



In May we think about flowers, planting, and gardening. Most of us have heard “Bloom where you are planted.” Have you ever stopped to think about what you might plant to bloom, or that you may be the person planted? Many things can be planted, we don’t plant weeds, but the wind does, and boy do they grow. If you were planted would you be a flower or a weed? Being a flower would be the best, you could be any color, you could brighten anyone’s day, you could decorate a yard, a table, a hospital, or care-home room, and you would always be appreciated. However, if you were the weed do you think you would get used to anything like that? I doubt it. No, you’d be cut down, or weed killer would be put on, and you would end up in a dump pile. Weeds are not appreciated, but they sometimes try to take over. How will people know if we are a flower or a weed, could it be by the attitude we carry around with us, the things we say, comments we

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make to or about others, passing judgement on others, those are all weeds. But if we are flowers we’ll be bright with smiles, greetings, full of compliments, be caring not controlling, just a pleasure to be around. Some days we do feel like weeds, but feeling and looking like a flower can work in many ways both to our advantage and to those around us. So be a flower, flowers get picked and appreciated, weeds get dug out.

Wow what a great day we had for our Information Fair, so many great compliments from our residents, and just as many from the exhibitors. We consider it a great success, and plan to do it again. If you have suggestions for an exhibitor you’d like to see there let Rachel or Virginia know. Those services are always glad to share their info.

Congratulations, to our Veterans who received their quilt of Valor on the 15th, what a great turn out and how nice it was to see family members there with them. We

give special thanks to Steve Bremer of the Arlington VFW, he got it all lined up for us, and to Lindakay Hermesch who presented the quilts. If you didn't attend you missed something special. Thank you Veterans for your service.

Our first evening potluck meal was held on the 20th with lots of great food. Our May 11th meal is at 5 p.m. and will be hosted by John & Mildred B. and Jerrie S. at a cost of \$3 per person. Watch for the sign-up sheet.

You may have and will be seeing the ALLO vans here at Somers Point. It was decided at the information meeting that our Cable service will be by ALLO, starting the first of July. Because of that, their service people will be working out here getting everything ready. You will be receiving more information from the Housing Office on dates and times. If you are interested in going with ALLO for your phone and or Internet that is your choice and responsibility. Some printed information was handed out about it. Going to the ALLO Office at 29th and Lincoln Ave, is very helpful, they will help you fill out all the proper applications for your choice

of Internet Service. We really appreciate Housing for offering us this chance to change.

If you haven't paid your dues for 2023, it is not too late. The dues money is used for plates, cups, napkins, coffee, and cleaning supplies at the Club House. Dues are \$5 per person. Send or to give it Marilyn (Mae) B.

REMINDER: We have many delivery trucks coming in and out of our area every day, and with ALLO beginning its work here, there will be more traffic. If you drive to an event at the club house, please park close to the curb or even up on the curb a little, so those vehicles can get through. Also, we encourage our residents to remember the speed limit when driving thru Somers Point. We ask you to remind family and friends of that also, if you can "catch" a delivery truck remind them also. Thank You.

Reminder: The window washing guy will be here the 6th of May, it is not too late to sign up at the Club House. He requires cash, and charges \$30 for inside and \$60 for in and out.

Recently a new lock was put on the club house door, and we were only given one key. The door now needs to be locked with a key. We hope to get a second key to make it easier for locking and unlocking so more than one person holds a key. Please be patient, and if you find the club house locked when you need in, contact Rachel, and she will see that it gets opened, we try hard to have it open from 8-5 each day. Thanks

We are always open for suggestions for entertainment groups or interesting information we can share at an event at the club house. If you know of someone you'd like to see let Virginia or Rachel know. There's good stuff out there and we need good stuff!

Our May birthdays are:

Marilyn H.-----14th

Jane G.-----14th

Ann W.-----26th

Allyn B.-----28th

Vern A.-----31st

Happy Birthday!!!

We send our Get Well wishes to Suzanne W., Mae B., Mary Ro, and Mary R. & Marilyn H.

We also extend our sympathy to Lanore P. on the death of her brother.

We have received our Business Partner check for 3 months toward Bingo Prizes from Dugan Mortuary.

The Garage Sale dates for Somers Point have been set for June 2nd and 3rd. Each person is on their own for sales in their garage.

There are signs in the Club House for your yard. A sign will be at the entrance, and it will be advertised on line.

This is a community, we value every one's opinion, and caring concerns. Please do not stay away because of something you may have heard and might not be true. Hearing things first hand is very important.

Every so often, we come across a recipe we haven't eaten in a long time, and it brings back memories, our recipe is one that was discussed and eaten at our pot luck. There are many versions of it, this is one:

Copper Penny Salad

2 lbs. of carrots, sliced, and par boiled and drained.

Mix and Pour over the following:

1 can tomato soup

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup Vinegar

$\frac{2}{3}$ cup sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup vegetable oil

1 t. prepared mustard

1 t. Worcestershire sauce

Pepper to taste

Marinate 12-24 hours in fridge

(You may add chopped onion and green pepper.

Happy Spring!!