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# Four Oaks

Neighborhood Association



## From the President

Carol Gutschall

These are unusual and scary times for all of us. We have not had monthly meetings as the clubhouse is closed to all activities and social distancing is being observed. But Four Oaks is at work, trash is being collected, landscaping is on schedule. Our major deck renovation project is coming to completion, in spite of the challenges. Management is always just a call or email away. So please be safe, be well. We will all be together soon.

## Happy Spring!

It has been a difficult time for all of us in this pandemic. New Jersey and New York are hotspots. We must all be vigilant and follow CDC guidelines. Practice social distancing and wear masks when out and about. Science will provide an answer in time, but in the meantime, be safe! Let's enjoy our time at home in our beautiful neighborhood.



## Board and Election Results

*Kathy Gibbs has been re-elected Vice President-2023*

*Carol Gutschall, President and Treasurer 2021*

*Jean Kuhn, Secretary 2022*

*Lynne Hoge, Assistant Treasurer 2021*

*Tom Horanoff, Assistant Secretary 2022*

Hills Village North Master Association Zoom Meeting June 22, 7:00pm. Contact Jacque Rogers [Jacqueline.Rogers@fsresidential](mailto:Jacqueline.Rogers@fsresidential).

### Bobcat Sighted Leaving the Area



### Decks

Phase II of deck replacement has been completed. This major project has taken two years at a cost of \$12,000 per deck. The total cost of \$650,000 was paid from capital expense with no additional assessment to homeowners. The decks are semi-common area. Keep surfaces clean, and use liners under plants. This major improvement adds to the beauty and value of our neighborhood. Please do not hang anything, such as flower pots, on the railings. If you have an umbrella, close it after use and in bad weather.

### Landscaping

In the spring, High Tech readies our irrigation system and does a walk through our community with Jean Kuhn, landscaping committee, to assess our needs for spring and summer. Removal of dead bushes and mulching will be done shortly. Replacement of dead bushes will be planted in the fall. Homeowners may plant their own bushes with modification approval from management. As we have many rocks around our buildings, the use of flowerpots is advised.

### Mail in your Census Forms

Every four years a census is taken of Four Oaks. This updates our information if your status has changed. New residents, cars, and/or pets help us to identify you as a resident of our neighborhood. It protects us from strangers who enter our property. Don't forget your US Census as well!

### Grills

By order of the fire marshal, grills are to be placed five feet from the building. Homeowners with decks must use electric grills and place them near the railing, not against the building. The heat will warp the siding.



### Trash

Trash pickup days are Tuesdays and Fridays. Place your trash on the curb in the morning before pickup, not the night before.



### Drive Carefully

Please be cautious when driving through Four Oaks. Obey the 15 mph speed limit, and heed all stop signs. We have many adults, children, and pets in our neighborhood, but none to spare.



# Recycling

A walk through the neighborhood on recycling Tuesdays shows that some neighbors are unfamiliar with recycling rules. Recycling is not trash. Cardboard boxes not broken down have been thrown on the curb with glass and cans that haven't been rinsed. This is unacceptable. Please review the Somerset County guidelines for how to recycle. Put out recycling in the morning, not the night before.

## SOMERSET COUNTY RECYCLING HOW-TO GUIDE



How To Prepare		Acceptable Items	
	<b>NEWSPAPERS</b> Newspapers must be bundled and tied with string or twine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newspaper</li> <li>Inserts that come w/newspapers, such as comics, glossy coupons, TV/magazine sections &amp; colored food/store ads</li> </ul>	
	<b>GLASS BOTTLES, ALL PLASTIC BOTTLES &amp; CONTAINERS (#1 - #7), STEEL, BIMETAL &amp; ALUMINUM CANS</b> These items should be rinsed thoroughly and placed inside your recycling bucket. Only the items listed at right are acceptable. Crush all plastic bottles to save space. Remove caps.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Glass bottles (all colors)</li> <li>Glass jars (all colors)</li> <li>Steel cans</li> <li>Bimetal cans</li> <li>Aluminum cans</li> <li>All plastic bottles and containers #1 - #7</li> <li><b>NO STYROFOAM®</b></li> </ul>	<b>#1 - #7 Examples:</b> Water, soda, milk, juice, soap, detergent, bleach, shampoo and cleaning-agent bottles. You may also include peanut butter, yogurt and diaper-wipe containers, margarine tubs, and clear plastic clamshell containers from restaurant salad bars.
	<b>OTHER PAPER/JUNK MAIL</b> Other paper should be placed in a brown paper bag or cardboard box and placed next to your blue bucket. <i>Shredded paper must be in clear or labeled plastic bags.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Magazines</li> <li>Writing/school paper</li> <li>All envelopes</li> <li>Copy paper</li> <li>Paperback books</li> <li>Hardcover books w/hard covers removed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catalogs</li> <li>Phone books</li> <li>Store fliers w/ mailing labels</li> <li>Office paper</li> <li>Non-metallic gift wrap</li> <li>Greeting cards</li> <li>Shredded paper</li> </ul>
	<b>CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, CHIPBOARD &amp; PIZZA BOXES</b> Corrugated cardboard must be cut into 2 ft. x 2 ft. squares and tied with string or twine. Please include pizza boxes & chipboard with corrugated cardboard. Place tied bundle (pizza boxes, chipboard & cardboard) next to your recycling bucket.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corrugated cardboard</li> <li>Pizza boxes (clean!)</li> <li>Brown bags</li> <li>Chipboard boxes including: cereal, cookie, pasta, cake, cracker, detergent (remove plastic liners), gift, shoe, shirt and any retail boxes. Poster board &amp; backing from writing pads also accepted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tissue boxes</li> <li>Paper towel rolls</li> </ul>

For more information about curbside collection call the Recycling Center at 732-469-3363

Recyclables are the property of Somerset County when placed at the curb. Please notify your local police department or the Somerset County Recycling Center if anyone other than county employees remove recyclables from your curb. Theft of recyclable materials is illegal.



*"He's in pretty good shape considering you've been walking him backward."*

# Dogs

**Dog owners love their dogs. Make sure your dog is lovable to your neighbors!**

*Always pick up after your dog, and use the Fido Houses. Dog walking on the Clubhouse lawn is prohibited. Dogs are to be on leashes at all times. Dogs should be trained not to bark incessantly. Failure to abide by the rules will result in your dog being sent to reform school.*

## Governor Murphy

*While there are no words we can offer equal to the magnitude of this loss, let us come together to honor their lives by ensuring no one else needlessly dies from this virus.*

### Local Hero Township of Bedminster

# Blood Drive

Please Donate Blood in Memory of  
Sgt. AlTerek Patterson  
of the Bedminster Township Police  
Department  
*End of Watch 4/12/2020*

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4 - 2 pm  
to 7 pm**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 5 - 8 am to 1  
pm**

at the Bedminster Township  
Elementary School Cafeteria  
234 Somerville Road, Bedminster

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS  
(1-800-733-2767)  
or visit RedCrossBlood.org and  
enter "Sgt. Patterson"  
or click the link below to  
schedule an appointment

[https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-  
results?  
zipSponsor=Sgt.%20Patterson](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Sgt.%20Patterson)

## POOL

The pools have been resurfaced and new furniture has been purchased. However, there are going to be restrictions this year in order to follow CDC social distancing guidelines. No guest passes will be issued and there will be a capacity limit of pool patrons allowed. If you have not gotten your stickers for this year, fill out your application form and mail it in. Loeffler Pool Management Company will be taking over maintenance of the pool and providing lifeguards. They ensure the highest quality of service.

## Property Management

**Arthur Edwards, Inc.**  
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[www.fouroaksbedminsternj.com](http://www.fouroaksbedminsternj.com)

## Food Pantry

The Hills Village North Master Association is teaming up with Bedminster Township in order to help with the **Bedminster Pop Up Food Pantry**. This program has been successful in helping feed local families in need. If you would like to help and do not want to make the drive to Town Hall at Miller Lane, you can drop off your donations to the Hills Village North Master Associations' clubhouse, located at 25 Artillery Park Road. Donations will be collected on Fridays between the hours of 9 am and 11 am. There will be a table at the entrance to the clubhouse for drop-offs. Go to the [bedminster.us](http://bedminster.us) website and click on Bedminster Pop-Up Food Pantry for a list of needed items.

