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One Remarkable Community

By Bob Schleicher

In October, 2021, three years and seven months ago, I started introducing you to the members of our Emerald Court community. I use the word “community” because we are more than the 263 residents who live within these walls. We are people who have come together over the years and lent a helping hand when the need was there. We are a group of hard working residents who most recently came together to protest the planned installation of the Lithium-ion Battery Storage Site. The ability and dedication of some of these individuals continues to impress me.

The “Meet Your Neighbor” section started by introducing you to the three Emerald Court committees (*Communication, Social, and Clubhouse*) as well as the Board of Trustees. Then over the next fourteen issues, you met 218 residents/neighbors occupying 147 units in this amazing community. That’s 82% of our community, an impressive level of participation.

The “Meet Your Neighbor” section will be drawing to a close and I thank all those who participated. You made my job very easy. You are an incredible group.

For those who did not get the opportunity to present your story, either because you moved in after I finished your section or for some other reason, please contact me and I will print your bio and photo in the next Newsletter, or in as many issues as it takes. Again, I wish to add that throughout this entire process, your privacy was always a major consideration. My sincere appreciation goes out to each and every one of you.

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EC Clubhouse Fun:

Upcoming Social Committee events:

Spring Hat Parade - Apr. 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Clubhouse Breakfast is on the first Sunday of the month. Info: Frank Carey (Unit 1221) for Magnolia / Ron D'Amato (Unit 16) for Villas.

Book Club meets on the last Tuesday of every month now at 4 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: Peggy Schleicher/Sandy Rosenbach: - (Units 74/83).

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 . . .



Pat Stratis (Unit #89)

Pat moved to Emerald Court in June 2018 after living in Tewksbury for 53 years. She has a son and a daughter, as well as four grown grandchildren. Before retiring in 2011, Pat taught first grade in the Tewksbury Public Schools for 35 years. She began her teaching career in Somerville, her hometown.

Pat loves living at Emerald Court and especially enjoys the people and activities. She has a special interest in Tewksbury history and culture and is an active member of the Tewksbury Historic Commission and the Tewksbury Historic Society. She is currently working to reopen the historic Ella Flemings School on Andover Street in Tewksbury, a school built in 1859.

In her free time, Pat enjoys reading, playing mind games, exercise, traveling, the arts and above all spending time with her family and friends.

Gina Panzino (Unit #90)

Gina joined the Emerald Court community in August, 2021. She previously resided at Whispering Pines in Wilmington for three years after downsizing from Burlington MA. For the past eight years, Gina has been working in finance for private equity companies.



Gina spends much of her free time working out at a local gym. She loves to travel and enjoys different types of food. She is enjoying Emerald Court and is pleased to have such friendly neighbors.



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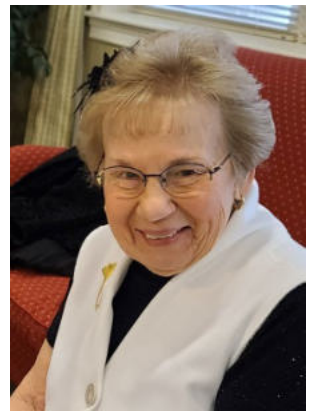


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Rose Antonuccio (Unit #92)

Rose moved into Emerald Court on Memorial Day weekend in 2006. She had seen the ad for EC in the Globe and stopped in many times before actually buying her unit. She had lived in Wilmington for the previous ten years. Rose was a stay-at-home mom, raising four boys. Three of her sons live locally in Massachusetts, while the fourth resides in Georgia. She has eleven grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. Rose enjoys yoga and playing bridge and on occasion will go to the theater.



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Carol Blanchette (Unit #93)

I hate to say this but the second I saw my picture there alone, without Ronnie

beside me, I knew I wouldn't be able to do this. It feels like I'm erasing him from my life and I just can't do that. Thanks for changing back to the picture of the two of us.

For 53 years we were a team. It didn't matter what we were doing, we were almost always a pair working and learning from each other and for the most part having fun, helping each other. Yes I did say "**most always**", **we were not perfect**. I shared the skills I was better at, like gardening, sewing, arts and crafts, (**yes all men should know how to do a little sewing**), reading and handcrafting quilts to donate to people in need and volunteered for over eight years at the Bedford Veteran's Hospital. He introduced me to the many sides of woodworking. I learned a little about making small knick knacks but more about refinishing furniture. Ronnie had taken up shop in high school. He showed me that there really is a big difference from hitting a nail on the head and threading a needle for another purpose. The most fun however came from demolition. Just nothing like it. Together we tackled many projects that came along from living in four different houses. (One at a time of course.) Kitchens, bathrooms, basements, offices, etc.

Those who knew Ronnie knew how proud he was to have served in the USMC and then over the next 30+ years spent his time working for the Belmont Police Dept. He made his way through all the ranks from Patrolman to Chief of Police in the Belmont Police Department. All who knew him, learned pretty quickly that GOLF was his all time favorite past time.

Before settling down and starting our family I

worked in the banking industry. When we decided the time was right, we were fortunate that I was able to be a stay at home Mom and raise our two children, Michelle 50 years old and Ron Jr 48. Many years later I went back to work as an assistant and recall specialist in a Dental Practice.

We moved here to Emerald Court in Sept. of 2022 and he loved the time he was able to be here. Unfortunately he was taken from me on 11/13/2023.

Lastly my answer to the question, "what is one thing about my husband that I loved most?" The answer to that is simply the way he looked into my eyes. It could just melt my heart.

Helen Wythe (Unit #1324)

After my son-in-law told me how much the parents of his friend enjoy living at Emerald Court, I decided to check it out. I loved what I saw and moved there in July 2008.

We raised our son and daughter in Reading where we lived for 35 years and now have five grandchildren living close by.

In 1997, I retired from Addison-Wesley Publishing Company where I worked for 18 years as a Production Editor.

In addition to spending time with my family, I enjoy reading, playing cards and doing word games, along with dining with friends.



Josephine Ardizzoni (Unit #1327)

Josephine joined us after living 13 years in Woburn. She and her husband, Joe, were attracted to the community by its 55+ status and the beautiful units after being referred by a real estate agent. Josephine has

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one son and two grandchildren, a boy and a girl. They both worked at H.P. Hood company for many years and more recently Josephine works in the public school system in Woburn. She spends much time with her grandchildren and enjoys going to restaurants and movies.



Dee Vanderburg
(Unit # 1330)

Dee arrived in our community from Allamuchy, New Jersey. Our community appealed to Dee and her husband, Bob, in great part due to the proximity to their daughter and son in North Andover and Newton respectively. Before retirement Dee was a high school nurse/educator. In addition to their two children Dee has five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Her interests include travel, tennis, golf and reading.



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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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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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.

Your EC Social Committee members are:

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

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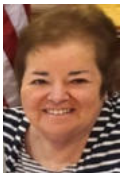
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ROM COM MOVIE

By Wanda Corcoran



On Friday February twelfth
Off to a movie, I took myself
To the clubhouse I did go
With twenty others to watch a show
A rom com was offered as the movie of the night
Entitled "The Proposal" it promised to be light
Some laughs and sweet moments reminded us all
Of that special time when in love we did fall
The couples on screen paired with the right one in
the end
A nice way, we agreed, for us an evening to spend
Once again popcorn and goodies were abundant to
share
Thanks to the Social Committee who also set up
each chair.



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LCR (Left, Right, Center) or (Laugh, Relax, Chill)

By Wanda Corcoran



The evening of January 9, brought around 25 together for a bit.

There were six to seven folks at each table where they fit.

Gathered together to play a game that was so easy to learn

Played with three die, each with symbols which are easy to discern.

Each player uses three of their own quarters for each game.

The odds of who wins or loses are basically the same.

Just roll the dice and do what the symbols indicated

Pass a quarter to the left, right or center as is predicated

If a C shows up the quarter goes in a center bowl
And all are happy to see others have to pay this toll

If you're lucky and as you roll the die lands showing a dot

You get to keep that quarter and it costs you naught.

The game ends when all but one are coin free.

For some reason this happens to often include me.

But just laughing together and making new friends.

Makes me feel it's so worth it when the evening ends.

The social committee outdid themselves with oodles of goodies

And yes once again I saw a few put some in their hoodies.

Check out EC residents enjoying the night.



Catherine Ann Creegan, Frank Carey, Marcia Gibbons, & Wanda Corcoran



Linda Sheehan, Anne McDermott, Linda Martin & Pat Stratis



Bill Travis, Denise Abels, Bev Morrisroe & Laura Thursby



Linda Martin, Elaine Williams, Linda Sheehan & Betsy Travis

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Invitation to help: *The Wish Project*: Mothers' Day Gift Bags

by Peggy Schleicher,
for your EC Social Committee

For our 15th year, your EC Social Committee is inviting you to help with the Wish Mothers' Day Gift Bags. On its website, *The Wish Project* shares that: "Many of the women we help have suffered a life altering crisis and struggle to make a better life for themselves and their families. Our goal is to give these women Mothers' Day gifts bags to show them that someone cares." Our Emerald Court Community cares and can help. Please note this year Wish has three ways to help. Donate complete bags with the items below. Donate individual items for bags and Wish will assemble the bags. Donate \$50 to sponsor a bag. Peggy will deliver the completed bags, individual items and checks. If you decide to donate by check, make the check payable to: **The Wish Project**. Drop your donation off at Peggy's house #74. All donations are due to Peggy by April 7. Questions: contact Peggy Schleicher at 978-851-6569 or email peggyschleicher1@gmail.com

Items needed this year:

- Reusable shopping bag
- Pair of white socks/slipper socks
- Bath salts/bath bombs
- Body wash
- Women's razors/shaving cream
- Adult coloring books and colored pencils
- Lip balm/Chapstick
- \$5 gift cards (Dunkin', drug store, grocery store, etc.)
- Nail polish/remover
- Headbands
- Hairbrush/comb
- Deodorant
- Small notebook (or journal)
- Pens/pencils

Thank you for caring and helping!

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When Sad Things Happen

The Emerald Court community is saddened to learn of the passing of Delores Carney (Unit #91). Delores passed away on Sunday, November 16th, 2025. Our sympathy is extended to her entire family.

We are also saddened by the passing of Frank Interrante (Unit #1319). Frank passed away on Tuesday, Jan 21st, 2026. Our sympathy is extended to his entire family.

Again we are saddened to learn of the passing of Joyce McKenna (Unit #1313). Joyce passed away on Thursday, Jan 22nd, 2026. 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.

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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".

<https://ec-tewksbury.com>

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

By Mary Ann Famiglietti



Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Saint Patrick's Day celebrations are actually a product of Irish immigrants in America. As Irish populations grew in America, so did St. Patrick's Day festivities.

Every year on March 17, the world turns a little greener - literally. From parades packed with leprechauns to rivers dyed emerald, St. Patrick's Day is a celebration like no other. But beyond the shamrocks, green attire, and pints of Guinness, there's a rich history behind this beloved holiday.

Wearing green clothes became common in the US at St. Patrick's Day parades. It was a symbol that Irish Americans used to honor their heritage - and is now a tradition.

It's also a tradition at Emerald Court. Every year residents living in Emerald Court are invited to join the fun and celebrate St. Patrick's Day. This year was no exception. Forty-four residents wearing green, dined on delicious corn beef sandwiches, salad, chips, cake and coffee.

Following the meal, we joined Emerald Court's own Linda Sheehan, and her friend, Anne Coviello, singing Irish songs. It was a fun time and celebration of St. Patrick. The celebration ended with Peter Pimental winning \$55.00 from the 50/50 raffle.

On March 17 the whole country will celebrate St. Patrick because that is the date he died.



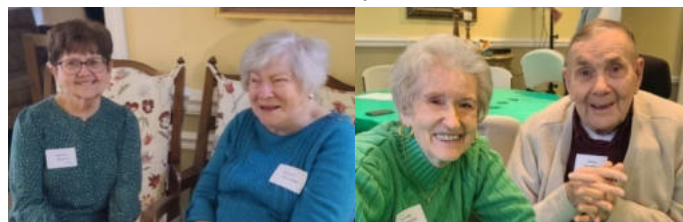
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Linda Sheehan, & Anne Coviello

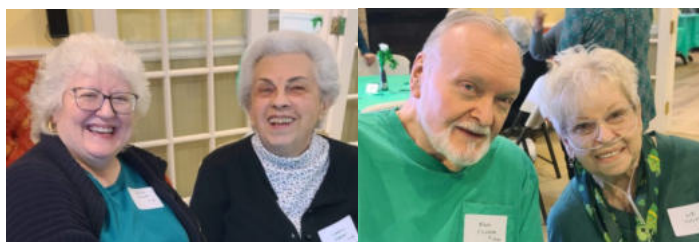
And below are more photos of happy ECers at the Irish Sing-Along!



Frank Carey, Bob Schleicher, Christine Rose & Helen Wythe



Betsy Travis, Ginny Thomas, Linda & Jack Dempsey



Laura Thursby, Carol Ferry, Sam & Liz Vucina



Linda Ricciardi, Maryanne & Wayne Anderson & Al Capone



Gloria DiSerio, Mary McElroy, Joe DiSerio and Val Capone

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Bob & Peggy Schleicher and Peter & Kathleen Pimental
(still trying to figure who really won the 50/50 raffle!)



Linda & Frank Carey, Cheryl & Larry Cullity



Jan DiPietro, Pat Stratis and Mary Ann Famiglietti



Mary Miano, Anne McDermott and Sandy Rosenbach

2026 Emerald Court Annual Meeting & Board of Trustees Election

**The Annual Owners Meeting will be Held May 2,
2026 at 9:00 am in the Emerald Court Clubhouse**

Our Annual Meeting encompasses both the monthly Board of Trustees meeting along with the Election of Trustees. This year we will have two open seats that need to be voted on. One seat is for the Magnolia Building which is a 3-year term and one seat is for the Villas which is also a 3-year term.

The election of new Trustees and the seating of the new Trustees are extremely important to our Community. If these positions are not filled, we will be subject to reaching out to an attorney to run our community. This would cost our Community a considerable amount of our Condo fees which would lessen our ability to maintain and embellish our grounds. As it has been said from other Chairman of the Board, we don't need an outside firm to run our community.

We have a total of 180 units here at Emerald Court. 93 Villas units and 87 units at Magnolia. Everyone is

eligible to vote as long as you are a condo owner. Your Vote is needed. We must remember that in order for the Election to be valid, a 51% quorum must be achieved in both the Magnolia and Villa ... **EVERYONE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE MUST VOTE!!!**

The Board of Trustees meets the second Tuesday of each month to review our finances, vendor contracts, and upcoming needs of our community.

Our Property Management Company, Silva Associates, has merged with Brands by Integra. Integra brings to us a vast full service support team. Our Board will advise the Community of any changes.

Eddie Fredette is our property manager. As in the past, Eddie will handle all matters concerning our community. A new reporting system will be established. You will be updated when the system is about to be implemented.

Please mark your calendar to come to the Annual Meeting on May 2, 2026 at the Clubhouse 9:00 am. Please bring any questions that you may want to ask the Board of Trustees.



**Allen Capone Trustee
Chairman, Board of Trustees**

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