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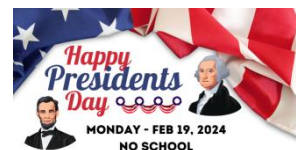
DATES TO REMEMBER

FRI. FEB. 9, SAT. FEB 10, & SUN. FEB. 11 – SOUPER BOWL FOOD DRIVE

SAT. MARCH 16, 11:00AM – EASTER EGG HUNT AT GRAFTON PARK

FRI. APRIL 12 – 6:30PM: GENERAL MEETING & 7:00PM: SCA COMMUNITY PARTY

REMINDER: 2024 Membership
Dues are now open. Thank You!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Al Singleton

Hello Sedgefield Neighbors,

Greetings to all old and new neighbors in Sedgefield, and we encourage you to join and support the oldest and most active civic association in Parsippany Troy-Hills. Our membership dues are \$25 per family and \$9 per Senior (62 or older). We depend on your support to put on the many activities throughout the year.

As the month of January concludes, please keep in mind that **February is American Heart Month**. It is important to stay active mentally and physically. Keeping the body and mind moving will create positive energy as well as balance.

Thank you for your support and best wishes!

**February is
American Heart Month**



2024 SEDGEFIELD'S SOUPER BOWL FOOD DRIVE: FEB. 9 THROUGH 11

By: SCA Board



Our annual Souper Bowl SCA Food Pantry drive is being held on the weekend of **Friday, Feb. 9th, Saturday 10th, and Sunday 11th**. For your convenience, we will have four (4) homes where you can drop off your donations.

Once again, we are delighted to have a Super Bowl XXVIII Champion, a former star linebacker **Mr. Alshermund Singleton** for his assistance. We also thank **Bob Roberti**, **Jeff Elmlad**, and **Drew Naumann** for their help in gathering the collections.

Please join us in helping those in need of food on their tables. We ask you to **drop off your Non-Perishable food or checks payable to the "Parsippany Food Pantry"** (Please - No Cash) at any of the following homes starting on **Friday, February 9th in the morning through Sunday, February 11th in the evening**:

- 10 Dartford Road
- 11 Friar Road
- 32 Friar Road
- 18 Sedgefield Drive



EASTER EGG HUNT, SAT. MAR. 16, 11AM

By:Kristen DeMarco



The Sedgefield Civic Association will be holding the annual Easter Egg Hunt at **Grafton Park on Saturday, March 16. (Rain date, if needed, will be announced a day or two before the event).** Please meet at the cul-de-sac of Grafton Drive at **10:50am to line up** for the hunt, which will **start promptly at 11:00am.** If walking through the park from the Friar Rd side to Grafton Drive, **please do not allow children to pick up eggs early.**

Children will be divided into four groups, ages 10+, 7 to 9, 4 to 6, and 3 and under. At 11 am, we will line each group up in their assigned areas and make an announcement to start grabbing eggs so everyone has a fair chance. Keep an eye out for the **Golden Egg** in each section to win a special prize basket, and don't forget to **take a picture with our special guest, the Easter Bunny,** afterwards!



GENERAL MEETING, COMMUNITY PARTY, WINE & CHEESE...AND PROMOTE YOUR SMALL BUSINESS (FRI. APRIL 12, STARTING AT 6:30PM)

By: Joana Nazimek and Corey Abate



The Sedgefield Civic Association (SCA) will have its **General Meeting on Friday April 12, 2024 at the Mt. Tabor Firehouse on Tarn Rd.** It will be followed by our annual (and hugely popular) **Community Party - Wine and Cheese** event. Come and mingle with neighbors whilst nibbling on sandwiches and snacks, all while enjoying wines from around the world. More details will be forthcoming.

At this year's Wine and Cheese event, the SCA will be providing a **"Sedgefield's Own" table where Sedgefield residents may display cards or other items to promote their business.** If you are a small business owner and Sedgefield resident, we invite you to bring some samples, business cards, pamphlets, or any promotional materials for your business to display on our "Sedgefield's Own" table. It's an opportunity to let other residents know about your business. The table is just that: a place to leave brochures for people to take, so there is no pressure on any potential clients to endure a sales pitch, and no pressure on you to deliver one since you are there to enjoy the evening with friends and neighbors.

If you are interested in bringing materials for display that evening, please email Board Trustee Corey Abate at the.csabate@gmail.com to reserve space on the table.

UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS AT LOCAL PARKS

By: Corey Abate

This is a tough time of year to find things to do with kids, but never fear: the **Morris County Parks Commission** has you covered! Here are a few events upcoming; for a full list of what is going on, visit the MCPC

website: <https://www.morrisparks.net/index.php/info-center/special-events3/>

Maple Sugaring Demos in the Great Swamp

Saturday, January 20—Sunday, March 3

1 pm - 2 pm or 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

\$6 per person. Preregistration is required.

For more information, 973.635.6629

Summer Camp Preview at the Arboretum

Saturday, January 27, 1 pm - 4 pm

FREE or more information call 973.326.7601.

Winter's Day on the Farm at Fosterfields

Sunday, February 11, 10 am - 3 pm

\$10 per person, ages 2 & under free.

For more information, call 973.326.7645

2023 HOLIDAY TREE TRIMMING REPORT (DEC. 16)

By: Carlos Guzmán

Our annual tradition of the Holiday Tree Trimming took place on Saturday, **December 16th at 2:00-4:30pm.** **Santa arrived at 3:55pm on the Mt. Tabor Fire truck.** This joyous occasion was at **1 Friar Road** at the intersection of Sherwood and Friar Roads.

The purpose was to have a meet and greet place for neighbors, families, and friends to enjoy some conversations while listening to holiday music and waiting for Santa's arrival. Children and adults got a chance to decorate our Sedgfield neighborhood Holiday Tree with beautiful ornaments. **SCA provided free music, hot beverages and snacks.**

It began with a beautiful sunny and not windy day, just a bit of a chill in the air. A fire pit was set up on the upper driveway away from the gathering area. The temperature around midday was in the lower 50's, but clouds began to come in and the temperature dropped to the mid 40's by the time of Santa's arrival. The streets were clear from any snow. **There were about 30 to 40 children and approximately 40 to 50 adults that included the Township Mayor Barberio and four township council members with two recently elected.**

The **Mt. Tabor Fire Truck** arrived at **3:55 PM** and stayed extra time to allow everyone to take pictures with Santa. Santa gave out some treats donated by the Mt. Tabor Fire Dept. I thank all of our volunteers from the SCA board and other neighbors that arrived by 2 PM to help with the setup and clean-up afterwards. See photos.



SCA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

UPDATE

By: Bob Roberti



The SCA Beautification Committee did a fantastic job in 2023. I have received more compliments from Sedgfield neighbors, dog walkers, joggers and people stopping with their cars just to make favorable comments about the flower boxes. Every time our group worked on projects in **Grafton Park** neighbors stopped to chat and exclaim how great the flowers and daffodils were. Some neighbors have even offered suggestions to us. I am always thankful for the compliments, but I tell everyone the real thanks are for the dedicated, hard-working volunteers on the Beautification Committee.

Please let me take this opportunity to publicly thank **Sharon Barkauskas, Kathleen Irwin, Shannon Mattern, Dawn Anthony, Cynthia Joa, Danilo Joa, Al Singleton, Roger Schriener, Paul Christal, Dan Filipescu, Chris Giro, Teru King, and Jared Moretti** for their dedication to our community. It gives me great pleasure and pride to work with them on these various projects. We all work well together and enjoy each other's company while working. When our projects are completed, we all feel a sense of satisfaction for a job well done.

This spring we are going to increase our efforts in Grafton Park. The park is a green oasis in the middle of Sedgfield. We have some exciting plans to shape Grafton Park into a "Secret Garden", a colorful and interesting park for all our community to enjoy. Recently I emailed our committee and polled them to make sure we would have enough volunteers to work in the park. We received a tremendous YES response from 12 of 14 responses. I am so excited to share our vision of a fern area, a tall ornamental grasses area, and plantings of evergreen shrubs and small trees. Naturally all our plantings will be drought tolerant, deer resistant, and of natural beautiful planting varieties from local growers. If you would like to join our committee or if you would like to share our vision in Sedgfield by donating an item for planting, please do not hesitate to contact me for more information. Start 2024 off on a positive note by investing in the beautification of our Sedgfield community. Call me at 973-993-8382 or email me at rroberti@pilotassociates.com. Happy Gardening!

STONEYBROOK COMMUNITY GARDEN

By: Bob Roberti



The Stoneybrook Community Garden is located just off Jefferson Rd. in Whippany, NJ. The Interfaith Food Pantry of Morris County uses the garden to grow fresh vegetables for the needy clients in our local area. Last year alone we grew and harvested 680 pounds of fresh vegetables. Because of my love of gardening, I have been a huge supporter of growing good quality fresh vegetables for the food pantry. We are only 5 volunteers but what we lack in size we make up in agricultural knowledge. We are already planning for this year's spring planting season. Unfortunately, our Master Gardener is leaving the area, and we will be shorthanded. We are looking for volunteers that love gardening or have an interest in helping the Interfaith Food Pantry. We can use volunteers to weed, water plantings, spread wood chips or do the actual planting of small, bedded plants. You can make your own schedule as you are available.

We are also looking to train or mentor younger school age boys and girls who need service hours or extracurricular activities for their college resumes. Please email me at rroberti@pilotassociates.com if you have any questions.

PRINCETON PRIZE IN RACE RELATIONS, \$1,000 AWARD TO A H.S. STUDENT, APPLY BY 1/31

By: Danilo Joa



The Princeton Prize in Race Relations recognizes high school students (9th-12th grades) who significantly engage and challenge their schools or communities to advance racial equity in order to promote respect and understanding among all people. The Prize is a \$1,000 monetary award and an invitation to the annual Symposium on Race. PPRR also award Certificates of Accomplishment to some applicants for notable work. Applications due 1/31/2024.

Link: <https://pprize.princeton.edu/>

THANK YOU TO A HELPFUL NEIGHBOR (FROM JUDI SAKS)

By: Joana Nazimek



Judi Saks would like to thank a helpful neighbor:

"This is a special note to my neighbor on Dartford who was just out for a nice walk in the neighborhood. I don't know who you are, but I remember your kindness. I had a terrible fall in my garage at the end of October. Unable to move, I screamed for help and there you were. You called 911 and stayed with me until the police and rescue squad came. I am currently recovering with the help of physical therapy. I wish I could remember your name, but I was in too much stress at the time of the incident to retain that information. I hope you see this note of gratitude as I will be forever grateful that you were there for me." – Judi Saks.

NEW ARRIVALS

If you know of any new arrivals in Sedgefield please contact anyone on the SCA Board, we will print the information in the next SCA CALLER.

2021-2024 SEDGEFIELD DIRECTORY



If you are a paid member and would like a copy of the SCA Directory, or the password to view it in our mysedgefield.net website, please contact Joana Nazimek at 8 Craydon St. or looey33@hotmail.com

We thank you for your support.



From the SCA Board to you and your family



Sedgefield Food Drive 2024 Souper Bowl Weekend

The Parsippany Food Pantry needs our support.

LET'S TACKLE HUNGER!



**Kick-off: 9AM Friday, Feb. 9th ~
Until 7PM Sunday, Feb. 11th**

4 Drop-off Locations:

- **10 Dartford Road**
- **11 Friar Road**
- **32 Friar Road**
- **18 Sedgefield Drive**

Please drop off your Non-Perishable (cans, boxes, or plastic jars) donations at any of the above locations. There will be bins and/or boxes on the front porch or driveway. For monetary donation, make your check payable to: **"The Parsippany Food Pantry"**. (Please do not leave cash). Collections will begin at 9AM on Friday, Feb. 9th, and end at 7PM on Sunday Feb. 11th.

Let's show that Sedgefield is on the winning team.



2024 Membership Form

Membership Period: January 1, 2024 thru December 31, 2024

Last Name: _____

Yearly Membership: Regular (\$25) _____ Senior (\$9/per person 62+) _____

Donations:

Amount

☐ Flower Box Planting/Beautification

☐ SCA Flyers and Signs

☐ Other (Wherever needed)

You can pay by PayPal



or

Make checks payable to: **Sedgefield Civic Association**

Drop off or Mail to:

SCA, c/o Mr. Trent Hofstra, 41 Ferncliff Rd., Morris Plains, NJ 07950

SCA DATABASE FORM

Name _____ **and** _____
Adult Member #1 (Print Full Name) Adult Member #2 (Print Full Name)

Address _____

Telephone _____ **Year of Residence** _____

E-mail _____ ☐

← Please Check here if
this is a new email address

Go Green! I would like to be on the SCA email list ☐ Yes ☐ No

May we contact you about volunteering to help at SCA events? ☐ Yes ☐ No

***See our webpage www.mysedgefield.net for recent SCA Callers,
Photos, Events, Contractors, and Township website links.**