



# Smoke Signals

YOUR CEDARCROFT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## From the President

Dear Membership, Neighbors and Friends:

In spite of the long and hot summer, the Club has continued its activities, which were well attended by members, residents and friends of Cedarcroft, bringing some financial success but more importantly, continuing to strengthen our sense of community.

We are happy to see increased participation and activities, as well as new events. First Friday and the Dog Walk-a-thon (raising money for a local charity) are in response to members and residents stepping forward, expressing interest and making them happen. The Board was very happy to provide support.

I am very proud of the accomplishments of the Board and volunteers. We have a new look around the Club, work done around the beach and new tables and chairs in the Clubhouse.

We also appreciate the increased volunteerism in the neighborhood: from time, to money, to materials. Remember, we are a not for profit organization and other than the marina, Clubhouse rentals and fund-raising events, the Club survives, grows and flourishes with the help of our volunteers. Everyone's help is welcome; without you, we couldn't do what we do. It is also the heart of our community. We welcome your continued generosity (see the message from our treasurer: we need continued funding for maintenance, repairs).

With fall's arrival comes earlier sunsets. Please drive carefully! Many of us are still enjoying the mild weather by walking, cycling or playing on the streets around the 'Croft. As fire safety month approaches, please also remember to be careful how you park your car(s), boat trailers, basketball hoops, etc. Our streets are narrow and emergency vehicles (as well as regular traffic) needs to get through.

Finally, fall also brings elections. We once again have 4 positions on the Board available (please see additional details in this newsletter and on the website). The General Membership Meeting will be November 5.

*See you at the fall meeting!!!*

*Ruta Slepetyš, President*



## Upcoming Events

**First Fridays...** have been well attended and will continue year round. Please stop by the Clubhouse (347 Cedarcroft Drive) between 6 and 8 pm on the first Friday of the month and try enjoying the Cedarcroft social network. Try your hand at the lost art of face-to-face conversation! Bring a beverage and a snack to share. All are welcomed.

**Community Yard Sale: Sat, Oct. 23, 9am-3pm,** Get rid of that stuff! **Set up at your house or the club!** Call/email for details. 908 692 6185 [rutaslepetyš@comcast.net](mailto:rutaslepetyš@comcast.net).

**General Membership Meeting AND First Friday: Fri, November 5, 6-9pm,** Come voice your opinion, meet your neighbors and have some fun.

**Spaghetti Dinner: Sat, Dec. 4, 5-8pm,** All are welcome to this annual favorite. Please come and enjoy an evening of pasta & fun. Call or email Kay, 732 892 1128 [deerfoot35@aol.com](mailto:deerfoot35@aol.com)

### ***Rover the River and through the woods***

Cedarcroft's First Rover the River and through the woods a "howling" success thanks to Adrianna Love, husband Brad Balog and their families and friends, raising money for Jersey Shore Animal Shelter and the new Cedarcroft Scholarship Fund. Many thanks to our sponsors: Craig's, Moon River, Taylor's, Stella e Luna, Sea and Green, Houndalicious, Bark Lane, Neighborhood Nook and of course, always of Cedarcroft, Judy Prestia Nichols and her custom, hand painted portrait pillows (<http://marineaccentsusa.com/handpaintedpillows.aspx>). Special thanks to Steve and Lynn Frazer for setting up the "rest stop" for pooches and people alike and to Adrianna's dad, Tom, for being a good sport and manning the grill, helping Marsha Goforth feed the hungry pack.

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## **A Few Fish Tourny Photos**

**CEDARCROFT CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND.** The Cedarcroft Scholarship Fund is a newly established fund to give back to membership. Children of Club members in good standing, residing in Cedarcroft, actively supporting the Club and community, demonstrating academic achievement, are eligible. An award will be made by the Board annually to one young woman and one young man who meet these qualifications. Applications will be available shortly on the website or from the Board of Directors.

**FLAG DESIGN CONTEST-** Thanks to Bob Byrnes, we now have a beautiful flagpole with yard arm in front of the Club. We proudly fly the Stars and Stripes and the flag of the state of New Jersey. But, there is an empty spot, just waiting for, yes, a Cedarcroft Flag! Think you have just the right banner design? Contact Bob Byrnes at 732-892-3300 or (RBKB360@comcast.net)

**NEW! LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE.** Many of you have seen the improvements around the Clubhouse exterior, including the new split rail fence and new lamp posts (purchased; to be installed shortly). Many of you have expressed interest (as well as concern) about the plantings around the club, beach, as well as other public areas. We are establishing a landscaping committee (Bob Byrnes has offered to chair) and we invite all members, residents and friends to participate.





## **Elections!!!**

The Board of Directors invites members in good standing to run for the Board. There are 4 positions available.

Please remember that membership elects the Board but the Board determines the positions for the directors and officers.

All submissions will be made to Bob Byrnes.  
(RBKB360@comcast.net)

Nominees must submit their nomination by the General Membership Meeting November 5; nominations will also be accepted from the floor the day of the meeting. Nominees will be presented to membership at this meeting.

Nominees will be asked to submit their biographies by November 12.

Biographies and ballots will be mailed to each member's household (1 ballot/vote per household) with instructions for completion and a return envelope. Ballots are to be returned by December 3.

The Board will meet with the independent ballot counters on December 9. The independent ballot counters will open the sealed envelopes, count the ballots and advise the BOD of those elected. The BOD will then reorganize and results will be announced to membership via email, website and newsletter.

## **OUR PLANS**

Our plans for this fall are to start replacing windows, beginning with the windows on the "porch". We are replacing one side at a time, as we do not have the funds to purchase all the windows. Donations continue to be welcome and much needed. Please remember, this is a volunteer effort, led by Greg Mallet, with the only cost to the Club being for materials.

We will also need to continue to set aside money for bulkheading, as we can only complete small sections at a time and we have two areas that are in serious need of repair. Our repairs are typically in the range of \$15,000 per repair.

We have been able to complete the benches and replace both outdoor and indoor tables, thanks to the generosity of members, residents and friends of the 'Croft.

**Please visit our website for more information about Cedarcroft and our activities!**

**[cedarcroftassoc.org](http://cedarcroftassoc.org)**



**To all you Birders:**

I'm sure I'm not the only person who has had the opportunity to watch, in awe, mother nature hard at work. There are many beautiful, winged inhabitants of the Croft. Even without the assistance of bird feeders, particularly because they are usually raided by the squirrels, it's been rather easy to spot the little beauties fluttering about. I particularly enjoy watching them as they danced gleefully through the sprinkler mist. I took their happy chatter as thanks for the bath and drink - especially this incredibly hot summer. We've had a steady sighting of various woodpeckers, northern flickers, hummingbirds, osprey, nuthatches, wrens, titmice, cardinals, blue-jays, mockingbirds, chickadees, sparrows, finches, and Baltimore oriole... I think you get the picture.

Well, several weekends ago while doing some yard work, I was fortunate enough to spend about ten precious minutes watching a magnificent bald eagle soar and circle overhead from the Beaver Dam Creek to the Metedeconk River.

For those of you who haven't had the pleasure of watching a majestic bald eagle in flight, especially in your own backyard - keep your eyes wide open - it's candy for the soul.

...Anne Longo

## Editor's Note...

If you would like to be notified of the Goin's on in the 'Croft, please send me your email. **Please remember that ALL Community Members are invited to all events.**  
...Zop1@aol.com

## PLEASE Bag It! – CURB YOUR DOG!

Dog waste is a threat to the health of our residents and degrades our community. Leash and clean up after your dog!  
**It is required by Ordinance # 435-A-90 and subject to a fine.**

**Please remember that dogs are not allowed on beach unless accompanying their master to their boat.**

## Board of Directors

- Ruta Slepetyš - President - 732-892-7443
- John Hazuka - Vice President - 732-746-2626
- Robert Byrnes - Secretary - 732-892-3300
- Mike Nolan - Treasurer - 732-899-6108
- Tony Dentino - Harbor Master - 732-295-9699
- Nancy DeLanoy - Clubhouse - 732-892-3051
- Marsha Goforth - Clubhouse & Activities - 732-892-1254
- Greg Mallet - Beach and Waterways - 7732-14-0530
- Kay Gregor - Corresponding Secretary/Membership - 732-892-1128
- Jim Longo - Environmental & Properties - 732-892 0375
- Jeanne Zoppel - Public Relations - 610-926-1198
- Dan Gourley - Environmental & Properties - 215-778-0780
- BethAnn O'Toole - Advisor - 732-295-2412

## ..... Classifieds .....

Ads will be listed in the new Web Site! Have an ad,? Contact Jean zop1@aol.com.

**Hobie Cat for sale.** Talk to me. Contact Jean at 610 223 5533, zop1@aol.com

**For Sale...** 180 gallon salt water fish tank. Complete with stand (wood) and filters (bioball and UV light filter). Hood lights (2 used, 1 new). Live rock, decorative coral. 1 live clown fish. \$850 or best offer. Contact Ruta 908-692-6185 or email rutaslepetyš@comcast.net.

## Membership & Rental

- Club Membership - \$150**  
Beach key - \$8.00 replacement charge
- Boat slip rentals - \$30.00/foot**
- Boat slip rentals non-members - \$45.00/ft,**  
\$150.00 surcharge
- Beach Docking - \$50.00/season - \$25 winter**  
no power vessels on beach
- Clubhouse rental for members - \$250.00**  
plus a deposit of \$75.00 for cleanup
- Clubhouse Rental for non-members -**  
\$350.00 plus \$75.00 for cleanup.
- See Kelly Mallet for details, costs, and dates -**  
**Clubhouse Rentals- 732-714-0530**

## Support Your Local Community Owned Business's

Do you have a business and are an active member of Cedarcroft Club? If so, we could put your advertisement here and let the rest of Cedarcroft know about it so that we can support our club members and neighbors. **Ads will be listed in the new Web Site!** Contact Kay Gregor at 892-1128 or jeanne zoppel, zop1@aol.com.

**Need a HandyMan? Have Odd Jobs?**  
Call John at 732-899-0139

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**Greg Mallet**

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