

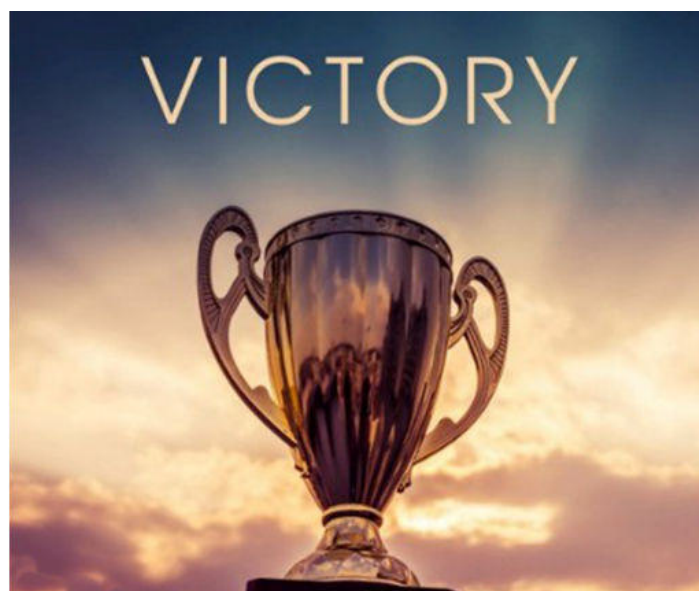
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WE WON! No More Lithium!



*Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay.
My, oh, my, what a wonderful day.
The lithium batteries are gone away!
Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay!*



"Finally!" "Hooray!" "Phew!" "Whew!"
"Whoopee!" "Woohoo!" "Yes!" "Yippee!"
"Yahoo!"

That is a weight off my shoulders. "I can finally breathe again." Crisis averted.

Amen.

Upcoming EC Clubhouse Fun:

Social Committee events: Movie Event/Sing-along – Saturday, October 17th at 2:00 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 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: Peggy Schleicher/Sandy Rosenbach: - (Units 74/83).

-- 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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VICTORY!

by Peggy Schleicher



We have triumphed over the lithium facility.
We are basking in joy.
We are basking in pride.
We are basking in relief.
We are basking in gratitude.

It was a long and hard battle that tried to wear us down.
But we worked together. We stood by each other.
Each of us did what we could do: huge efforts and small actions.
We did hard things and it was hard.

We celebrate our community. Saying thanks to so many people terrifies me because I fear leaving someone out. So, I am not going to list all the names of all the people who did gargantuan amounts of work for literally hundreds and hundreds of hours. You know who are. We know who are. We thank you. We applaud you all.

However, we must recognize and thank Maureen DiPalma, Dennis Sheehan and Dawn Sheehan. Without their gargantuan efforts and persistence and support, the fight would likely not have been won. "Thank you".

Thanks to the entire EC Community. Here is a short list of what we did:

- Made signs
- Placed signs around town
- Held signs in the Common and other spots in town
- Attended many town committee meetings
- Wrote press releases
- Contacted the press
- Worked as squad leaders
- Voted in the town election
- Communicated with the Siting Board
- Read documents and more documents
- Interfaced with AI for info
- Joined the EC Lithium Committee and attended meetings

- Took the bus to the State House
- Got signatures on our petition
- Spent days out front of Market Basket
- Spent hours/days at our computers, researching and reading
- Spoke at town committee meetings
- Sent data to town committee members
- Met with town officials
- Kept the EC website updated
- Wrote position statements
- Sent constant email communications to our community
- Sent letters and email to State Officials
- Attended meetings with State Officials
- Attended public hearings
- Prayed and never stopped.

Hard things take community. The lithium threat forged our already strong community into a stronger, inclusive force where everyone did what they could do. We are an amazing example of the power of people caring and working together.

Thank you.

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Letter to all of Emerald Court

Hi Everyone at Emerald Court,

What wonderful news regarding Hillman's pulling out! Congratulations to everyone at Emerald Court who stood together and fought so hard to protect our community.

This victory is about much more than Hillman pulling out of the project. It's about what can happen when a community comes together, stands up for what it believes is right, and refuses to be intimidated. So many people gave their time, energy, and even their tears to this effort. That kind of commitment is something special.

A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who served on the Lithium Committee and especially to those who took the lead in organizing, attending meetings, doing the research, and speaking up on behalf of all of us. Your persistence and determination truly made a difference.

Joan and I have only been part of the Emerald Court community for a relatively short time, but this experience has made us especially proud to call Emerald Court our home. Seeing neighbors come together and look out for one another has been incredibly gratifying. We feel very fortunate to be part of such a strong and caring community.

Congratulations to everyone who played a part in this victory. You should all be very proud of what you accomplished.

Now, I think it's time for Emerald Court to celebrate!

With our best,
Bill & Joan Chase
73 Emerald Court



(Photo by Pat Russnok)

Thanks to Everyone!



(More Pictures on the EC-Website – Lithium Page!)



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FINE FOOD + EC NEIGHBORS = A FUN DAY

by Elaine Williams



Eating delicious food with Emerald Court friends and neighbors must mean it is the day for the summer Pot Luck Barbecue! Sure enough, on Saturday, August 8, 2026 the clubhouse was filled with happy hungry residents.



The EC Clubhouse Committee had been very busy preparing for the big event. Members shopped for the food, set up the tables, chairs and serving areas, and arrived early to begin barbecuing for 60 people. Besides the large hamburger patties, huge hot dogs, and juicy sausages that the committee grilled, there were delicious salads and yummy desserts provided by EC neighbors. What a feast!!!



Thanks to the very generous donation made by Re/Max realtor, Ellen Bartnicki, the event was free to all who attended. Host and emcee Frank Carey thanked the Committee members for their hard work, Ellen Bartnicki for her donation, and us for attending. He also shared some jokes about "How Hot Is It?". For example, "It's so hot the cows gave evaporated milk!" And "It's so hot I saw a chicken lay an omelette!"



Just a few of the Emerald Court Folks enjoying the day.

After being warmed up by Frank's great jokes, we eagerly waited for our table number to be called so we could load our plates with the delicious food. When we were all filled to capacity, Frank returned to the microphone and led us in the Emerald Court tribute song that he wrote years ago. It is called "Come And Participate" and is sung to "Come To The Cabaret". We did come and participate and have lots of fun!



The song goes like this:

*What good is hanging around in your home?
Come have some fun today.
Life can be fun at Emerald Court.
Come and participate!
Put down the knitting, the book and the broom.
It's time to enjoy the day.
Life can be fun at Emerald Court!
Come and participate!*

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*Come join the games. Come eat the food.
Come join your friends.
Start celebrating!
Right this way your table's waiting!
What would permitting some prophet of doom
to wipe every smile away?
Life can be fun at Emerald Court!
Come and participate!*



And let's not forget the lucky 50/50 winners, Lucille McCoy has the winning ticket but Peter has his hand out! Don't do it, Peter. ...



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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.

Nancy O'Donnell (Unit #4)

Welcome to Nancy O'Donnell, our newest Emerald Court neighbor. Nancy is a Massachusetts gal and came to Emerald Court from Burlington, MA where she and her family lived for over 50 years. Nancy fell in love with EC



immediately. She had looked at many condominiums, but the setup and layout of her EC townhome was just what she wanted. Nancy has a daughter and a son. She works from home for the company, Unifirst, where she is a vendor manager. Finance is her professional field.

Nancy's many interests include exercising; she is a runner and a walker so yell hello when she zips past your condo! Nancy also enjoys reading and her favorite author is Stephen King. She likes to travel, bake and listen to music. Family is a very important part of her life. Also, she shared that her neighbors are delightful!



Andrea & Gerry Kilroy (Unit #91)

Welcome to Gerry and Andrea Kilroy, who moved to Emerald Court from Medford where they lived for 39 years. They knew it "was time" for retirement living and they had investigated many 55-communities. They selected Emerald Court because they love the floor plan and the overall atmosphere and peacefulness of the community. They agree it was a very good choice! They have a daughter and son-in-law and two grandchildren, a boy and a girl. They also have a son who lives in Switzerland. Gerry and Andrea are now retired. Gerry's work career involved being a building engineer for high-rise constructions. Andrea worked as a supervisor for a word processing department of a large, multi-agency law firm. Gerry says he's a "sports guy." He especially enjoys playing golf at famous courses including Pebble Beach and in Las Vegas. Andrea loves music and shopping (especially for shoes). They both enjoy traveling and have planned a trip to Norway. Also, they both enjoy cooking. Gerry is a delicious cook and Andrea is his sous-chef and takes charge of the shopping and cleanup. Both Andrea and Gerry are delighted to be living at Emerald Court.

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Nancy Gilmartin (Unit #1117)

Nancy came to Emerald Court from Wilmington where she lived for 47 years. She looked at many condominiums and did not find what she wanted. Then she found Emerald Court and was delighted. She has a long list of the features she appreciates at

EC: underground parking, one-level living, spatial rooms, a walk-in shower, large closets and the location. She also is thrilled with the many activities available. She especially likes the monthly calendar so that she can easily access the activities. Nancy commented that the people she has met are very friendly and helpful. Nancy is employed by Catherine Hinds Institute of Esthetics and Catherine Hinds Company where she has many job roles. Nancy has varied interests that include gardening, walking, doing jigsaw and crossword puzzles, reading, taking nature walks and playing mahjong. She is a people-person and is eager to join the EC activities.

Angela Valeri (Unit #1312)

Angela lived in Andover condos for 40 years. She is very familiar with condo living. She chose Emerald Court because of the unit layout, the parking garage and the elevator! She is delighted with her choice! She moved in on August 1st and has only three boxes left to unpack! Angela has three brothers. Her parents are both deceased. She worked for 16 years with a lawyer in Boston. She now works at the IRS in Andover and has been there for over 25 years. She continues to work but is starting to think about what she will do in retirement! Angela is an avid sports fan. She enjoys the Patriots, Bruins, Celtics and Red Sox. She also is a baker and she is enthusiastic about decorating her



home. Angela enjoys bingo and hopes to meet other folks at EC who also play bingo. She enjoys reading and hopes to join the EC book club. She plans to attend the many events offered here at Emerald Court. Welcome, Angela!

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EC Welcomes New Residents

Welcome to the new residents to Emerald Court since July. We at Emerald Court wish you all the happiness that we've found here.

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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, ten-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#74	<i>chairperson</i>
Betsy Travis.....#77	<i>secretary</i>
Ginny Thomas#69	<i>co-treasurer</i>
Denise Abels.....#59	<i>co-treasurer</i>
Linda Carey#1221	Linda Sheehan ..#1303
Kathleen Pimental...#1105	Pat Stratis.....#89
Sue Sandler.....#1323	Valerie Capone#52
Victor Corbin.....#70	<i>Board of Trustees Liaison</i>

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When Sad Things Happen

The Emerald Court community is saddened to learn of the passing of Lorraine MacPherson (Unit #54). Lorraine passed away on Tuesday, August 26th, 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.

The family of Evelyn Weed would like to thank all those who came to the funeral home or sent lovely words of comfort in memory of our Mom.

She loved living at Emerald Court, participating in the many different fun events, playing cards, going to Chat and Waffle Sundays.

It will be sad not to come to Emerald Court anymore. We had many happy family gatherings here.

Our sincerest gratitude to all of you. ■■■

LCR & Pizza Night

By Wanda Corcoran



Once again we gathered for an evening of play.
Truly a wonderful way to end a day.
Forty-two of us went to the Club House this night,
for a game to play and a pizza to bite.
We loved for sure that we didn't have to go far,
and that the game, of course, was LCR.
An easy game to play and no real skill required.
No hard rules to learn in which to get mired.
Choose a group at a table where each member gets a
turn,
to roll three special die and then their move they do
learn.

Sometimes go Left, sometimes go Right
and sometimes staying where you are is your plight.
Your small pile of quarters. either will shrink or
grow.

You wouldn't get rich in this game we all know.

One member scored in the 50/50 draw

Linda Ricciardi sure was happy as we all saw
But, just being together and laughing with your group
is always guaranteed when you play with this troupe
There's always room for more so the next time we
gather

Come and join us to play or just visit if you rather.



50/50 Winner, Linda Ricciardi



Betsy & Bill Travis and Elisabeth Desmarais

A Few ECers Enjoying a Night Out!



Melodie & Howard Teich

Gerard & Andrea Kilroy



Angela Valeri, Fred & Marie Dello Russo



Gloria DiSerio, Lucille McCoy, Linda Ricciardi, Maryanne & Wayne Anderson, Peter McCoy and Mary McElroy



Brenda & Joe Towne



Peggy Schleicher, Nancy Gilmartin, Wanda Corcoran, Linda Sheehan



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