

# Sedgefield CALLER

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

FRI. APRIL 12 – 6:30PM: GENERAL MEETING

& 7:00PM: SCA COMMUNITY WINE & CHEESE EVENT

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

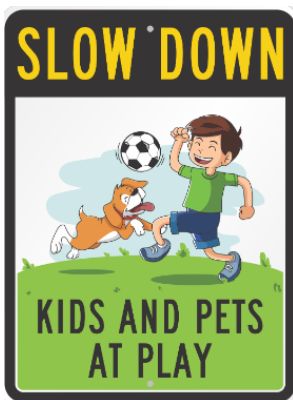


## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Al Singleton

Hello Sedgefield Neighbors,

I'm sure we were all pleased to have had a mild winter compared to those in previous years. As spring arrives, there will be many bikers, walkers, and children playing in the neighborhood. Let's all adhere to the 25mph speed limit while driving and be alert while walking. As we enjoy the pleasant weather, please take some time to visit our Grafton Community Park; many plants that were planted in the fall will soon begin to bloom.



Also, be on the lookout for some upcoming neighborhood events organized and sponsored by the SCA, such as our annual Wine and Cheese, Yoga in the Park, and Garage Sale.

Have A Fantastic Spring!

## SEDGEFIELD SOUPER BOWL REPORT

By: Al Singleton

Thank you to our Sedgefield community for once again demonstrating outstanding generosity and kindness in support of our Parsippany Food Pantry. This was another successful year where we were able to collect over 500 packaged and boxed food items. Donated items consisted of: canned vegetables, canned meats, fruits, pasta, soups, condiments, juice, and cereals. Also, there was a plethora of personal care and household items donated.

In addition to the food and personal care items, three monetary donations were made by our neighbors.



## EASTER EGG HUNT UPDATE

By: Kristen DeMarco

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was held this past weekend in our own Grafton Park. The hunt was on Saturday, March 16, at 11 AM, and ended up being a beautiful spring day. About 72 children met in the cul-de-sac on Grafton Drive. Children were divided into four groups and hunted for about 1,000 eggs!



Four lucky winners found the four golden eggs and each received a basketful of goodies. The winners were William (0-3), Layden (4-6), Annabelle (7-9) and Dominic (10+). There was also a contest to guess the correct number of jelly beans in the jar. The actual number was 226 jelly beans, and our winner for closest guess without going over was Molly, with 215.

Happily, the Easter Bunny showed up again and posed for photos with many Sedgebots. Thank you to Joanne Bailey, Bob Jamieson, Tony Fasano, Bob Roberti and several board members who helped to fill and hide eggs. Also thank you to Joey, Aggie, and Amelia, our middle school and high school volunteers who came out on a weekend morning to spread some joy. Lynne Crowley generously provided an area for the Easter Bunny to prepare for his photo ops.

Please remember that volunteers from our neighborhood, along with your membership dues, make this and other annual events possible.



## WINE & CHEESE SPEAKER: APRIL 12

By: Corey Abate



The SCA's annual General Meeting followed by a Wine and Cheese gathering will take place in just a few short weeks on **Friday, April 12**. We are so pleased that once again this popular event will take place at the Mt. Tabor Firehouse. It seems only fitting, therefore, that this year's speaker is one of the Firehouse's own. Fire Commissioner **Bob Jamieson** has agreed to act as this year's speaker. Bob is the former Fire Chief and he and his wife Susan have lived in Sedgefield for 18 years. Bob is going to make a short presentation on home fire safety as well as explain some of the new essential features of the Firehouse and what the Fire Department does. We are honored that Bob has agreed to share his expertise and insights with us.



## WINE & CHEESE: SMALL BUSINESS TABLE REMINDER

By: Corey Abate

And don't forget that at this year's meeting, 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](mailto:the.csabate@gmail.com) to reserve space on the table.

We only have a few spots remaining!



## Service Hours Available!

The SCA could use your help at the Wine and Cheese event! If you are a high school student in need of volunteer hours, contact Corey Abate, SCA Trustee, for more information: [the.csabate@gmail.com](mailto:the.csabate@gmail.com)

## MORRIS COUNTY SPRING

### HAPPENINGS

By: Corey Abate

Here are some events happening in and around Morris County for kids, adults, and families. More info can be found at the Morris County Parks website: <https://www.morrisparks.net/>. Check them out!

### "Toddler Treks: Stinky Nature"

Thursday March 28

Pyramid Mountain Natural Historic Area

<https://www.morrisparks.net/events/toddler-treks-stinky-nature-2/>

### "Egg Coloring Using Natural Dyes"

Friday March 29

Fosterfields Living Historical Farm

<https://www.morrisparks.net/events/egg-coloring-with-natural-dyes/>

### "Day Off in Nature, Survivor Style"

Friday March 29

The Great Swamp

<https://www.morrisparks.net/events/day-off-with-nature-survivor/>

And for fun closer to home, check out The Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms right up the road on Route 10. Restoration is nearing completion so tours of the Log House are once again running:

<https://www.stickleymuseum.org/visit/>

## PAR-TROY WEST LITTLE LEAGUE

### NIGHT CEREMONY: APRIL 19TH

By: Drew Naumann



For some of us, the true beauty of spring begins when the blooming flowers and the smell of fresh cut grass are complemented by the ringing of aluminum bats and the snapping of leather mitts.

The Par Troy West Little League baseball and softball seasons are set to begin in April. The first games are scheduled for the week of Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>, and the Opening Night Ceremony is scheduled for Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>.

For more information or to sign up for upcoming spring or fall seasons, please keep up with PTWLL on Facebook, Instagram, or the league website:

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/partroywestlittleleague>

IG: <https://www.instagram.com/partroywestbaseball/>

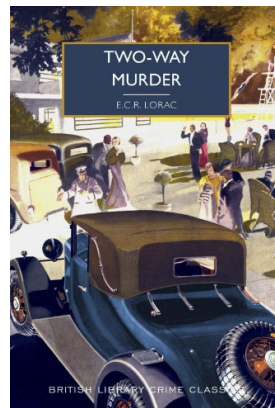
Site: <https://partroywestlittleleague.teamsnapsites.com/>



## BOOK REVIEW: TWO-WAY MURDER

### BY E.C.R. LORAC

By: Corey Abate



This is a classic Whodunit in a classic setting: a quiet English village, filled with all manner of people (and a manor house as well), is rocked by a body found on a road after the annual Hunts Ball at Fordings. The main investigator has new-fangled ways of approaching murders in small towns, as he talks to everyone and tries to capture local gossip, which always reveals more than people think it does. As Detective Waring chats away, he discovers long-standing feuds, a caravan of gypsies, and several bachelors vying for the hands of several bachelorettes, with several upstart servants helping out as well.

Best of all, the murder itself was hard to figure out, and it was logical. In fact, a more careful reader than me might have been able to solve it very early on in the story, and then watch with anticipation as the detective maneuvers the murderer into confessing in the closing pages of the book. Just a wonderful period piece, perfect for fans of Agatha Christie.

## **BSA TROOP 173 – EAGLE SCOUT**

### **PROJECT IN SEDGEFIELD**

**By: Bob Roberti**

On Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024, I had the pleasure of meeting with Clark Laforteza, and his mom, at Grafton Park. Clark is a candidate for the Eagle Scout Award in Sedgefield sponsored BSA Boy Scout Troop 173. The reason we met in Grafton Park is because Clark is interested in proposing the construction of two Bat Houses in Grafton Park for his Eagle Scout Project. We walked the park to get a lay of the land, so to speak. Clark surprised me with his knowledge of bats and their fantastic benefits to our ecosystem. He informed me that Parsippany has one of the largest populations of bats in Morris County. We discussed what would be required as we seek approval from the Township and approval from the Scouting Board of Troop 173. Clark indicated he wants to move forward with this project. More information will be published once Clark makes his presentations to the Town Council and Scouting Board. Sedgefield is proud to continue its long-standing support of young men pursuing Eagle Scout status.



## **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

### **UPDATE**

**By: Bob Roberti**

Your SCA Beautification Committee is always busy doing little things in Sedgefield even when the weather is cold and damp. In January we removed all the Christmas Holiday decorations and changed over to the metal snowmen at the Sedgefield signs. Just before spring we removed the metal snowmen and gave the daffodils a feeding of Bloom Booster fertilizer. After all rainstorms members walk the Grafton Park paths picking up storm debris and removing fallen tree limbs. My neighbor and his son removed many of the tree limbs for us to burn in their fire pit. This year several Beautification Committee members had a planning session to research and focus on different plants and shrubs that would survive the conditions in Grafton Park. Our findings were very encouraging.

Grafton Park is a green oasis in the heart of Sedgefield. It is used by many Sedgefield residents walking dogs, jogging, and neighbors taking a leisurely stroll. The SCA Beautification Committee has a vision to make the park come alive with plantings of colorful flowers, bushes, shrubs, ferns, and tall grasses. Each year we will add something new and exciting to the park. The Beautification Committee will have a table set up at the General Meeting and Wine and Cheese Event to display a variety of ideas. We also hope to solicit your ideas and suggestions. Be sure to visit our table at the Annual Wine and Cheese event **Friday, April 12**.

## **JUNE EVENTS REMINDER**

**By: SCA Board**

Be on the lookout for updates regarding some of our annual events coming up in June:



### **SCA Annual Garage Sale:**

Not only a great way to meet Sedgefield neighbors, but a great way to turn unused items into something you can use. As you proceed through spring cleaning, set aside some of your unused items and join in on the fun.

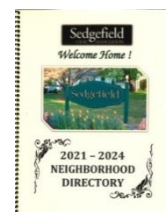
**SCA Toiletries Drive:** Keep an eye out for dates and collection locations for our next donation event, which is more focused on a wide range of personal care items.

## **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](http://mysedgefield.net)** website, please contact Joana Nazimek at 8 Craydon St. or **[looey33@hotmail.com](mailto:looey33@hotmail.com)**



**We thank you for your support.**





## **2024 Membership Form**

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

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>Donations:</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Flower Box Planting/Beautification	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> SCA Flyers and Signs	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 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](http://www.mysedgefield.net) for recent SCA Callers,  
Photos, Events, Contractors, and Township website links.**

# **Sedgefield Civic Association's**

## Annual Wine & Cheese Event

Wines From Around the World



**Date: Friday, April 12**

**Location: Mount Tabor Firehouse**

**Doors open at 6:15pm**

**6:30pm: General Meeting of the SCA**

**7:00pm: Wine and Cheese Community Celebration**

**{Please note: Guests must be at least 21 years old}**

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**Guest Speaker:**

**Fire Commissioner Bob Jamieson**

**Short Presentation: Home Fire Safety and What's New at the Firehouse**