

# Sedgefield CALLER

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**REMINDER: 2026 Membership Dues are now open. Thank You!**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

SAT. FEB 7, & SUN. FEB. 8 – SOUPER BOWL FOOD DRIVE

FRI. MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> – BEER & PIZZA/GENERAL MEETING



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Drew Naumann

Hello Sedgefield Neighbors,

As we welcome the new year, many of us are thinking about resolutions—ways to give back, meet neighbors, and make a difference close to home. One resolution worth considering is joining the Sedgefield Civic Association Board. Serving on the board is a rewarding way to help shape our neighborhood's future, and we're always excited to welcome new voices and ideas. If you've ever been curious about getting involved, this could be your year!

Thank you for your support and best wishes!

### TREE-TRIMMING FUN WITH SANTA

By: Carlos Guzmán

Our Sedgefield neighbors enjoyed the annual SCA **Holiday Tree-Trimming** event held on Saturday, December 20th at the Guzman's driveway at **1 Friar Road**. It was a partly cloudy, cool day with temperatures in the low 40s. Due to the wind, it felt like it was in the upper 30s by the time Santa arrived. Children from around the neighborhood gathered with their families and friends to decorate the SCA Holiday Tree, while listening to music of the season. All enjoyed the hot chocolate, coffee, donuts, and other goodies donated by members of the SCA Board. It was a great opportunity to have wonderful conversations with old and new neighbors, while waiting for Santa to arrive. Mayor Barberio and several Town Council representatives also joined us to welcome the big jolly man in the red suit.



Santa arrived about 3:45 PM and took his time to hand out candy bags and to have pictures taken with our Sedgebots before heading back to the North Pole. We want to extend a special **thank you** to all our volunteers for once again making this event a wonderful one, and a special **thank you** to the **Mount Tabor Fire Department** for giving Santa a lift to our Sedgefield community.



Happy Holidays and a Merry New Year to all!

## **2026 SOUPER BOWL FOOD DRIVE,** **FEBRUARY 7 & 8**

By: SCA Board

The annual **Souper Bowl SCA Food Drive** is being held this year over Super Bowl weekend, February 7 & 8. There will be four locations for you to drop off any items you wish to donate. We are grateful to SCA Board President Drew Naumann, along with Trustees Dan Filipescu and Kavya Couto, as well as Advisory Board member Bob Roberti, for their willingness to put bins out in front of their homes. All donations benefit the Parsippany Food Pantry. A list of items they most need can be found here: [Parsippany Emergency Food Pantry](#)

Please join us in helping those experiencing food insecurity to provide for themselves and their loved ones. It's been an especially cold and inhospitable winter thus far, so anything you can donate will be appreciated.

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 first thing Saturday morning, February 7th, and going through Sunday, February 8th:

- 10 Dartford Road
- 7 Exeter Road
- 20 Friar Road
- 18 Sedgefield Drive

Let's tackle hunger together, Sedgefield!!



## **GIRL SCOUTS CAROL INTO CHRISTMAS**

By: Kavya Couto

Our Girl Scout carol singing night was a success—even though it turned out to be much colder than we expected!



We had 13 neighbors sign up to receive a visit from our carolers, and we truly appreciated all the excitement and support. Unfortunately, due to the freezing temperatures, we had to cut the evening short to make sure the girls stayed safe and warm. Even with their early exit the scouts were able to visit **seven homes** before heading in.



The neighbors were incredibly kind and welcoming, and many shared how excited they were to see the girls spreading holiday cheer. The warm smiles and encouragement meant so much to the carolers, and made the chilly evening feel a lot brighter.

We are especially grateful for the understanding and support of those neighbors who signed up for caroling, but whose homes we couldn't get to due to the plummeting temps. Your enthusiasm is truly appreciated and we hope to visit you next holiday season.

Despite the cold, the girls showed great spirit and had a wonderful time singing for the community. Thank you to everyone who helped make this night special.



## **YOUR VOICE COUNTS!** **QUESTIONNAIRE DISTRIBUTED**

By: Kavya Couto and Kristen DeMarco

This year, included in our annual membership mailing is a link to a short **questionnaire**, which will help us better understand our community's interests and priorities. For your convenience, the membership form will include a **QR code** to the questionnaire, allowing you to complete it online in just a few minutes.

If you would like to take the survey now rather than wait for the membership mailing, you can use this link to access it: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSS9mVOLXjYfN5JgsQFIFWPfj3817\\_h\\_YIUpl62H2GL0K5xA/viewform?usp=publish-editor](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSS9mVOLXjYfN5JgsQFIFWPfj3817_h_YIUpl62H2GL0K5xA/viewform?usp=publish-editor)

If you have any issues using the link, please reach out to any Board member and we will be happy to help you submit your responses. We look forward to receiving as many responses as possible to help us better serve our beloved Sedgfield community.

## **REMINDER: SCA GENERAL MEETING**

By: Corey Abate

The SCA Board is pleased to announce that our annual General Meeting will take place **Friday, March 13, 2026**. Once again, we are grateful to the Mt. Tabor Firehouse for allowing us to hold the event in their wonderful upstairs gathering space.

Just a reminder that we have changed the format based on **YOUR** feedback in a recent poll. We are grateful to so many community members who took the time to share their thoughts. As a result, this year's meeting

- Welcomes children to accompany their parents, and
- Pizza and beer will be provided

There is also **no guest speaker** so that community members have time to talk and connect, which is what the Sedgfield Civic Association is all about.



Retaining current members and attracting new neighbors to join is paramount to the continued success of the Association and our ability to continue offering treasured annual community events such as the **Easter Egg Hunt**, **Halloween Parade**, and **Movie Night**, just to name a few. We hope you will show your neighborhood pride by attending this beer and pizza gathering, meeting new members, and perhaps even encouraging a neighbor to come with you.

## **NEW YEAR, NEW YOU...AS A BOARD MEMBER?**

By: SCA Board

As 2026 gets underway and you read about the various exciting events the SCA Board is planning for the community, we hope you will take a moment to consider whether this is your time to give back by **joining the SCA Board**. Board meetings are only once a month during the school year, so outside of attending events—*which you do anyway!*—1-2 hours of additional time each month is all that is required. Civic engagement and building community bonds is one of the most gratifying Resolutions you can participate in, both for yourself as well as our wonderful neighborhood. Please consider making a **New Year's Resolution** that you can feel good about all the year through and join the SCA Board. Email SCA Board President Drew Naumann at [MySedgfield@gmail.com](mailto:MySedgfield@gmail.com) for more information.

## **PET SUPPLY DRIVE COMING IN SPRING**

By: Kristen DeMarco and Joana Nazimek

The SCA is planning to launch the very first (and hopefully not the last) **Pet Supply Drive** this spring. Our community has a lot of pet lovers, but there are so many animals who are not as fortunate to have loving homes like those provided here in Sedgfield. We hope you will consider donating.

To prepare for the upcoming drive, we are asking people to start setting aside items that might help our neighboring animal shelters. You may have old towels or sheets you no longer use and would normally discard, but they could be used to clean the animals or make them comfortable. You may have an extra bottle of bleach, dawn dish soap or hand soap that you don't need, or maybe you bought some food your animal doesn't like. Don't throw it out! Please hold onto these items and bring them to one of the collection bins that will be set up throughout Sedgfield later in the year.

In addition to dog or cat food, shelters can always use treats, peanut butter and of course cat litter. By preparing now, we hope to have a successful drive later. Please think about how you can help. We welcome any and all ideas to make this inaugural Pet Supply Drive a success; you can reach us at [MySedgefield@gmail.com](mailto:MySedgefield@gmail.com).



## WINTER EVENTS IN MORRIS COUNTY

By: Corey Abate

Despite the snowy start to winter, there are plenty of events to keep you and your family occupied in these tough early months while we wait for spring to arrive. For more information on these events and how to register, visit the Morris County Parks website at [Morris County Park Commission](http://Morris County Park Commission)

- Receive important information on all of the summer camps the Morris County Park Commission offers at this **Summer Camp Fair**, which is happening at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum **Saturday January 24**, 10am-3pm
- For little ones and their big people, learn all about where maple syrup comes from at **Tot Trek: Maple Sugaring**, which takes place **Tuesday, January 27**, 10-11am, at the Pyramid Mountain Natural Historic Area
- Also at the Pyramid Mountain Natural Historic Area, adults can participate in **Hiking Through History**, which takes place on three Saturdays in winter beginning **Saturday, January 31**, 10-11am
- Families can learn about **Winter on the Farm** at Fosterfields Living Historical Farm **February 7**, 10am-3pm
- And what is more romantic than hiking with your partner on Valentine's Day? Sign up for the **Valentine's Couples Hike** taking place **Saturday, February 14**, 10am-12pm at Pyramid Mountain Natural Historic Area

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU LOSE POWER

By: Corey Abate

You no longer have to feel powerless if you lose power! JCP&L has made it super easy to report a power outage. It is vital that you contact them the moment you lose power. And do NOT rely upon your neighbor to report the outage. I have spoken directly with representatives from JCP&L: the more people who report an outage, the faster service is restored. If they only receive a few notifications, they do not consider it a priority.

There are three ways to let JCP&L know you are experiencing a power outage:

- 1) Call 1-888-544-4877 and follow the instructions.
- 2) Go to [www.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com) and under the menu (bottom center of screen), select the *Outages* tab. There, you will be prompted to report an outage either by logging in, using the phone number connected to your account, or even by location.
- 3) Text the word "out" to 544-487 and follow the instructions.

Remember that the most important thing to do is **something**. By text, phone, or computer, make sure to report your power outage as soon as possible. If you are without power JCP&L wants to know!



## 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.

**We thank you for your support.**

