

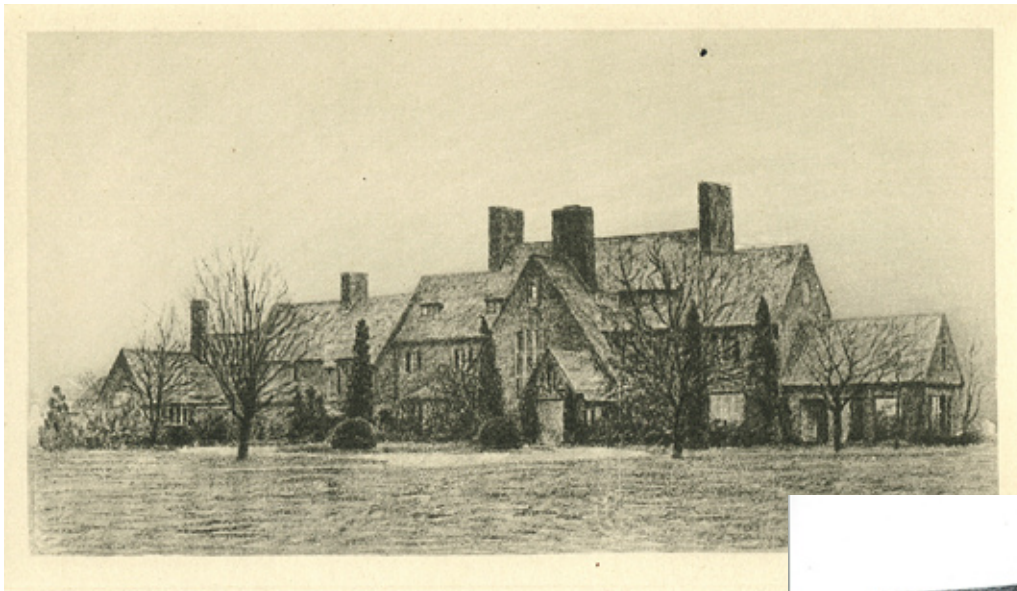


RUMSON

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Settled in 1665



Completed in 1918 as a summer home by Thomas and Elizabeth Vietor, Sheep's Run was known as Linden Crest and was the summer home of Mrs. Henry Ingersoll Riker from 1934 until her death in 1947.

A developer purchased the estate, which extended from Rumson Road to the Shrewsbury River and sub-divided the property. In 1952, he removed the servants' wing of the structure, divided it and moved the pieces to lots on Bingham Avenue.



Sheep's Run will be open to public view during the month of May as the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey Designer Show House. For information: www.statelyhomesbythesea.com .

ALL ABOUT RUMSON

SHEEP'S RUN, 99 RUMSON ROAD

This article has been condensed due to space constraints. Go to www.rumsonnj.gov for the complete history of Sheep's Run.

Around 1915, as World War I was raging in Europe, New York City's social life went on, and those New Yorkers who spent their summers and holidays at the New Jersey shore continued to rent and purchase Rumson estates for their summer homes. New York residents Thomas and Elizabeth Vietor were looking for a summer residence in Rumson near Mr. Vietor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Vietor, who had summered across Rumson Road from the Seabright Lawn Tennis and Cricket Club since 1892. Mrs. George F. Vietor was Anna, a sister of Fritz Achelis. The Vietor and Achelis families were blended by their family business and by intermarriage. The Achelis family had purchased what is now Riverfields on Rumson Road in 1888 from Stanley H. Renton of New York and spent the warm weather months on their 28-acre dairy farm while taking part in the sporting and social activities available to all of "The Cottagers" who came here from New York. They purchased more property, and Riverfields eventually grew to a 49 acre estate.

The VNA Connection Goes Back a Long Way

This article appeared in the *Red Bank Register* on Wednesday, September 6, 1916

GIFT OF AN AUTOMOBILE

Present of Car Made to Visiting Nurse Association

A gift of an automobile has been made to the Visiting Nurse Association of Fair Haven, Rumson and Seabright by Mrs. Fritz Achelis, a summer resident of Rumson. The automobile will be used by Miss Edna Ford, the visiting nurse.

* Mrs. Fritz Achelis owned Riverfields and, just at this point in time, sold a portion of it to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Vietor, her nephew and his wife, to build their summer home, which is the current VNA Showhouse.

On January 23, 1917, Fritz and Bertha sold a 13-acre parcel on the corner of Rumson Road and Bingham Avenue to George and Annie's son, their nephew Thomas F. Vietor, and his wife, Elizabeth Allen Vietor. The parcel of land ended at what was the back drive to Riverfields and is now Pompano Road.

The Vietors hired Harrie T. Lindeberg, a New York City architect who had trained in the offices of McKim, Meade and White. As time went on, he became well known as a designer of country houses. Commissions included a house in Pocantico hills for a member of the Rockefeller family and Shadowbrook, the estate of Dr. Ernest Fahnstock in Shrewsbury, which was begun in mid-1909. Architect and architectural historian Mark Alan Hewitt, who wrote the introduction for *Domestic Architecture of H. T. Lindeberg*, described Lindeberg as having a genius for "architecture that combined the sentimental associations of historical types with a strong, austere quality of mass, materiality and proportion." He praised Lindeberg's "understated quality and elegance that created homes that are adaptable to the tastes of today enabling them to endure and thus escape the wrecking ball."

When completed in early 1918, the 200-foot long mansion held 27 rooms with 10 tiled bathrooms. The English Tudor style was similar to many of the great houses in England. Heavy slate pieces, some weighing more than 175 pounds, were imported from Wales along with the skilled workers to put them into place on the steeply pitched roof. This type of roof was so much a Lindeberg trademark that the style came to be known as a "Lindeberg roof." The peak of the house reaches 56 feet making what is now Sheep's Run one of the tallest houses in Rumson. The style of slate placement was called "drunken

shakes" for its seemingly haphazard arrangement. The roof is said to have a life expectancy of 300 years.

The house was situated in order to make the best use of natural light, and the servants' wings were put on the east side of the house so that they would have the morning light as they went about their jobs. The ceilings were 12 feet high, and elaborate woodwork was generously incorporated to decorate the thick masonry walls. Mrs. Vietor is said to have had difficulty making a decision when presented with three styles of balusters for the main staircase. Only after close inspection can the observer see that all three choices were created and installed in an alternating pattern because she was unable to choose among them. A 40-foot long living room has a tall fireplace with elaborate bronze work across the mantel. There are eight fireplaces, and they are all different. Moravian tiles from Pennsylvania were used decoratively. The original heating featured radiators located under the flooring as an early form of radiant heating. Graceful arches were made to form entries to some areas.

In this age that predated air conditioning, measures were taken to take advantage of cool breezes, and bedchambers had two doors—one regular wooden door as well as a 'summer door' with slats to allow the air to circulate. High up on the bedroom walls were glass windows that could be opened out into the halls on hot nights. Some bedrooms had summer porches attached providing a door that could be left open or, if it was dreadfully hot, an opportunity to sleep outside of the stifling rooms. Bedroom doors were provided with door-knockers that were designed so that each had a different bird motif. Two trunk rooms known as California closets held the luggage and trunks of family and guests when they arrived for summer visits. When the house was shut up for the winter, huge hurricane shutters were placed over all of the windows. How lonely Rumson Road must have seemed during the winter when all of the grand homes were shut up so tightly.

Mr. Lindeberg engaged Oscar B. Bach to design ornamental metalwork for the Vietor home, and the artist created bronze grillwork featuring birds with sweeping plumes and other distinctive pieces that are still stunningly beautiful today. Oscar B. Bach was born in Breslau and emigrated to America in 1913. Although he painted and etched, his fame came from his sculpture and decorative work.

On December 3, 1927, Henry and Eleanor Mason Butler purchased the estate that is now called Sheep's Run and set about obtaining all of the property between what is now Pompano Road and the Shrewsbury River. Mr. Butler was a senior partner of Smith Barney & Co. when he began to summer here in Rumson.

On May 31, 1934, Eleanor Mason Butler and Henry E. Butler sold 99 Rumson Road and all of the property stretching to the South Shrewsbury River to Mary J. Riker, widow of Henry Ingersoll Riker.

In 1947, Mrs. Mary J. Riker died, and her family put her Rumson Road estate up for sale. It was difficult to sell large properties at that time just after the war, and Linden Crest stretched from Rumson Road all of the way to the river. Anyone with a lot of cash could pick up one of these big estates at a bargain price, and that is just what Meador Wright was able to do. Mrs. Riker died in 1947, and the property was not sold until February of 1950. It had taken a long time to sell the estate, and the price had come down. Mr. Wright got "the deal of the century" and purchased all of the property from Rumson Road to the Shrewsbury River with a mansion and outbuildings for \$40,000.

First he subdivided the property, and in 1952, he divided the mansion itself and removed a large wing, which he split into two separate houses and moved onto lots that he had created along Bingham Avenue. The wing was the servants' section of the building, and the newly created residences kept traces of their former utilitarian purposes.

In December of 1954, Meador Wright sold what remained of the estate, after it had been reduced to six acres and the mansion had been divided, to James F. and Eleanor Fitzsimmons. Mr. Fitzsimmons had

a business in New York, and the family had a fondness for the Jersey Shore. Theirs was the first family to live in this home full time.

Mary and Robert Skold purchased the house in May of 1959, and they made it a year-round family home. They had two very young children, and their third child was born in 1960 during their time there. Mr. Skold was a mortgage banker and commuted to Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company in Newark.

After slightly more than two years here in Rumson, the Skolds relocated back to York, PA, where they had family ties that were calling them home. They sold their home to Lloyd Christianson and his wife Sergie in July of 1961. They had four children, Lloyd, George, Charles and Sergie Ann, who enjoyed their life in the house both in their youth and later as they returned with their own children to what George Christianson calls, "a center for expanded family and grandchildren."

Mr. Christianson started Electronic Associates, Inc., (EAI) in 1946 and served as its President and CEO. He and his family owned and lovingly maintained 99 Rumson Road for 46 years.

The family thought of trying to keep the house in the family after Lloyd Christianson passed away in 2007, but they decided that this beautiful home steeped in so much memory and tradition should not return to the status of "summer vacation and part-time residence." They hoped that the property would remain intact and that the house would be well cared for into the future. Since purchasing the estate in 2007, the Mulheren family has been fulfilling those wishes and giving this wonderful old mansion the revitalization that it so richly deserves after its generations of nurturing the families who had the good fortune to spend their lives within its walls. After the work that has been done in the past year, Sheep's Run is in 'like new' condition and ready to nurture many more generations.

Thanks to the generosity of the Mulheren family, the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey has been given the opportunity to have a designer showcase in this grand mansion. Designers from as far away as California have come to Rumson to transform their small pieces of Sheep's Run into showcases of their expertise and technical excellence. This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to visit a home that exemplifies the lifestyle once lived in this community as our "Cottagers" came down on the steamboats from their New York homes to enjoy their summers here in Rumson.

Don't miss the VNA Stately-Homes-by-the-Sea Designer Show House that will open this home to view from April 28-May 31. All funds raised by the event will be used by the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey to provide care for local people who need its services. For more information, go online to: www.statelyhomesby-thesea.com or call 732-224-6791.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR FIREWORKS 2009

We have had many inquires about the possibility of once again hosting the Rumson Fireworks on July 3 and would like to review recent information. The display, produced by Garden State Fireworks, was first held in 2007 to celebrate Rumson's 100th anniversary. The inaugural event proved to be so successful and popular that it was repeated last year to similar enthusiastic reviews. The event is funded *entirely* by The Rumson Endowment Fund, a 501(c)(3) tax deductible organization, and no Rumson taxpayer dollars are involved. In

order to continue to produce The Show this year, we must seek contributions from businesses and individuals alike to fund it. Donation checks may be sent to: *Rumson Borough Hall, 80 East River Road, Rumson, NJ 07760 Attention: Rumson Endowment Fund, for the purpose of the 2009 Fireworks Display.* All contributions, small and large, are encouraged. To the extent that fundraising efforts are successful, the Rumson Fireworks Display will go on. We thank you for your consideration and hope to see fireworks off our Victory Park beach again this year.

RUMSON HANDICAP

Monmouth Park has named stakes races for nearby towns for over 60 years, and the Rumson Handicap has been run since 1946. Last year's race was won by 3 year old Indy Joe ridden by perennial favorite jockey Joe Bravo. This year's Rumson Handicap will be run on Sunday, June 7 at Monmouth Park. Let's all get together to enjoy this very special day at the races.

RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Rumson Police Department Update

In the past few weeks, the Borough of Rumson has experienced two residential burglaries, each different in character.

There are simple steps residents can take to prevent their cars or homes from being burglarized, so I would like to remind our residents to always do the following:

Prevention begins with our residents.

- **Lock your cars** each and every time you exit them.
- **Don't leave money or anything of value in your cars.**
- **Lock your homes, both windows and doors**, to discourage easy entry into your home.
- **Call Police immediately to report anything you consider suspicious. (732-842-0500)**

A few other things residents should keep in mind:

- Have your burglar and fire alarms checked regularly for proper operability.
- Encourage your children to be good citizens. Please talk to your children about why they should **not** damage or destroy other people's homes, businesses, cars, parks, property or mailboxes.
- Children & Adults: Wear your bicycle helmets!

The arrival of warmer weather enables our Rumson Police Bicycle Patrol Officers to get out into the community where they can interact with residents and business owners on a more personal basis. Bicycle Patrols are economical, and this "green" alternative saves the Borough quite a bit of gasoline. They are stealthy; they are agile and now, in their third year of operation, they have a proven track record of enhancing our police coverage both every day and for the big events. Bike Patrols enable Community Policing at its best.

On February 8, 2009, Police Officers responded to a call on Ridge Road in Rumson, which resulted in the arrest of an individual and the confiscating of illegal assault weapons and armor penetrating ammunition. The following Rumson Police Officers will be receiving the Medal of Honor: Patrolman James E. Fenn, III, Patrolman Christopher J. York, Lieutenant Scott A. Paterson, Chief Richard E. Tobias, Lt. Daniel F. Petrucelli, Sergeant Jeffrey S. Nixon, Sergeant Robert A. Boyer, Patrolman Kevin F. Gaynor, Patrolman Donald E. Schneider, Dispatcher Cody T. Lovgren, Special Officer Shaun C. Foley, Patrolman Christopher J. Isherwood, Detective Ronald J. Vilardi, Sergeant Peter M. Koenig. The following Officers from agencies who assisted will also receive the Medal of Honor: Patrolman Jeffrey K. Jarvis, Detective John Koetzner and Lieutenant Joseph P. McGovern all of Fair Haven Police Department and Chief Shannon D. Giblin, Sergeant Martin Scherzinger and Patrolman Paul Halpin all of Little Silver Police Department.

Please Keep Rumson Neat and Clean

We are all the keepers of our beautiful community. Here are just a few **reasons for not littering:**

- The exceptional value of Rumson's homes and business properties are a direct reflection of the extraordinarily pristine and picturesque quality of this Borough.

- When the Borough government pays for our Department of Public Works employees to clean up after those who litter, it costs you, the Rumson taxpayer, out of your pocket in the form of property taxes.

- Clean Communities Program - Borough Ordinance #13-7.1 (Littering Prohibiting)

- Borough Ordinance # 3-2.8 (Discarding Waste and Refuse)
- N.J.S.A. 39:4-64 (Throwing or dropping bundles, objects or debris from vehicles)

So, please be mindful and clean up after yourselves whenever you use our parks, our ball fields and Rumson's other public places. Don't litter or throw trash out of vehicles.

Please teach your children to:

- Throw their trash into a litter receptacle.
- Bring their trash home to discard there.
- Go green by using recyclable containers.

Since not everyone will be on board, the Police Department will issue Borough summonses to offending litterers (aka "litterbugs"). Municipal fines are determined by the Court. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Statute dictates the fine be not less than \$200.00 and not more than \$1,000.00. Within the past two years, the Rumson Police have issued 11 summonses for littering.

Accordingly, we should all strive to keep our Rumson clean and green. Please do your part!

Richard E. Tobias
Chief of Police

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OEM)

The mission of the Borough of Rumson Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is to maintain a high level of preparedness; to protect the citizens of the Borough of Rumson; to mitigate loss of life and vital assets prior to, during, and in the immediate aftermath of a disaster and to facilitate the speedy recovery of the Borough in the mid and long term intervals following a disaster.

OEM has the statutory responsibility to coordinate all Borough emergency response plans. OEM's responsibilities are to identify vulnerabilities, effectively mitigate disasters, provide public education, respond to all-hazard emergency situations, protect the Borough's First Responders, ensure continuity of government and business and facilitate an effective recovery. OEM will coordinate with local, state and federal agencies, as well as private entities to develop, maintain and implement the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). OEM is prepared to activate an Emergency Operations Center during any major disaster to allow coordination of all support agencies to provide continuity of services to the public.

Description:

Rumson OEM consists of a local emergency planning committee (LEPC) that meets regularly to plan for emergencies and conducts drills to maintain a high level of readiness. Currently, the LEPC members are as follows:

Mark Rubin, OEM Coordinator
Mayor John Ekdahl
Tom Rogers, Public Information Officer
Richard Tobias, Police Chief
Mike Trivett, Fire Chief
Christopher York, OEM Deputy, Police Dept.
Fred Shea, OEM Deputy, Wastewater Annex
Mark Wellner, OEM Deputy, Public Works Dept.
Joe Ward, Fire Dept.

Bob Kelleher, EMS

Mickey Gooch, NYC/International Coordinator

Rumson OEM (Office of Emergency Management) was elevated to a Borough Council position with the appointment of Mark Rubin in 2006.

Rumson OEM has an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) which documents in detail procedures for many hazards and situations including medical emergencies, evacuations, hazmat related emergencies, fire and rescue, public health, radiological risks, WMD attacks, civil disorders, procedures for evacuations and shelters, social services, resource management, damage assessment, emergency medical care, emergency operations center and public information. This plan is reviewed and approved by local, County and State officials.

Rumson OEM has been involved in the design and installation of a new Emergency Alerting System, installation of an AM Emergency Radio System, upgrading of our Reverse 911 Emergency Calling System, purchase and set-up of emergency boats and trucks for emergency evacuation, licensing and set-up of additional radio communication frequencies for DPW (which formerly was operating on the Fire Department frequency), design and installation of new radio communication systems for many emergency departments and is currently involved in the design and implementation of the radio and communication systems for the new Rumson Borough Hall.

Seeking a Kidney for a Former Rumson Teacher

A woman who has been a part of Rumson for most of her life is in desperate need of a kidney transplant. Many families will remember Eileen Frenchick-Borden, a long time teacher at Deane Porter School (from 1969-2007). Eileen had a kidney transplant in 2001, but she is in renal failure again and on dialysis. She needs another kidney donor. Her family has been tested, but there has not been a match located. Knowing how many lives Eileen has touched in her 38 year career teaching Rumson children, they would like Rumson residents to be apprised of Eileen's health problems and to consider being tested through a simple blood test to see if anyone is a match. If anyone can help, please call Eileen's family at 732-758-8114.

2009 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND SERVICE

Don't forget the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies in Victory Park on Monday, May 25. There is not a 'rain date' scheduled, so this is the date--**Rain or Shine**. Marchers will line up at 9:30 AM at Forrestdale School, and the Parade will begin at 10:00 AM and will make its way down River Road to the Park where the Memorial Service will take place at 10:30 AM. This is a wonderful chance to see all that our community has to offer from our firetrucks to our sports teams to our school bands and organizations. If you are in a group that is taking part in the parade, don't miss the chance to participate. If you don't march, come and watch. It isn't possible to live in this town and not know someone who is marching by. Don't miss this great community event!

OCEANIC FREE LIBRARY

The Board of Trustees of the Oceanic Free Library is pleased to announce the appointment of Nanette Reis as our new Head Librarian. She takes over from Anne Wissel, who retired last November. Having worked for OFL for the past nine years, Nanette is very familiar with the workings of the Library and the needs of its patrons. She has wonderful ideas and plans for making OFL a thriving community center.

We want to thank all of you who contributed to our Annual Appeal and to remind those who have not yet contributed that it is not too late! The Library depends on these funds. Please remember: we are an independent private library and not a municipal library. Thank you for your continued support. It allows OFL to offer so much to our community. In addition to our regular collection of books, CDs, Audio Books and DVDs, we are able to provide access to many publications and services provided by the state and county libraries.

For example: did you know that you can browse the latest edition of "Value Line," a very popular and expensive financial ratings and report service? Did you know that we have access to materials from the NJ State Library for the Blind and Handicapped? Patrons eligible for these services include those unable to use conventional print due to visual impairment, physical disability or a reading disability. Please call us for more information (732-842-2692). We are also trying to organize computer classes for interested patrons.

The knitting group continues to meet Fridays at 2pm. The delightful women in this group are creating so many beautiful items, sharing their ideas and talents and having much fun doing so. There is no charge for this group. All you need are your needles, your yarn, your sense of humor and, of course, your library card!

In a more scholarly vein, the Book Club continues to be very popular. The book for May is A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini, a beautifully written story about the tragic lives of two Afghan women. The discussion group will take place May 28th at 1:30. The book for June is Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen, and the discussion will take place on June 25th at 1:30. Cynthia Dannen does a wonderful job moderating the discussions, which are always lively and thought provoking.

Continuing our program of featuring the works of local artists, the coming months will bring many wonderful exhibits to OFL. In May, we will welcome Marlis Schlegel Steadman and her beautiful pottery along with Katelin Kearney and her lovely jewelry. During the month of June, we will enjoy the joint photography show of Nancy Harrison and Jean Finnila as well as the "Arts in Education" exhibit in the Children's Room. Pat Halsey displays her wonderful oil paintings in July while Marlene Kusner and Jessica Whitman exhibit their jewelry. August features local scenes by watercolorist Jim Sanford and jewelry by Hillary Gross and Jean Keil. Please come in and see what talented neighbors you have! If you are interested in exhibiting your own work, please contact Theresa at the Library.

The Children's Summer Program kicks off on June 23rd. The theme this summer is "Be Creative at Your Library!" We also will have the summer reading lists for the local schools available at the front desk, and most of the titles will be available on our shelves. In addition, this summer we will be open between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM on Saturdays. So, now you can pick up a book on the way to the beach!

Now that you have read just a sampling of what OFL has to offer you, perhaps you would like to hear of some ways you could help us. For instance, we welcome volunteers. There are many jobs to be done from putting books away to assisting patrons. We are currently looking for someone to catalog books and also someone interested in handling publicity for OFL. Our "FOOLS" (Friends of Oceanic Library) group is doing well under the guidance of Rosanna Fazio. Currently she is organizing a group to march in the Memorial Day Parade to show support for OFL. Please contact her (rosannafazio@comcast.net) to see what you can do to help us at the Library.

A painless way of assisting the Library is through "IGIVE.com". Once you register at IGIVE.com, noting OFL as your "charity of choice", the rest is even easier. Whenever you shop on line at any one of the listed stores, a small percentage of the purchase price will be donated to the Library. For more information on this and any of the other opportunities or services of the OFL, please call, come in or visit our website - www.oceaniclibrary.org

In closing, the board and staff of OFL were saddened by the passing of two of the Library's greatest friends, George H. Moss, Jr. and Marna McCarter Lord. George Moss served on the Library board for many years and was president from 1970 through 1975. His wit and wisdom were always appreciated. Marna McCarter Lord was an ever faithful patron and supporter. They both will be greatly missed.

2009 Senior Citizen Art Contest and Exhibition
July 6th through July 30th
Show to be held at
Monmouth County Library Headquarters
125 Symmes Drive - Manalapan, New Jersey
Applications available at Oceanic Free Library
Due by June 19th

IS OUR CARD IN YOUR WALLET?? Come in & get your OCEANIC FREE LIBRARY Card TODAY!!

Oceanic Free Library Hours of Operation

Monday – 1:00 PM-7:00 PM

Tuesday – 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Wednesday 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Thursday – 1:00 PM-7:00 PM

Friday – 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Saturday – 10:00 AM- 4:00 PM

*Starting in June: Sat. summer hours 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

RUMSON GARDEN CLUB

The Rumson Garden Club will hold its Plant Sale this year on May 9th from 8:30am until 12 noon. The sale will be held rain or shine in the Borough garages located behind the Rumson Borough Hall.

The sale will include many perennials and plants from the RGC members own gardens. This year Garden Club members will conduct a workshop from 9 am until 10:30 am. They will be giving pointers on how to plant containers. Patrons will be able to either purchase containers or bring their own for this workshop. A new twist this year will be the inclusion of a Kitchen Garden area where vegetables and herbs will be available for sale, including heirloom tomatoes. For Mother's Day giving, there will be interesting and affordable baskets filled with annuals that can later be planted in your garden.

The RGC is involved in many civic projects including the design, planting and maintenance of the traffic islands, town park gardens and the Oceanic Free Library window boxes. The club also sponsors the Wild Life Habitat at Deane-Porter School and gives an annual scholarship which is awarded to a high school senior who is planning to major in landscape design, horticulture or environmental science in college. All proceeds of the Plant Sale are returned to the community to support these ongoing projects.

RUMSON WOMEN'S CLUB

The Rumson Women's Club held our annual Gift Auction on Friday, April 17th. As always, it was a huge success. Proceeds will benefit the Oceanic Free Library, the Rumson First Aid Squad, the Rumson Fire Department, the Parker Family Health Clinic, Lunch Break and other local charities. Our thanks to all who donated gifts and to all who supported this important fundraiser for the Club.

As always, the Rumson Women's Club will march in the Memorial Day Parade on May 25th. With the help of a grant from the General Federation of Women's Clubs, members will pass out seed packets along the parade route and at Victory Park. Our member Ellen Perl will once again lay the Club's wreath at the memorial service.

This year Linda Babeuf, Judy McMaster and Thea Davis will represent the Rumson Women's Club at the State Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Atlantic City on May 4-6.

The Rumson Women's Club meets on the first Monday of every month from September through June at Bingham Hall at 7:30 pm. Prospective members are always welcome. Please call Judy McMaster for further information. (732-842-1522)

RUMSON RECREATION

Summer Hoops, Fall Soccer, Flag Football and registration for various camps continues at the Borough Hall Mondays-Fridays 8:30am-4:30pm.

The **Summer Hoops Basketball Teams** program is for children who are currently in grades 3-8. This is a co-ed basketball program which will run from June 23 through July 25. Coaches will call with specific game times and dates. Games are played outdoors in the evenings at Victory Park. **Registration deadline-June 5.**

The **Fall Soccer** program is for children enrolled in grades K-8 for the 2009-2010 school year. Kindergarten children participate in Saturday morning clinics, which run throughout the fall beginning September 5. Children should report at 9:00 AM to the Forrestdale School soccer field. Practices for grades 1-8 are during the week with games played on Saturdays. **Registration deadline-June 5.**

The **Flag Football** program is for children who are 5, 6, 7 & 8 years of age. (Children must be 5 years old prior to August 1, 2009.) The program will run clinics on August 18, 20, 25 & 27 at 6:00 PM at Riverside Park fields. Attendance is not mandatory; however, it is recommended that all players and coaches attend these clinics. Games are played on Saturday mornings from 8:00am-11:00am during September-November. Coaches will call with team assignments and game schedules. **Registration deadline-June 5.**

Summer Camps

US Premier Soccer Camp- July 13-17

MLS Soccer Camp- July 27 -July 31

Bulldog Basketball Camp- July 13-17 & July 20-24

Bulldog Field Hockey Camp- July 20-24& July 27-July 31

Crew-Learn to Row Camp-July 6-10 & July 6-10 & 20-24

Football-July 20-22& July 27-29

Academy International Lacrosse Camp (girls)-July 13-19

Trilogy Lacrosse Camp (boys)-June 29-July 2

T-3 Lacrosse Camp (girls)-July 27-July 30

Tennis-(weeks of) July 6-August 6

Softball-June 22-25 & June 29-July 3

Golf lessons by appointment throughout the summer

Camp Coordinators will have registration forms/brochures available in April/May 2009. Additional flyers will be available at the Rumson Borough Hall.

Soccer officials needed: Anyone 14 years old or older who would like to be a paid soccer official for the 2009 season should contact John Hird at 503-6607 or jhird@rumsonnj.gov.

Summer Fun Nights in Victory Park

Children's Concerts and Puppet Show

Come out with your family, and enjoy four fun filled summer evenings at Victory Park! The Rumson Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor four evenings of entertainment for you and your children free of charge this summer. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to Victory Park for the following Sunday evenings:

Yosi and the Super Dads Concert-July 12, 2009-7:00 PM

Princess Katie and Racer Steve-July 26, 2009-7:00 PM

Miss Sherri and the Animal Band-August 9, 2009-7:00 PM

The Paper Moon Theatre-Puss 'N Boots-August 23-7:00 PM

This is a new program in town sponsored by the Rumson Parks and Recreation Department. Bring you families and friends and enjoy a one hour performance during the summer months!

RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN RUN

The Sixteenth Rumson-Fair Haven Run will take place on Sunday, May 3rd. The 5 Mile Race begins at 9:30 AM, and the 3K begins at 11:15. The Kiddie Dash will be at Noon. Registration can be done online at: www.raceforum.com, www.active.com or www.rumson-fairhavenrun.org. Applications are also available at Borough Hall. Each runner will receive a bag, water bottle and T-shirt. This

is a community fundraiser that contributes to RFHRHS scholarships and the EMS and Fire Police of both towns.

RUMSON SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Rumson was recently awarded a "Green Communities Challenge Grant." This Grant will be used to hire and work with a forestry consultant to develop a Community Forestry Management Plan for Rumson. Community Forestry is defined as "the planning, design and management of vegetation on public land in and around communities to maximize their economic, social, visual and environmental contributions to the well being of the community." Such a plan can lead to a decrease in tree maintenance and removal costs and decreases in hazardous tree situations. These grants are funded from the sales of the "Treasure our Trees" vehicle plates sold by the State.

Summer Tips: Remember that proper pruning and maintenance are great ways to keep our trees in town healthy. Also, only 2-4 inches of mulch is recommended on your shrubs and trees. Otherwise they may be smothered! Cutting back on mulch is a great way to cut down on lawn service expenses. Mulch is expensive, and this is one time when there can truly be "too much of a good thing."

RUMSON BOY SCOUT TROOP 201

Congratulations to Troop 201's newest Eagle Scouts, Ian Roberts and Michael Roig! To earn the rank of Eagle, a Scout must advance through 7 ranks, earn at least 21 merit badges, hold troop leadership positions and plan, develop, and lead other scouts in a service project. We are very proud of Michael and Ian and wish them much success in college!

During the month of May, the Troop will be visited by a representative of the FBI; he plans to present the Scouts with information about careers in the Bureau, matters of national security and sound advice about making good decisions as teenagers. The Scouts are looking forward to this presentation.

Twenty five Scouts, led by Rob Peterson, will embark on a canoe trip down the Delaware River. After an exciting afternoon on the water, the boys will set up camp and cook their meals at a nearby location.

The month of May will be a time for annual service projects. The Scouts will assist the Rumson Garden Club at their annual plant sale, and a group of Scouts will put on their work gloves, grab their shovels and head to the cemetery on Rumson Road for the annual clean-up. The Troop will march proudly in the Memorial Day Parade, raise the flag at the ceremonies in Victory Park and present a wreath.

On a beautiful June evening, with the Navesink River as a backdrop, the Troop will hold its final meeting for this year. In keeping with tradition, the Troop will close with the annual flag burning ceremony. Later in the month, the older Scouts will head for Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, and in July thirty scouts will head off to NoBeBoSco Summer Camp.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our Troop Chairperson, Jaime Roberts. Jaime will be relocating to her hometown of Chicago. We thank her for all her years of dedication and hard work to Troop 201. She is truly the heart and soul of our organization. Troop 201 wishes her and her sons, all the health and happiness in her new home.

Troop 201 has had another successful year, packed with great adventures and life lessons! If you finished 5th grade or are 11 years old, consider joining this wonderful organization! We will be starting up again in September. We meet on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM at Forrestdale School. If you would like more information, please contact Miriam Tort at miriamtort@aol.com.

Rumson Senior Citizens Club

Members enjoy working with other groups within the community. Several members of the Rumson Senior Citizens Club are also members of the Busy Bees at Holy Cross. They extended an invitation to the Italian Dinner held at Holy Cross in January. It was enjoyed by many. On February 21st, members attended the Pancake Breakfast at the Forrestdale School.

One of our favorite trips is to the Brownstone Theatre in Patterson, N.J. On March 11th, the group enjoyed a corned beef and cabbage dinner and the wonderful Irish show. Once again, the Board of Education at RFH extended an invitation to the Club to enjoy lunch and the Tower Players musical, *Into the Woods*. Everyone had a wonderful day at the school, and the show was as good as anything Broadway has to offer.

While First Vice President, Lillian Haines, was recuperating from her knee surgery, President McCormick welcomed Mr. Rich DeFonzo from the Monmouth County Office on Aging to speak at the February social meeting. He presented an informative program on housing and other options for Seniors.

Jean Stromenger and her Committee continue to provide delicious refreshments at every meeting. Fran Merkel oversees the desserts which are made and provided by the members. They do a terrific job, and all of the members are grateful.

President McCormick will, once again, work with the committee organizing the Rumson Run, which will be held on May 3rd. Several members volunteer to stuff the hand-out bags and serve refreshments on the day of the Run.

Officers for the upcoming term were nominated at the April meeting. They will serve a two year term: President, Dorothy Burlew; 1st Vice President, Jeanette DiSpirito; 2nd Vice President, Vivian McCormick; Recording Secretary, Mary Ann Johnston; Corresponding Secretary, Diane Cross and Treasurer, Rosemary Hulse. They will be installed in June at the Spring Luncheon.

Past Presidents, Jeanne Cuje and Lillian Haines, will oversee the Spring Luncheon and Installation on Wednesday, June 17th, at the Salt Creek Grille. Invitations will be extended to Mayor John Ekdahl, his wife, Lolly, and Honorary Member, Chillie Callman and his wife, Lee.

President McCormick is making arrangements for our participation in the Memorial Day Parade. She has arranged for Channel Three Music to march with the members once again this year.

Condolences were extended to Peg Connor in the loss of her brother, Jack, in April.

While members do not meet during July and August, they will enjoy a picnic in Victory Park sometime in June or July. The new President will advise members at the last business meeting of the year in June.

All Rumson residents, aged 55 and over, their relatives and friends are welcome to join our wonderful club. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month (September through June) at 11 a.m. at Wilson Hall, Rumson Presbyterian Church. If you're looking to have a lot of fun and to meet new friends, come join this very active group.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeanne Cuje, Publicity Chairman

Schedule of Meetings:

May 11th and 25th

June 8th

June 17th – Installation Luncheon



When he was 90 years old, Lloyd F. Christianson used a walker to get him to the tractor so that he could cut the grass at 99 Rumson Road.

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CALENDAR

MAY

- 1 Fourth Quarter Property Taxes Due
- 3 **Rumson-Fair Haven Run**, RFHRHS Stadium
- 4 Planning Board, 7:30 pm
Shade Tree Commission, 4:00 pm
- 9 **Rumson Garden Club Annual Plant Sale**, Boro Garages, 8:30-Noon
- 12&26 Borough Council, 7:30 pm
- 19 Zoning Board, 7:30 pm
- 20 Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm
- 25 **MEMORIAL DAY: NO GARBAGE COLLECTION, BOROUGH HALL AND OCEANIC LIBRARY CLOSED**
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, 10:00 am
- 27 Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 pm

JUNE

- 1 Planning Board, 7:30 pm
- 7 **Rumson Handicap at Monmouth Park**
- 9 & 23 Rumson Borough Council
- 13 **Canterbury Fair**, St. George's by the River, 9:30 am-2:30 pm
- 16 Zoning Board, 7:30 pm
- 17 Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm

JULY

- 3 **INDEPENDENCE DAY: NO GARBAGE COLLECTION, BOROUGH HALL AND OCEANIC LIBRARY CLOSED**
To be announced: Fireworks IF donations cover costs
- 6 Planning Board, 7:30 pm
Shade Tree Commission, 4:00 pm
- 12 **Family Night, Victory Park, 7:00 Yosi and the Super Dads Concert**
- 14 & 28 Borough Council, 7:30 pm
- 15 Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm
- 21 Zoning Board, 7:30 pm
- 22 Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 pm
- 26 **Family Night, Victory Park, 7:00 pm, Princess Katie and Racer Steve**

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