-B-Q is on Saturday, August 9th.
Info: Frank Carey (Unit 1221) - Magnolia; Ron D'Amato (Unit 16) - Villas.

Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the Clubhouse. Info: Peggy Schleicher, facilitator: - (Unit 74).

Book-share Social meets on the first Thursday of every month at 1:30 pm in the Clubhouse. Info: Joan Chase / Peggy Schleicher: - (Units 73 / 74).

Movie Group meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 1 pm in the clubhouse. Info: Linda Carey, facilitator: - (Unit 1221).

-- Card Games: --

- **SCAT** - Mondays at 1 pm. Info: Bert Lyons (Unit 1230).
- **Cribbage** - Mondays at 7 pm. Info: Bob Schleicher (Unit 74).
- **Poker** - Tuesdays at 7 pm. Info: Betty Fulginiti (Unit 1211). *Men & women welcome.*
- **Texas Hold'em** - Wednesdays at 7 pm. Info: John Tellier (Unit 1226).
- **Bridge Group** - Thursdays at 1 pm. Info: Ginny Thomas (Unit 69).

-- Games & Chat Groups: --

- **Chat Group** - Tuesdays at 2 pm. For info, contact Dorothy Caterino (Unit 1214).
- **Mahjong** - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. For info, contact Pat Stratis (Unit 89).
- **Rummikub** - Thursdays from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. For info, contact Kathleen Pimental (Unit 1105).

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Meet Your Neighbor

By Bob Schleicher

Welcome to the next installment of “Meet your Neighbor”. Without further ado, here are more bios of our wonderful community residents . . .



Lucille & Peter McCoy
(Unit #71)

Peter and Lucille lived in South Medford for 30+ years, then spent seven plus years in

Methuen before joining us at Emerald Court. They have had their eye on our community since 2003. As they were both working and commuting they waited until then to make the move. They have four sons, 11 grandchildren and one great grandson. Both have retired after thirty years of work; Peter from CNA Insurance Co. and Lucille from Somerville District Court. They both enjoy walking, reading, and going to the movies. Peter has served on the Emerald Court Board of Trustees since 2016 either as Chairperson or Vice Chairperson.

Roy & Donna Leone
(Unit #72)

Donna and I moved into Emerald Court April of 2005; we moved here from Billerica where we lived for 30 years. I retired in May 2008 from The Lawrence Housing Authority as the Director of Finance, prior to which I was employed by the Cambridge Housing Authority as the Accounting Manager. Donna retired from Berkshire Hathaway as the Administrative Manager, prior to



which she was employed by AIG for over 42 years. My interest is volunteering as a first responder at the Shriners Events in Wilmington. Donna loves to make quilts, knit and Swedish weaving. We have a cat named Lizzie and she has been a resident of Emerald Court for eight years.

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Joan & Bill Chase
(Unit #73)

Joan and Bill came to Emerald Court via Harwich, MA. They had been looking at retirement living for a long time and when they found #73 Emerald Court they thought: “It’s too good to be true.” They had found everything they wanted and more: dining room, entertainment area, play area for the grandkids, and proximity to family and friends. Joan and Bill have four daughters and spouses and eight grandchildren. Joan worked as a visual manager

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who made sure stores had visual appeal. Then, she shifted careers and became a math teacher. Since retiring from education, Joan operates a private business that focuses on coaching women in the development of personal growth, self-esteem, and purpose. Bill is a retired police chief who also worked as the director of hospital security. Bill enjoys cooking, playing golf, traveling, and being with the grandkids. Joan enjoys art, design, math, entertaining, and decorating. She is currently writing a children's book. They look forward to being involved at Emerald Court.

spend time with her then aging parents.

Bob originated in Watertown, Wisconsin. He attended Maryknoll College just outside of Chicago. Bob enjoyed a career as a computer programmer with Joan Fabrics. Retirement gave Bob and Peggy the time to have cherished fun with their two grandchildren who are now teens! Bob enjoys golf, computers, reading, and traveling. Peggy's interests include: walking, reading, poetry, book club, and being with people. Both Peggy and Bob enjoy photography and volunteering at Emerald Court.



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Jerry & Vivian Tirella (Unit #75)

Jerry and Vivian come to us from Wilmington where they lived for thirteen years.

Previously, they lived in Wakefield having moved

Bob & Peggy Schleicher (Unit #74)

Bob and Peggy moved to Emerald Court in March of 2005. They both loved the model and they bought "dirt and air" during the early construction phase. Bob and Peggy lived on Bradford Road in Tewksbury before the move to EC. Before all that, Peggy lived in Reading and she grew up in Wakefield where she spent 35 years as an educator/counselor. Peggy retired twice. First, from what she describes as the "world's best job" as an elementary school counselor/social worker. Then years later, Peggy retired again from her job as a graduate instructor in the field of social emotional learning. Retirement gave Peggy the opportunity to



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there in 1977 from Boston's North End. They heard about our community from their friends, Diana and Ron D'Amato. Jerry and Vivian were particularly impressed with the layout and size of the townhouses and our active adult community. They have been married for more than 50 years and have two children, Jeanine and Gerald Jr. Jerry retired in 2002 after working for 25 years at Boston College. Vivian retired after more than 32 years at Burns and Levinson, LLP. Jerry loves golf and Vivian is interested in ceramics, arts and crafts, and all kinds of decorating.

Many of you have had a chance to meet Jerry and Vivian as they have wasted no time getting to know their neighbors and participating in E.C. events. If you haven't had the pleasure as yet, I know you will soon.

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Catherine Ann Creegan (Unit #1308)

Catherine Ann joined Emerald Court in April 2007 from Lowell MA. She was a former Sister of Notre Dame for over twenty years. She was the first religious Sister to be hired by the City of Beverly as a Learning Disabilities Specialist. Education has been her whole life. In fact, she is still involved in tutoring first graders. It's her 66th year trying to help students have a real love for learning. She does this by volunteering on Mondays at the Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Harvard, MA, the Moody



School on Tuesday, then on Wednesdays and Thursdays volunteering at Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Lowell.

Her interests include reading, music, walking and word searches. She feels blessed to be living here with so many kind and caring people.



Jim Korba & Shu Ping (Unit #1309)

Jim and Shu Ping moved to Emerald Court from Woburn. As is true for most of us, they are happy to be able to avoid both yard work and snow cleanup. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. Jim served four years in the Navy and then worked in engineering for over forty years. Both Jim and Shu Ping are interested in a healthy diet and exercise. They like to explore different healthy cuisines. Jim and Shu Ping also are interested in board games such as Backgammon and Pente.

Marcia Gibbons (Unit #1310)

Marcia and her late husband Dean joined our community after living in Methuen for 30 years and then for a few years at Joan's Farm in Tewksbury. She loves the spacious condo and the lovely grounds. She was also impressed with the welcoming residents she and Dean met while touring Magnolia. They both have brothers and sisters in New England as well as a niece and nephews.

Marcia is a retired teacher from Reading. They enjoyed sailing for many years and also enjoy a family home in North Falmouth, MA. Her other interests include reading, dining out, PBS nature and history shows, and the company of great friends.



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Everything seems perfect here and she looks forward to the many ways there are to enjoy the company of fellow residents.



Paul Costantino
(Unit #1312)

Paul grew up in Somerville, MA and graduated from Somerville High School in 1962. He has met many people here at Emerald Court that had grown up in Somerville. After high school Paul graduated from Burdett

College followed by Northeastern University. He ended up living in Boston and working in Lexington, MA at ITEK Corporate in the International Division. This opened lots of opportunities for travel around the world. With his international experience he moved to Polaroid Corp., again in the international division. He stayed there for 8 years. He also remained in Boston for easy access to the airport.

Paul has two sons and 3 grandchildren all of which he is very proud. They all love to spend time at the beach. They love York, Maine and often vacation there. His two sons now have year round homes in York. He is happy to have found volunteering at the Tewksbury Public Health Museum. It is incredibly rewarding. He encourages all of us to visit the museum. You can logon and book a visit to the Public Health Museum or take a Campus Tour. For times and days please login.

Joyce McKenna
(Unit #1313)

Joyce joined us from Pinehurst, North Carolina. Previously she had lived for forty-three years in Tewksbury. She had toured our community when it first opened. Jack's health brought them back to be with family.



Their children shopped for a place for them and found their unit for them. They have five children, ten grandchildren, and three great grandkids. Joyce worked at two companies, Wang and Jabil. She is interested in quilting, golf, and previously, gardening. She is impressed with the look of our community and is looking forward to using the clubhouse and meeting new friends and catching up with old ones.

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Pub & Game Night at Emerald Court

By MaryAnnFamiglietti

Pub and Game Night was held on Friday, April 11th in the clubhouse of Emerald Court. Five tables were filled with twenty-seven Emerald Court members.

The Social Committee sponsored this event, and provided all the munchies on every table. Every person at the table received a small Charcuterie box. The box was filled with cheese, salami, grapes, nuts, crackers and candy. The munchies were delicious.

The tables were able to choose whatever game they wanted to play. At my table the first game we played was Telestration. This was a new game to me.



Linda Ricciardi, Val & Al Capone, Cindy & Tim Niven

Telestration is a party game where players draw a select word, pass their sketches and then guess what was drawn. The goal is to have fun at the evolving interpretations of the original word as it goes through multiple rounds of drawing and guessing. If the object of the game was to laugh a lot - we had plenty of that. If we were looking for an inner artist - it was definitely not me!



Bob Schleicher, Pat Stratis, Linda Martin, Kathleen Pimental, Mary Ann Famiglietti, Sue Sandler

The second game we played was UNO. That was a game I was definitely familiar with. Uno is a card game where players take turns discarding cards into a discarded pile. The first player to get rid of all the cards wins the round - that was me!



Joseph & Gloria DiSerio, Laura Thursby & Anne McDermit



Ginny Thomas, Betsy Travis, Jack & Linda Dempsey

The night ended with picking the winner of the 50/50 chance. The winner was Laura Thursby who won \$41. Pub and games was an enjoyable social night.



Peter Pimental, Bert Lyons, Marcia Gibbons & Denise Abels



Bill & Betsy Travis, Peggy & Bob Schleicher

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EC Welcomes New Residents

New residents to Emerald Court since April:

- Gloria & Joe DiSerio (Unit #1215)

We at Emerald Court wish you all the happiness that we've found here.

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New Resident Snapshots

Social Committee member, Peggy Schleicher, introduces you to more new residents of our community. See their brief profiles below. You may have met them already. We are always confident to encourage new neighbors to join in the many social activities available in our community as we are sure of the big welcome you will give all of our new residents.

When Sad Things Happen

The Emerald Court Community is saddened to learn of the death of Arthur Correa (Unit #1116). Arthur passed away on Monday, May 5th, 2025. Our sympathy is extended to Florence and her entire family.

Again we are saddened to learn of the passing of Kathy Walsh (Unit #79). Kathy passed away on Friday, June 6th, 2025. Our sympathy is extended to Kevin and their entire family.

Because we care about our community, if you are aware of the passing of any of our neighbors, please inform us at bobschleicher1@gmail.com so we can get the information out to the community in a timely manner. One person's loss diminishes us all.

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**Joe & Gloria
DiSerio**
(Unit #1215)

Joe and Gloria come to Emerald Court from Revere where they lived on the beach for eighteen years. Gloria is originally from Italy and was sixteen years old when she came to the United States. Joe was born and raised in Malden. His mother immigrated here from Italy. Joe and Gloria selected Emerald Court because they have dear friends here and because Emerald Court is a quiet and peaceful place to live. Also, they are closer now to their son who lives in Reading. They have twin grandsons who are eighteen and both are investigating colleges. Before retiring, Joe worked for AT&T/Verizon. Gloria is a hairdresser who still works part-time. Gloria enjoys reading and cooking. Joe enjoys an occasional casino visit and bowling. He might get back to his accordion soon.

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Linda Sheehan (Unit 1303)

Before coming to Emerald Court, Linda Sheehan lived in Tewksbury at the Balsams and also over twenty years at Roper Estates. She had a plan to live here at Emerald Court and waited for a condo to become available. She finds Emerald Court to be beautiful and ideal. The layout of her unit is exactly what she wanted. She is joyful to have a “piano room.” Linda’s professional career included civil engineering and technical writing. Her hobbies include non-fiction books, watching old movies, and visiting casinos. Her greatest enjoyment is music. Linda is a piano player who plays both for enjoyment and entertainment. She currently performs with singers and they often do sing-alongs, holiday programs, and patriotic events. Linda is looking forward to getting involved here at Emerald Court.



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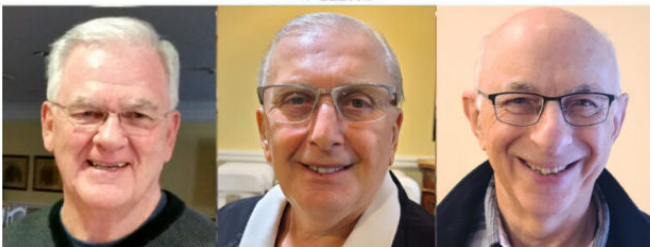


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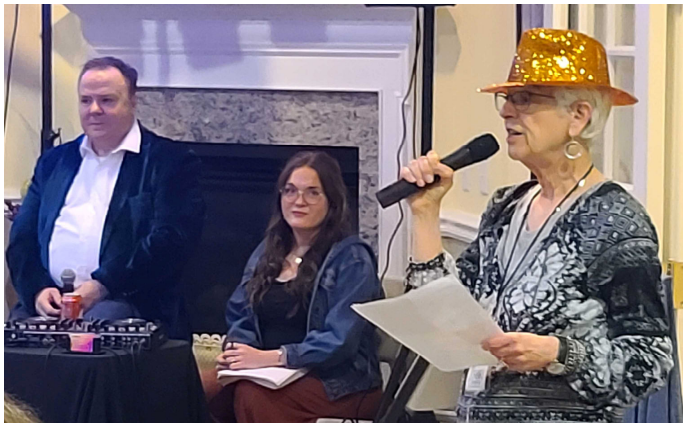
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“Writer’s Window” is still looking for budding writers. It is an open space for airing the **creative talents** of Emerald Court residents. If anyone has an interest in seeing their own article appear in the Emerald Court Newsletter, send it to bobschleicher1@gmail.com or call him at (978) 851-6569. It will appear in a future issue. It can be ‘fact’ or ‘fiction’.

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Karaoke Night

By Mary Ann Famiglietti



There are many benefits to living at Emerald Court. One of the best benefits is spending time with neighbors and friends at events sponsored by the Social Committee.



The Social Committee sponsored a karaoke night on Friday, May 30, 2025 with "Mitch", a professional karaoke DJ. Mitch was

accompanied with his daughter. He had some technical difficulties at the start of the evening, so Al



Capone started us off holding a cardboard TV with rabbit ears. He sang Mr. Roger's song "Won't you be my neighbor".

While Mitch continued to work on the technology issue, Frank Carey was able



to energize the crowd, kept the flow of the night smooth and entertaining with sing-alongs.

Also, Linda

Sheehan, who is a professional musician, brought her equipment down so we could continue with the sing-alongs.



Finally, all the technology issues were corrected, and Mitch took over managing the music and song list. Most of the songs played catered to a nostalgic crowd.



Not everyone who walks into a karaoke event is ready to grab the mic. However, those who did grab the mic seemed to have an enjoyable experience. They all did a great job!



This karaoke event brought back some memories of many years ago. The night ended with everyone singing "God Bless America".



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Ice Cream Sundae Night -- Friday, June 17th

It was plain to see that everyone had a great time, although it should be obvious that some people had a better time than others. Pictures don't lie...or do they?



(The names have been left out to protect the innocent. What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas!)