

WEST BROOKWOOD'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2023

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***Congratulations to West Brookwood's Scholarship recipient,
Elaina Kenny of River Road.
We wish you much success.***

An update on the social events this past spring:

The Spring Clean-up in April, Ice Cream Social in June, and Yard Sale in June were well attended. Thank you for coming out and sharing time with your neighbors.



to the event coordinators, David Pinkham, at the Spring Clean-up, Iggy Ciresi at the Ice Cream Social, and Janice Drace at the Yard Sale. And all those who volunteered to help make West Brookwood's events so enjoyable. Your support is immeasurable.

NEWSWORTHY: Did you know that you could protect your property from fraud

Property and mortgage fraud is a fast-growing crime in Sussex County, as it is throughout New Jersey. Scammers record fraudulent documents, such as fake deeds, or record fake liens, against property owners. Fraud on real property is sometimes not discovered for years.

To protect real property, the Sussex County Clerk's Office now offers a free service to notify individuals immediately via e-mail whenever a document – a lien, mortgage, deed, or power of attorney -- with their name is recorded in the County Clerk's Office.

This service is not only beneficial to protect against fraud, but when you refinance and want to see that the new mortgage is recorded to your property, the system enables you to see that it is on file.

You will receive an email message when any document that affects a specific property is recorded by the Clerk's Office in the county. The service matches data – municipality, block number and lot number – in the recorded documents with requests made by subscribers. Subscribers can also register to receive alerts when documents are recorded with specific party names.

If there are elderly loved ones in your life, you may choose to register the name or lot and block for their property to help protect them from scams. as well.

Note that it does take time – 5 to 7 business days – for the documents to go through a verification process before they are available to view through a public records search. Once the process is complete, the alert is sent.

If you do discover that a document recorded against your name or property is fraudulent, contact your attorney or law enforcement.

For Sussex County start here: <https://cefile.sussex.nj.us/PropertyAlert> . For assistance, call the County Clerk's Office at (973) 579-0900.



Please consider volunteering for the following:

- Governor
- Facebook Administrator
- Newsletter Editor
- Event Coordinator: Fall Festival, Spring Clean Up, Yard Sale, Ice Cream Social, Holiday Contest, etc.
- Greetings Coordinator to welcome new residents.

Call or email the office for more information and thank you for your consideration.

IN THE KNOW

Volunteer Board of Governors 2023-2024

President	Masoud Joudi
Vice President	Ignazio Ciresi
Treasurer	Barbara Kostiuk
Secretary	David Pinkham
Governor	David Wink
Governor	Janice Drace
Governor	Open (3 seats)

Association meetings are scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm.

Exceptions: there is no meeting in November and December’s meeting is scheduled for the 6th.

Meetings are in session either at the Byram municipal court room at 10 Mansfield Drive or Zoom. Look for your invite via email.

Know Your Street Representative

Adair	Heide Gunther: 570-460-0949	Glen Brook/ Lower River	Dee Garrison: 973-229-5784
Ash	Open	Lauren	Open
Avon	Open	Lockwood	Kristi Bristol: 732-735-5931
Banker	Helen Perri: 201-919-8028	Mayne	Open
Beech	Open	River (Upper)	Open
Belton	Laura McVicar: 973-448-8680	Robert	Dolores Bollinger: 973-769-7345
Broad	Elaine Carr: 973-347-4461	Springbrook	Open
Chestnut/ Waterloo	Kathy Stevenson: 973-448-8869		

The Department of Community Affairs (DCA) communicates water and sewer arrears and resources program:

Struggling to pay your water or sewer bills?

LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP)

Provides financial assistance to low-income households to reduce balances on residential water and wastewater bills. Benefits are paid directly to water and wastewater companies, on behalf of residential customers.

Visit: waterassistance.nj.gov

or call: **2-1-1**