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Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon

by Peggy Schleicher

There is a children's book entitled Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon. It is one of my all-time favorite kid books and it has some wisdom for adults too. Molly Lou Melon is short and clumsy. She "has buck teeth and a voice that sounds like a bullfrog being squeezed by a boa-constrictor." She's fine with all that because her grandmother has always told her to be herself, to do her best, and to stand tall, and to use her voice to stand up for what is right. So, she does and she stops the schoolyard bullies. I think she is one of my s/heroes.

Perhaps she is also a good inspiration for Emerald Court and Tewksbury as we stand up against the planned Lithium-ion site. Here at Emerald Court, there is much evidence of standing up! There is a lithium committee; there are folks gathering petition signatures; there are folks protesting and carrying signs at demonstrations; there are folks writing letters to the newspapers; there are folks in contact with our Representatives at the Local and State levels; there are folks providing a presence on Facebook, working on our lithium committee, keeping everyone informed, tracking info, conferring with experts, listening, caring. Each of us is doing whatever we can do. Maybe it is big, maybe it's small, maybe it is an action, maybe it is a prayer. Pat yourself on the back. Each action big or small makes us more like Molly Lou Melon. And that is a good thing to be. Thanks everyone.

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EC Clubhouse Fun:

Upcoming Social Committee events: --

Elvis Night - Oct. 17th at 7pm, Veterans Luncheon - Nov. 15th @ 1pm, Holiday Concert - Dec. 13th @ 2pm.

Clubhouse Breakfast is on the first Sunday of the month. 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).

It's Crunch Time!

By Bob & Peggy Schleicher

It's time to stand up against the Lithium-ion Battery Storage Site: **This is it. This is crunch time.**

There is a PUBLIC HEARING for the Tewksbury Lithium-ion Battery Storage Site on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at the Tewksbury Memorial High School Auditorium — 6:30 pm.

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL.

Spread the word. Bring people with you! We need to fill the auditorium to show opposition. Numbers matter.

Here's some info:

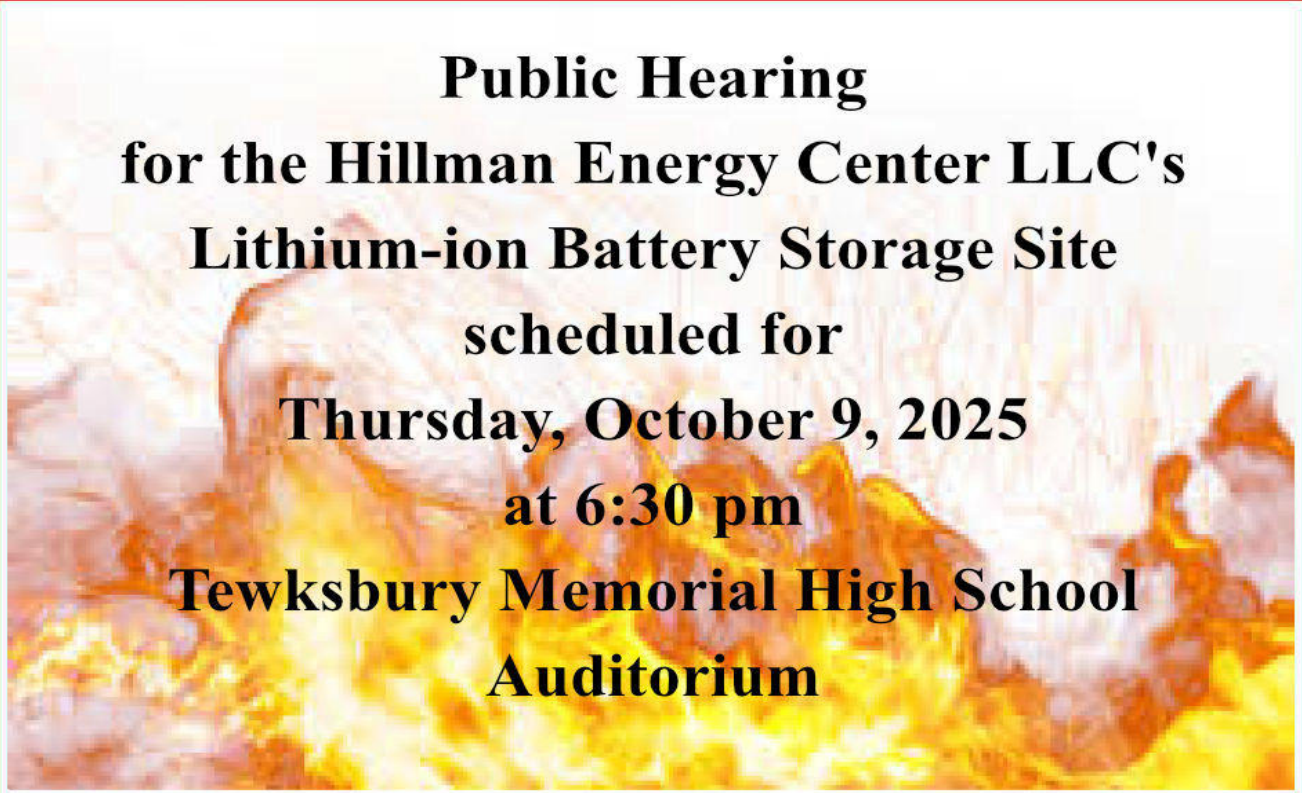
The lithium-ion project is now at the

Massachusetts State level. The developers, Hillman Energy Center LLC, have applied for all needed permits from the State. But the final review will be conducted by the State Siting Board (EFSB). As part of this review, a public hearing is required. The Siting Board will then determine the future of the Lithium Project. This is our first and maybe last opportunity to stand tall in large number for the safety of the people of Tewksbury. Peoples' safety must rule over all other considerations. Safety must rule over money and power.

You are needed. The safety of people is the first and most sacred job of government.

Together we can.

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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 . . .

Jane Cassidy (Unit #76)

January 2005 I made a great decision which was to move from Andover where my husband and I raised three wonderful children to Emerald Court. My husband was hesitant but over time I think was content. We had just sold our Restaurant, The Loft, in North Andover, although I stayed on for fifteen years leaving when COVID hit. My husband sadly and suddenly passed away in 2019 but thanks to friends here and family I continued to stay busy. I love playing cards, visiting my grandchildren and visiting casinos. I have to admit I'm a gambler at heart! My six grandchildren have brought me much pleasure and pride. My husband and I were both raised in Medford where I taught in my early years. My husband was an entrepreneur and involved us in a movie theater, sporting goods store, flipping houses and various restaurants. Needless to say never a boring moment!



Betsy & Bill Travis (Unit #77)

January 2005, we moved into EC. The day before, there was a snow-storm, and they

had to bring our furniture in over a snow drift. Living here has been wonderful from day one to now. When we moved here all our family lived in Tewksbury; now our son and daughter-in-law live in South Boston, both granddaughters live in NC, and we have been blessed with 2 great-granddaughters.

We both retired in 2008 and have enjoyed traveling especially the river cruises. Walking is one of the things we like to do, we try to walk at least 15 miles per week. We look forward to many more wonderful years here at EC.

June & Bob Fowler (Unit #78)

June & Bob arrived at Emerald Court in February of 2005. They have enjoyed their time here with wonderful neighbors.



They have five wonderful children twelve amazing grandchildren and one munchkin great granddaughter. Life is and has been good for them.

Kevin Walsh (Unit #79)

Kevin and Kathy joined our community in March, 2005 after living in Andover for 30 plus years. Kevin retired from the Postal Service in August, 2013 as a cost analyst. He worked there for 39 years. Kevin enjoys Emerald Court, the people here and even the



ones who take his money every Wednesday night at Texas Hold'em. His greatest hobby is golf, golf and more golf. He loves spending time with his 6 year old granddaughter. Sadly, his wife, Kathy, passed away on June 6th of this year.

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CP Poliquin (Unit #80)

The oldest of four kids, I grew up in the Midwest (Illinois and Iowa), in fact, I still keep up with some high school friends in Iowa, and get out there to visit with them every few years. My family moved to Connecticut, and I started nursing school at Catherine Laboure School of Nursing in Dorchester. I graduated in 1970 and over the years went on to BC for my BS in nursing, BU for my MS, and in 1997 completed the NP program at UMASS Worcester. I worked for 50 years in nursing, almost always in the hospital setting. I worked primarily at two places: 18 years at Brigham & Women's Hospital (*started there when it was Peter Bent Brigham Hospital*) and most recently, 27 years at MGH. Generally, I worked on medical floors, but I did spend a few years in a medical ICU, and a surgical ICU (where I came to accept that I am **not** a surgical nurse). However, my greatest love has always been oncology nursing, most recently at MGH in the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit. I retired in April 2020, just one week before the COVID lockdown. I still miss my work colleagues, the MGH community in general, and, especially, the patients and their families.

I moved to EC in January, 2005. My long time friend from nursing school, Kathy Walsh, persuaded me to move here. Prior to EC I lived in Natick for



20 years. I have always lived west of Boston, including Framingham and Newton.

I enjoy hiking, though my serious hiking days are behind me. I hiked for four weeks on the Appalachian Trail, starting in Georgia, but left the trail due to knee pain (going up and down hills & mountains, trudging through muddy trails, and over thick tree roots is not a knee friendly activity). I enjoy traveling and have been to many countries including New Zealand, Spain, Portugal, Scotland, Ireland, UK, Africa and just this August, Japan and South Korea. Most of my travels have been with my high school friend.

I have been blessed with a loving family, wonderful friends, a great and rewarding profession and overall great health (though not without a few challenges along the way). I have no significant life complaints.



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Pat & Mike Becker (Unit #81)

Mike and Pat have lived in Tewksbury since 1978 and at EC since 2013. Mike's career was as a corporate credit manager, and Pat was a teacher and social services organizer. Mike also served for twenty-two years with the Air Force and Air National Guard Reserves. They have two children and three granddaughters. They enjoy

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reading, movies, documentaries, and they also watch Jeopardy every night to see how little they actually know! Mike volunteers two days a week at the senior center and enjoys "Texas Hold Em" at the EC clubhouse on Wed. nights. He plays competitive cribbage and travels throughout New England to ACC sanctioned tournaments. Pat enjoys exercise classes, genealogy, everything Irish and spending time with her granddaughters. They're faithful fans of the Patriots and Green Bay Packers.

Alan & Claire Powers (Unit #1314)

Having lived in Billerica for 30 years, Emerald Court was an ideal transition which checked all the boxes to become our new home. We moved to Emerald Court in January 2007 and continue to enjoy all the amenities the community has to offer. One daughter and two grandchildren live ten minutes away and our other daughter Lisa lives in Florida. Alan's favorite pastime is reading and playing tennis while Claire enjoys playing board games and reading. We also enjoy traveling and exploring the many interesting towns in MA.

Claire was an elementary school teacher and later at Analog Devices in the Documentation Control. Alan has worked at Edgewood Retirement Community in North Andover for the past 18 years. Alan has been on the board of trustees for the past three years as treasurer and looks forward to serving for another three years.



Elisabeth Desmarais (Unit #1315)

Elisabeth has been a long time resident of Tewksbury. She moved to Emerald Court to remain close to family and friends. One son and his wife have two children and live out of state. Another son and his wife have two children and live locally. Elisabeth has spent more than 50 years as a librarian and as a bookseller promoting books and reading. She loves reading, gardening, and doing arts and crafts with her grandchildren.



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**Did you know that the latest version of the
Vendor List (6/1/2024) is at the bottom of
the EC website "Home Page".**

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Maureen DiPalma & Dennis Sheehan (Unit #1316)

Maureen and Dennis didn't join Emerald Court, they were part of the company that built it. Maureen established a partnership with Robert Pondelli, Joseph Phelan and Dennis Sheehan back before 2002. The construction phase of Emerald Court began in 2002 and was completed in 2008. We are pleased that Maureen and Dennis have chosen to continue to live here at Emerald Court. We hope that the events, activities, clubs and committees run by the EC residents have enhanced the quality of life in this award winning, residential development.



Rich Digiorgio (Unit #1317)

Richard comes to Emerald Court from South Lowell. He is a local guy who grew up here in Tewksbury. Richard selected Emerald Court in order to stay close to family and friends. He was impressed with the beautiful units and the underground parking. He found the grounds to be impeccable and the complex to be modern and filled with welcoming people. His family includes his mother, stepdad, a brother and two sisters. He is a dad to a son and two daughters and a granddad to one grandson. Richard is retired. His work history includes being a mortgage broker and an office furniture salesperson. Richard enjoys playing poker and listening to music. He enjoys live bands and concerts. Richard describes himself as a die-hard Boston sports fan. He is settling in here at Emerald Court and is looking forward to meeting many of his neighbors.

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Emerald Court Enjoys Its Annual Barbecue

by Elaine Williams

For about 15 years the Emerald Court Clubhouse Committee has been putting on an Annual Summer Barbecue. This year it was held Saturday, August 9. The idea was proposed by a former resident, Artie Dell'Arciprete. Wayne Anderson and Ron D'Amato quickly liked the idea and have helped to make it an annual tradition. Joining them on the Committee are Bob Anderson, Jerry Tirella, Frank Carey, Al Capone, Peter McCoy, John Tellier and Mac McElroy.



Clubhouse members: Wayne Anderson, Ron D'Amato, Al Capone, Jerry Tirella & Mac McElroy.

Planning and orchestrating an event for 60 people takes a lot of work. Using lists from former barbecues, Wayne and Ron plan their shopping trips to Costco, Restaurant Depot and Market Basket. Estimating how many sausages, hot dogs and burgers will be eaten is not an easy task. They also

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purchase salads, condiments, chips, and paper products.

Over the years the men have established a routine for how to set up and arrange the tables, when to start grilling and which meats to cook first, how to keep food warm and how to organize the prepared food so hungry barbecue goers can easily fill their plates.

Originally the Committee set up lawn games outdoors for residents to enjoy after they ate but they found people preferred to just chat with each other.....and chat is certainly what we enjoyed doing. The tables were filled with old and new friends. Voices and laughter filled the room.

We were so involved in our conversations Frank Carey, the Master of Ceremonies, had a difficult time getting our attention when he began his introductory information at 1:00. Once we appreciated his efforts, he reminded us that the barbecue was free because Ellen Bartnicki, a RE/MAX realtor, had offered to cover the cost of all food products. Thank you, Ellen!

Frank also told us about two special people who were with us. One was Linda Sheehan who is a new resident in Magnolia and is a professional musician.



Linda Sheehan on her keyboard.

She volunteered to play her keyboard during the event. The second person was Ruth Mosey, a former resident who always attended events and had jokes to tell us. She is very special to many of us so it was wonderful to see her. With Linda's accompaniment, Frank led us in singing "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue" song to Ruth.



Sarah & Ray Adams, Ruth Mosey, Joyce McKenna and Catherine-Ann Creggan.

After that Frank explained how each of our tables had a number in the center. Numbers would be drawn to let us know when our table could get our food. There was plenty of food for everyone's preference so it didn't matter if your table was the last one called. (A word of advice for the next time tables are numbered: If I am at your table you will probably be last!) Not only did we have the delicious barbecue food the Committee provided but we also could enjoy a large selection of yummy desserts generously donated by people attending the event. Thank you to everyone involved!

When our tummies were filled Frank thanked us for coming and told a few jokes which he had personalized to include some EC residents' names.



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Sharon Lopes, Sandy Rosenbach, Janette & Jim Crawford and Gene Sdoia.

Then he gave the microphone to Ruth Mosey who, without notes, told us four jokes. Following this, Frank and Committee surprised Ruth Mosey, Jerry Tirella, and Bob Anderson with birthday balloons and cupcakes as we sang "Happy Birthday" to them.

Frank, accompanied by Linda Sheehan, led us in singing "Come and Participate". For those who are not aware, Frank wrote the words to this song many years ago, using the "Hello, Dolly" tune. It is a tradition for us to sing it at many of our Emerald Court gatherings. Thank you, Frank!

The wonderful day ended with the 50/50 drawing of \$100. Jim Crawford was the lucky winner. Congratulations, Jim!



Dee Vanderburg, Frank Carey, Jim Korba, Peter McCoy, Joe DiSerio, Tom Berrigan and Fred Dello Russo.

Thank you, Clubhouse Committee, and everyone else who helped to make this day so wonderful. We have several great activities here at Emerald Court because of the many volunteers. Please check out the monthly calendars of events that Bob Schleicher sends out. As Frank's song goes: "Come and Participate".

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Greetings from Your Social Committee

by Peggy Schleicher

Your EC Social Committee is an active, twelve-member team whose goal is to help nourish community, connections, fun and caring at Emerald Court. We are a hardworking group who create and host many EC activities. We are grateful for our newest members: Valerie Capon, Denise Abels, and Linda Sheehan.

Emerald Court is a busy place! Mark your calendars to save these dates for our upcoming events. Shake, rattle and roll. Elvis will be here at EC on Friday, October 17 at 7 pm. On Saturday, November 15 at 1 pm EC will honor our Veterans with our traditional luncheon program. Our Christmas celebration is set for Saturday, December 13 at 2 pm and will feature holiday music with Lisa Johnson, singer/performer. Cross your fingers that Santa will be able to join us. Again, this year we will invite the EC Community to help in a toy drive for the Wish Project and a monetary food drive for the Tewksbury Community Pantry. Stay tuned to your email and the mail room fliers for more information and ticket sales.

Your EC Social Committee members are:

Peggy Schleicher	#74	chairperson
Betsy Travis	#77	secretary
Diane Fahey	#1115	co-treasurer
Ginny Thomas	#69	co-treasurer
Linda Carey	#1221	
Kathleen Pimental	#1105	
Sue Sandler	#1323	
Pat Stratis	#89	
Linda Martin	#25	
Valerie Capone	#52	
Denise Abels	#59	
Linda Sheehan	#1303	
Victor Corbin		Board of Trustees Liaison

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Need Computer Help?

In an effort to make the Communication Committee's Tech Team more available to you, we are now offering a "Call to Schedule Appointment" format. That way we can service your needs in a way and time that is convenient to you – and it's FREE.

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When Sad Things Happen

The Emerald Court community is saddened to learn of the passing of Sylvia Usmari (Unit #1117). Sylvia passed away on Sunday, July 27th, 2025. Our sympathy is extended to her 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.

Get Yourself Published

"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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EC Welcomes New Residents

New residents to Emerald Court since July:

- Mary Wood (Unit #1212)

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

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EC Potluck a Huge Success

By Bob Schleicher

WOW! Let the feast begin. Food began arriving before 6:00 pm and by 6:30, residents were ready for the feast. Peggy Schleicher randomly called out table numbers and even the last table selected found all the delicacies they could desire.



Just some of the delicious foods available

Near the end of the evening it was a unanimous decision that the night rated a 10! Take a look at the wonderful faces of our community members that enjoyed the night's delights.



Betty and Jack McDonough starting on the appetizers



Steve & Sandy Rosenbach and Sharon Lopes enjoy the entrees.



Al Mahoney, Wayne Anderson, Lorraine MacPherson, Jan DiPietro and Maryanne Anderson



Larry & Cheryl Cullity and Anne McDermott



Jack & Linda Dempsey and Kathleen & Peter Pimental



Helen Wythe, Joyce McKenna, Betty McDonough and Linda Martin



Val & Al Capone and Gloria & Joe DiSerio

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Linda Ricciardi, Mary McElroy, Elena & Al Mahoney



Linda Martin, Sue Sandler and Pat Stratis



Linda & Frank Carey and Helen Wythe



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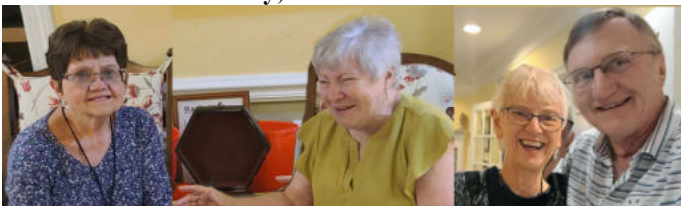
Linda Sheehan, Diane Fahey and Bill Travis



Betty & Jack McDonough and Steve Rosenbach



Elena Mahoney, Fred & Marie Dello Russo



Betsy Travis, Ginny Thomas, Peggy & Bob Schleicher



And the big winner of the 50/50 raffle, Sandy Rosenbach with Steve looking to take his cut.