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Our Centennial
Our peninsula was settled in 1665, but the Borough of Rumson was not officially incorporated until June 7, 1907. Plans are under way for a year-long celebration of our 100th Anniversary, and it is hoped that all of our residents will become involved in the many committees that are being organized. A kick-off meeting was held on October 10th at the Borough Hall Courtroom to solicit ideas and get committees started. All of Rumson’s organizations were asked to send representatives to the meeting to ensure a broad range of participation. Since so many events are planned, there are many different committees with the opportunity for residents with varied interests to take part.

Rumson Centennial Committees:
- Reorganization Meeting-The first Council Meeting of the year will be held on New Year’s Day at Bingham Hall. This committee will work on that event.
- Kick-off Cocktail Party-The actual date of the anniversary of our incorporation is June 7th, a Thursday. The idea is to have a party on that day to get everyone in the spirit before the Centennial Parade on the 9th.
- Memorial Day Ceremonies-The traditional Memorial Day Parade will not be held this year so that the Centennial Parade and events can be held on June 9th. (tentative date) This committee will work on plans for ceremonies to be held in Victory Park on Memorial Day.
- Centennial Parade-This committee will concentrate on making the parade an event to remember.
- Festivities after the parade—This committee will plan events after the parade for the entire community to enjoy. It is hoped that we can secure the participation of all of our Rumson restaurants for a "Taste of Rumson."
- Commemorative Journal-It is hoped that long-time residents will submit reminiscences or allow volunteers to interview them for stories to be included in a Centennial Commemorative Journal. Members of this committee will seek ads and historical information for this Journal.
- Dinner Dance-A community coming together to celebrate its birthday in style will be the theme worked on by this committee.
- Veteran’s Day-There will be a Veteran’s Day Ceremony in Victory Park, and this committee will take part in the plans for that event.
- Tree Lighting Ceremony-The committee will work to make the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony a Sunday afternoon event that more residents can attend and enjoy.
- Public Relations-This committee will make sure that residents have information about the Centennial events and will work with the press to publicize activities.

A Boat Parade was suggested at the meeting, and, if enough residents want to work on such an event, it will also be a possibility. There is still time to become involved and enjoy the planning process and camaraderie found working together on events that will reflect the affection and pride that we feel for our hometown. Any resident interested in signing up for a committee should telephone or email Borough Hall. We are looking forward to a great year that all residents can enjoy.

RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT
New and Noteworthy

Probationary Patrolmen
Two new Probationary Patrolmen were sworn in at the August 1, 2006 Rumson Borough Council Meeting. The new Patrolmen are Richard M. Torres and Damien F. Brennan. Both men are highly qualified and come to their positions with considerable experience.

Richard Torres has served in the Borough of Rumson Police Department since January, 2004 as a Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer and full-time Police Dispatcher. Prior to that, he worked for the Sea Bright Police Department in the same capacities.

Damien Brennan came to Rumson from the New York City Police Department, where he has been a Police Officer assigned to an Anti-Crime Specialty Unit in the Bronx.

Both Officers are attending the 21st Basic Course for Police Officers at the Cape May County Police Academy.

Lieutenant Scott A. Paterson
At the August 24, 2006 Rumson Borough Council Meeting, Sgt. Scott A. Paterson was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Lt. Paterson has served the Rumson Police Department since 1993 following his graduation from Monmouth University. His responsibilities include the operations of the Juvenile Division in which he manages all facets of Juvenile Investigations for the Department. He is also in charge of Field Training and provides hands-on training and mentoring for new officers. Prior to this year, he was the head of the Traffic Safety Division.

Lt. Paterson’s wife, Stephanie, is the daughter of Retired Rumson Police Lieutenant William Patton and sister of the new Fair Haven Police Patrolman Eric Patton. As a devoted father of twins, Lt. Paterson takes much pride in his efforts on behalf of the children and adolescents of Rumson. He has just introduced the D.A.R.E. Program to Rumson and has spent countless hours presenting drug, alcohol and anti-bullying programs in our public and private schools. He has also commendably managed the Rumson Police Explorer Program for the Boy Scouts of America. This has involved encouraging, training and inspiring local teens who are hoping to pursue careers in law enforcement. Since 1998, he has also served our community as a member of the Rumson First Aid Squad. Our congratulations to the new Lieutenant!

D.A.R.E.

The Rumson Police Department is proud to announce that, starting in the fall, we will be conducting our first ever D.A.R.E. classes at Forrestdale School. We look forward to working with
the school and the children of our community on education about the harms of Drugs and Alcohol.

**To All Parents**

Please help us help your children by enforcing the laws pertaining to underage alcohol usage. It is a problem that concerns our Department and our Community, and we need your help in order to keep our young people safe. If anyone is having any problems or has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of our Juvenile Officers who are available for your benefit. (732) 842-0500

**Safety Reminders**

Fall is here, and the leaves will be coming down. Please remember to watch the roads, especially when it rains. Wet leaves are very slippery, so be careful when driving, bicycling, jogging and walking. We have been receiving a lot of speeding complaints. We would ask that all Rumson residents do their part by obeying all traffic laws and reporting any aggressive drivers. Now that school is back in session, we will be stepping up traffic enforcement in and around the schools. Remember that this is for the safety of our children. This is also the time of year when the squirrels are busy filling their nests with acorns, and the deer are thinking of things other than traffic. We need to be alert as we drive in order to prevent animal accidents.

**Bicycle safety is important.** Bicycle riders must obey stop sign laws and are required by law to ride with, not against, traffic. Lights on the front of bicycles are required, and children under the age of 14 must wear helmets when riding their bikes. Cyclists, joggers, rollerbladers and walkers who are out in the evening or early morning hours are reminded that it is required by law that they wear reflective clothing.

Lastly, with Halloween here, the Rumson Police would like to remind you that trick or treaters should be accompanied by at least one adult or, if over 14 years of age, be in a group of three or more. Flashlights and reflective costumes are also recommended, and staying on the sidewalk is a must. The Police Department has been conducting Halloween safety talks at Deane-Porter School and handing out light sticks courtesy of the Rumson PBA. On Halloween Eve, October 30, there is a curfew of 6:00 PM for anyone under 18 years of age. On Halloween, the curfew is 8:00 PM. If anyone would like assistance in preparing for Halloween, please feel free to contact any member of the Police Department.

**Halloween Safety Recommendations**

- Wear light colored clothing that is short enough to prevent tripping, and add reflective tape to the sides front and back of the costume.
- Make sure that children can see well through face masks, or, instead of masks, use cosmetics to create funny or scary faces.
- Adults should accompany young children.
- Go out in daylight, and carry a flashlight in case of delay.
- Stay within the neighborhood, and only visit homes you know.
- Watch out for traffic.
- Only give and accept wrapped or packaged candy.
- Examine all candy before allowing children to eat it.
- Keep costumed children away from pets. Pets may not recognize the child and become frightened.
- Avoid hard plastic or wood props such as daggers or swords. Substitute with foam, which is soft and flexible.

**School Is in Session...Drive Carefully!**

School bus laws exist to protect children getting on and off the school bus and to protect motorists from tragedy.

- Motorists coming toward a school bus from either direction should stop when the school bus displays its lights and the stop signal arm. The lights and signals indicate that children will be getting on or off the school bus.
- Motorists may not pass a school bus until both the flashing RED and YELLOW lights are turned off.
- Never pass on the right side of a school bus. This is where the children enter and exit the bus.
- Slow down and watch for children walking in the road, especially if there are not sidewalks.
- Be aware of children playing and congregating near bus stops. Sometimes they enter the street suddenly.
- Be ALERT! Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking both ways for traffic.
- Children expect vehicles to stop for them at a school bus stop and often walk into the road without looking.
- Please be extremely careful since children sometimes can not see around the school bus.

Thank you, and have a safe autumn.

The Rumson Police Department

**School Crossing Guards Needed**

The Borough of Rumson needs School Crossing Guards for the 2006-2007 school year. Anyone interested is asked to stop in at the Borough Administrator’s Office at Borough Hall for an application. For questions or more details, contact Patrolman Christopher York at Police Headquarters (732) 842-0500.

**Rumson Police Cadets**

The Rumson Police Department is looking for young adults between the ages of 14-18 who are interested in law enforcement and would like to join the Rumson Police Cadets. There are ride-along opportunities as well as special events and several junior academies that are available to those who qualify. Please contact Police Headquarters (732-842-0500) if you are interested.

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Rumson’s new website and email system is now in place. Check it out at www.rumsonnj.gov

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**

The Halloween Parade starts on Sunday, October 29, at 3:00 pm in front of Forrestdale School. The Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School Marching Band will start off the festivities at the front of the parade. After the costumed revelers finish their trek, the Halloween Party will begin at the school. The Recreation Commission would like to thank the large number of volunteers who help to make this a very special party for our youngest residents. Special thanks to the members of the Rumson Senior Citizens Club for helping to decorate and much, much more. Also helping will be 7th and 8th Graders fulfilling their community service requirement by working on the Halloween Party.

**RUMSON EMS**

Over the past few months, the First Aid Squad has been very busy. We have been streamlining our services to focus on patient care, and, as part of that effort, we’ve agreed to transfer our emergency crash truck to our affiliate, the Rumson Fire Department. This process was completed in August and went very smoothly. We also transferred our older 24-foot water rescue boat to the
Highlands Fire and Rescue Squad. The town will not be left without water rescue capabilities because our Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is in the process of procuring a new rescue boat. The new OEM boat has a much smaller draft than the old 24-foot boat, and it will be able to navigate flooded areas and low tide sand-bars more effectively. Highlands First Aid Squad owns a similar boat that was used successfully to assist us with a recent water-rescue on the Navesink River a few weeks ago.

Our new members and many of our current members have been taking numerous continuing education classes to keep our certifications active with the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services. We are very pleased that several of our new members have decided to pursue the advanced “emergency medical technician” or EMT training, and we wish them luck with their studies during the fall classes.

We are grateful to the Mayor and Council for assisting us with procuring the necessary funds to purchase some important new equipment such as two new stretchers for our ambulances and new stair chairs that help us negotiate tight passageways. We are also looking for additional equipment and supplies such as new radios and pagers.

As an official organization within Rumson, we receive a budget allocation from the Borough. However, the budget allocation does not cover all of our annual operating expenses, which include the maintenance expenses associated with our building, training costs and medical supplies. We depend on the donations that residents make in response to our Annual Fund Drive and as memorials to help us assist our Borough. We will mail our 2006 – 2007 Fund Drive letter shortly, and donations can be made either directly to the First Aid Squad, or indirectly through the Rumson Endowment Fund (if you specify the use for the First Aid Squad). This year, we will revise our letter to include a donation record for tax planning purposes, since donations to the Rumson EMS are tax-deductible.

The Rumson First Aid Squad is an all-volunteer organization staffed by your local friends and neighbors that provides basic pre-hospital emergency care services at no cost to our residents. We are always on the lookout for new members to join the First Aid Squad. If you are over the age of 16, please visit us at www.rumsonems.org, or call us at 732-741-0474, and leave a message.

**DOG LICENSES**

Dog Licenses expire on December 31, 2006. There will no longer be a Dog License Renewal form in the BOROUGH BULLETIN. Renewals and new licenses must be applied for at Borough Hall during the month of January, 2007. In order for a new license to be issued, rabies shots must be valid through October 31, 2007. Please keep in mind that a $5.00 per month late fee will be assessed on every dog license issued after January 31, 2007.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**RABIES CLINIC**

The Monmouth County Regional Health Commission #1 is holding a Rabies Clinic Thursday, November 16, 2006 7-8 pm Rumson Public Works Garage Behind Borough Hall Please have dogs on a leash and cats in a carrier. ANIMALS MUST BE SUPERVISED For any questions, contact (732) 493-9520

**RUMSON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Rumson Volunteer Fire Department is on call 24 hours a day 365 days a year to protect you. Our services are free of charge. Each year, we put in many hours of training to maintain our state of readiness. We have found that “hands-on” training is much better than that done in a classroom setting. For such training, we would like to use homes that are scheduled for demolition. If you have a house in town that you are having demolished, we would ask that you consider donating it to the Fire Department so that we can use it for training purposes. We utilize “movie smoke” to simulate real life situations, and we do not create actual fires. Please contact our Fire Chief by email- CHIEF42666IN2006@aol.com or call Borough Hall at (732)-842-3300 and leave a message.

We are always hoping for generous residents who would like to donate funds to replace or upgrade our existing equipment. For instance, we are in need of two laptop computers for fire reports, hazardous material information, hydrant mapping and pre-fire planning of the Borough’s large buildings such as the schools and churches. Other equipment needs include self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) which allows firefighters to breathe fresh air while working in hazardous conditions. A thermal imaging camera, which aids in locating victims in a fire and even locates an actual fire within walls, is also on our ‘wish list.’ We also need to upgrade our hand held radios. Our current radios are unreliable due to age and normal wear. If you would like to donate any of these items or wish to know how you can help the Rumson Fire Department, please contact Fire Chief Joe Ward at the above email address or through Borough Hall. We appreciate any help that we receive.

We also want to remind our residents that October was National Fire Prevention month. We should think fire safety every day and teach our children how to dial 9-1-1. Remember, if there is a fire in your house, “Get out and Stay out!” Call 9-1-1 from a neighbor’s house or from your cell phone outside. We also recommend that you change the batteries in your smoke detectors every six months. A good way to remember this is to change your batteries when you change your clocks for Daylight Savings Time.

**OCEANIC FREE LIBRARY**

Recently, some wonderful artists have loaned their works to the Library for display. In September we had the work of Frank Illo on the walls, and in the showcase was bead jewelry by Leslie Vanderleur. In October, Pam Burke displayed fabric collage, and Diane Pettineo’s bead work was in the showcase. In November, we will have art works by Connelle Mueller and her students.

Children’s Reading Program: Every Tuesday Baby Storytime Series: Ages 10 months to 2 years (with parent or caregiver) 10-10:20 am Toddler Storytime Series: Ages 2-3 (with parent or caregiver) 10:30-10:50 am Pre-school Storytime Series: Ages 3-5 11:00-11:30 am School Age Programs: Grades K and up 3:30-4:15 pm

The Children’s Summer Reading Program ran from June 20 until the closing party that featured a magician on August 15. Book Club meets for a book discussion on the last Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm. Knitting Group meets Friday afternoons at 2:00 pm. We accept donations of used books that are in nearly new condition. We cannot use textbooks nor books in less than good condition. Please bring donations inside the library. Do not leave books outside the building.
Library Renovation Committee

On September 17th, the Library Renovation Committee kicked off its Capital Campaign to fund a much needed and long overdue redesign of the 47 year old Children’s Room. The project was explained in detail at a small party held at the library and attended by former and present Oceanic Library Board members, employees, loyal library supporters and spouses. The event was enhanced by wonderful classical guitar performed by Keith Fanella. Renovation plans call for using the existing space to create an aesthetically pleasing and functional library room for the children to explore. It’s a comprehensive overhaul requiring new lighting, ceiling, carpet, eight windows and a window seat. Attractive child-friendly furnishings will help create cozy reading nooks, and a beautiful fresh water aquarium will captivate everyone’s interest. We are extremely pleased to have Broeck Steadman involved; he has graciously offered to paint a mural in the children’s room, which will no doubt complement the current mural painted long ago by another Rumson artist, Mrs. Jean Parmly.

Last month, the Giving Tree, our Donor Recognition Tree, was installed in the main room. This is the driving force behind our funding. We are encouraging all of our patrons to support our project by purchasing a foundation stone or tree leaf, which will be engraved with your personal inscription. Alternatively, a specific item on our “needs” list could be purchased, like a chair, computer or the aquarium. It’s also possible to volunteer in-kind services. Please pick up one of the "Oceanic Library Children's Room Fundraiser" brochures at the Library. It contains much more information on our needs and plans and includes a donation form for your contribution. Our goal is to raise $80,000, and we hope to have all of Rumson embrace this worthwhile project and support our Library in any way possible.

Library Hours
Mon/Thursday 1:00 pm-7:00 pm
Tues/Wed/Friday 10:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am-2:00 pm
The Library will be closed on: Election Day-Nov. 7, Veteran’s Day-Nov. 10, Thanksgiving-from 1:00 pm Nov.22-24, Christmas-Dec. 25 & 26 Oceanic Free Library 732-842-2692

SHADE TREE COMMISSION
Do you notice anything missing?
Drive down any of Rumson’s major streets, and you cannot help but notice the loss of the tree canopy that has always made Rumson so distinctive. Certainly old age and weather contribute to some loss, but much is also due to damage during new construction and/or renovation. It may take up to 2 years for a mature tree to die after it has been damaged during a construction project, therefore we often fail to connect the injury to the subsequent loss of the tree.

The following 5 tips are found in their entirety at www.treesaregood.com, a site sponsored by the International Society of Arboriculture.

1. Get Advice: "Hire a professional arborist who can assess the trees on your property to determine which ones are structurally sound and recommend measures to preserve them."
2. Plan: "Your builder and arborist should work together to ensure an understanding of the value of the trees on your property and your intent to save them. Few builders are aware of the way tree roots grow."
3. Erect Barriers: "The single most important action you can take is to set up fences around the drip line of all the trees that are to remain. No digging, trenching or other soil disturbance should be allowed within this space."
4. Limit Access: "If at all possible, it is best to allow only one access route on and off the property."
5. Specifications: "GET IT IN WRITING. All the measures intended to protect your trees must be written into the construction specifications. Fines and penalties for violations should be built into the specifications."

Mulch Volcanos are the "kiss of death" for trees. Never use more than 2-4 inches of mulch on your trees, and do not place it directly against the trunk. The mulch will smother the root system.

"Life is just better when you are surrounded by trees." John Rosenow, President, The National Arbor Day Foundation

Rumson Veteran’s Day Ceremony
Our 2006 Veterans’ Day Ceremony will take place at Victory Park on November 11, 2006 at 11:00 am. Names of more Veterans will be added to our monument, and their service acknowledged. Veterans’ Day is a holiday observed annually in honor of all of those, living and dead, who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Please plan to join Rumson’s Vets as we honor all of our Veterans on this special day.

RUMSON RECREATION
Basketball registration for winter recreation basketball continues at the Borough Hall Mondays through Fridays from 8:30am-4:30pm. This program is for children who are in grades 1-8. Registrations were due no later than 4:30pm on October 13, 2006. Those who submit late Registrations may be placed on a wait list if team rosters are full. There is a $10 late fee for each child who registers after October 13, 2006. Children in grades 1&2 may participate in Saturday morning clinics that are held in the Deane-Porter all purpose room. The program begins on December 9, 2006 and runs through February 3, 2007. Children in first grade should report at 9am and children in second grade should report at 10:00am. Children in grades 3-8 are placed on teams which practice during the week and play games on Friday evenings and Saturdays. Coaches will call parents to inform them regarding the placement of their child and information regarding the practice and game schedules. This program will begin the week of November 20, 2006 and run through March 3, 2007. The dates are subject to change.

Baseball, softball and tee ball registration forms will be distributed through the schools in late December. Please note that the leagues we enter may require an earlier registration deadline. Please register no later than January 19, 2007 for the baseball, softball and tee ball programs.

Girls Lacrosse (grades 3-8) and the Lacrosse Co-ed Clinic (grades K-2) will conduct two onsite registrations in January. The dates and times will be announced through the schools, on the website (www.rumsonnj.gov ) and the community bulletin board. Please watch for this announcement.

RUMSON WOMEN’S CLUB
The Rumson Women’s Club had their kick-off dinner at Rosina’s restaurant in Shrewsbury. The food was delicious, and we had several guests. A good time was had by all, and it was nice to catch-up with everyone after the summer.
October 2nd was our first meeting back in Bingham Hall. The new renovation is beautiful. This meeting was an organizational meeting for the luncheon/fashion show that was held at Old Orchard Manor on October 22nd. Fashions were provided by Stein Mart of Ocean Township. Models were from our club. A big thank-you to Stein Mart and our models. In addition to the fashion show, there were vendors and a chance auction. A good time was had by all.

The next meeting will be on November 6th at Bingham Hall. At this meeting, we hope to have the girls whom we sent to the Girls Career Institute come and share their experiences with us.

The December 4th meeting is a Pot-Luck Holiday Dinner held at Bingham Hall. We ask all who attend for donations of non-perishable foods to distribute to the needy. Also look for more information on our Holiday Plant and Greens Sale in December.

The January meeting will be held on the 8th. This meeting is fun because we have our annual Unwanted Holiday Gift Auction. We each wrap up a gift from the holidays for members to bid on.

As always, new members are welcome to attend any meeting. For information call Pat Ray at 732-495-5369 or Thea Davis at 732-842-7298. All meetings are held at Bingham Hall on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.

**RUMSON BOY SCOUT TROOP 201**

Congratulations to Michael Reis and John Checton, Troop 201’s newest Eagle Scouts! 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.

For his project, Mike rallied fellow Scouts to help him build wooden platforms to put beneath file cabinets stored in the basement of the Parker Family Clinic in Red Bank. Raising the cabinets off the floor ensures that records remain safe from our infamous coastal weather. He further spruced up the basement with a thorough clean-up and a few coats of paint on the walls and stairway.

John’s objective was to make the Huddy Monument in Rumson more beautiful and visitor friendly. Did you know that Captain Joshua Huddy was the commander of a New Jersey Patriot Militia? Find out what happened in the Shrewsbury River to this brave soldier after he was captured by Loyalists. John and the Troop moved the Huddy Monument and then installed a brick path leading to it and an inviting bench facing it. They also repaired the plaque explaining its historical significance. So, wander over to West Park on Rumson Road, just before the Sea Bright bridge. Sit down, relax, and enjoy a piece of history that happened in our own backyard.

History is the theme for this year’s activities. Boys in Troop 201 will attempt to earn two prestigious awards. First is the Jockey Hollow Award. As the boys hike through history on the Jockey Hollow Trail in Morristown National Forest, they will develop a kinship with the American Revolutionary Soldier. They will visit encampment sites including Washington’s headquarters and retrace footsteps of the Continental Army. A campout follows at Allamuchy to allow the boys to reflect on what it means to be a patriot. Of course, they will also follow “the patrol method” to set up camp, cook meals, and leave without a trace that they were ever there.

The second award, The Colonial Patriot Award, entails three requirements: a 7-mile hike known as Washington Crossing Trek; a 29 point tour of Philadelphia including Independence Hall and the First Bank of the United States; and camping at Hopewell Village in French Creek State Park. Hopewell National Historic Site is a fine example of a rural American 19th century iron plantation; it consists of 14 restored historic and cultural structures. The required essay about being a modern day Patriot should be a breeze after their living history lessons!

Troop 201 is always looking for more incredible young men to join us. If you are 11 years old or have finished fifth grade, just pop in for a meeting. In fact, bring a friend with you! Meetings are every Wednesday night from 7:30-9:00 in the cafeteria of Forrestdale School.

**FLU/PNEUMONIA SHOT CLINIC**

The Monmouth County Regional Health Commission is providing Flu and Pneumonia shots to local residents over the age of 18. Those getting Flu shots will be charged $23.00, and those getting pneumonia shots will be charged $28.00 unless they are Eligible Medicare Participants having Part B (medical) Insurance. Those with this coverage will not be charged for the immunizations.

- **Wed. Nov. 1** 11:00 am-1:00 pm Borough Hall, Monmouth Beach
  - Mon. Nov. 6 11:00 am-1:00 pm PTAK Towers, Highlands
  - Wed. Nov. 8 9:00-10:30 am Boro Hall, Sea Bright
  - Thurs., Nov. 9 9:00 -10:30 am SCAN Lower Level, Monmouth Mall
- Changes will be posted on the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission website: www.mcrbc.org

**HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Victory Park will take place on Tuesday December 5 with a rain date of December 6. Starting at 7:00 pm, the ceremony will feature the RFHRHS Tower Singers, the Deane-Porter Third Grade Choir and Channel Three Music. Hot chocolate and candy canes will be provided. Come join friends and neighbors for a good time visiting, enjoying the performances and singing along in Victory Park.

**Department of Public Works Notice**

Leaves may be put at the curb for pick-up during November and December. They are not to be bagged. Please do not have any limbs or brush mixed with the leaves.

There will not be any bulk pick-ups scheduled for the month of December.
On September 11th, the first meeting of the new season took place at Wilson Hall in the Rumson Presbyterian Church. Members recalled the fun activities which took place during the summer, especially the annual picnic in Victory Park.

President, Vivian McCormick announced the committee chair people for the upcoming year. Membership, Doris Robinson; Refreshments, Fran Merkel; Kitchen, Jean Stromenger; Sunshine & Telephone, Lillian Haines; and Publicity, Jeanne Cuje.

The Club sponsors one annual fundraiser – their Holiday Bazaar which has been scheduled for December 2nd at Wilson Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Jeannette DiSpirito and Peg Connor are co-chairing this year. Walter and Jeanne Cuje have again donated the 27” Sharp TV, and Irmgard Thompson has again donated another handmade and decorated dollhouse. Both items will be raffled off on the day of the bazaar along with three large food baskets. All members donate items for the baskets, which is always a big hit.

Margaret Reynolds will chair the Chinese Auction along with Gina Cesario, Rose Rimali and Jeanne Cuje. Peg Horn and Diane Cross are in charge of the food basket raffle, Jeanne Jordan will oversee the TV raffle while Jan Anacone and Mary Ann Johnston will sell the Dollhouse chances.

The following tables will also be available: Cake table chaired by Emily Wagner and Margaret Green; Handmade Items, Doris Robinson and Edna Russo; Nearly New, Gloria Bush and Carolyn Ott; Christmas table, Dolores Ryan and Irmgard Thompson; Jewelry, Elizabeth Vallis and Mary Calabretta; Kitchen, Vienna King; and 50/50 John Kondrup.

The Community has always supported this event each year and has donated generously. Profits from the Bazaar are used to subsidize trips, donate scholarships to high school graduates, pay for the two annual luncheons, memorials for deceased members and gifts for hospitalized and inactive members. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Treasurer, Bill Riordan, attended a budget committee meeting, and it looks like the group is financially sound for another year. Bill also represents the group at the Monmouth Council and updates the membership on any pending legislation that would affect them. Carmela Pasqua provides literature from the Office on Aging.

First V.P. Rosemary Hulse continues to oversee all outside activities. She arranged a bus trip to the Platzl Brauhous in New York where members enjoyed the Oktoberfest, an event that brings out the German in all of us.

2nd V.P. Margaret Reynolds arranges all in-house activities. Members played Bingo at the Social Meeting in September, enjoyed a Halloween Party in October and look forward to the Holiday Luncheon at the Shore Casino in December.

President McCormick extends an invitation to all Rumson residents, 55 years or older, to join the fun and activities shared by the Club. Members are also welcome to invite relatives and friends to join. The annual dues are $10.00, and meetings are held bimonthly at 11:00 a.m. at Wilson Hall in the Rumson Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jeanne Cuje, Publicity Chairman

Meeting Dates:
Nov. 13 and 27
Holiday Bazaar: December 2nd
January 8 and 22
If a meeting must be cancelled due to inclement weather, members will be notified.

Rumson Recreation-- Exercise for Seniors
Any Seniors interested in participating in an exercise program to be offered by Rumson Recreation once each week at Bingham Hall should contact John Hird, Supervisor of Parks and Recreation/Recreation Director at 732-530-6607 or jrhird@comcast.net
**CALENDAR**

**OCTOBER**
29 Halloween Parade and Party, Forrestdale School, 3:00 pm
30 Halloween Eve: Curfew: 6:00 pm for anyone under 18
31 Halloween: Curfew: 8:00 pm for anyone under 18

**NOVEMBER**
1 Shade Tree Commission, 4:00 pm
6 Women’s Club, Bingham Hall
   Planning Board, 7:30 pm
7 Election Day: Oceanic Free Library Closed
9 & 23 Borough Council, 7:30 pm
10 VETERANS’ DAY: NO GARBAGE COLLECTION,
   BOROUGH HALL AND LIBRARY CLOSED
11 Veteran’s Day Ceremony, Victory Park, 11:00 am
13 & 27 Senior Citizens Club, Presbyterian Church, 11:00 am
15 Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm
16 Rabies Clinic, Borough Garage, 7-8 PM
21 Zoning Board, 7:30 pm
23-24 THANKSGIVING: NO GARBAGE COLLECTION,
   SCHOOLS, BOROUGH HALL AND LIBRARY CLOSED

**DECEMBER**
2 Senior Citizens Club Holiday Bazaar, Presbyterian
   Church, 10:00 am-2:30 pm
4 Women’s Club Holiday Pot Luck Supper, Bingham Hall
   Planning Board, 7:30 pm
5 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Victory Park,
   7:00 pm
6 Shade Tree Commission, 4:00 pm
7 & 21 Borough Council, 7:30 pm
19 Zoning Board, 7:30 pm
20 Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm
25 CHRISTMAS DAY:
   NO GARBAGE COLLECTION, SCHOOLS,
   BOROUGH HALL AND LIBRARY CLOSED
31 Dog Licenses Expire

**JANUARY**
1 NEW YEAR’S DAY: NO GARBAGE COLLECTION,
   SCHOOLS, BOROUGH HALL AND LIBRARY CLOSED
   BOROUGH REORGANIZATION
   MEETING, BINGHAM HALL, 12:00 NOON
3 Shade Tree Commission, 4:00 pm
4 & 18 Borough Council, 7:30 pm
8 Planning Board, 7:30 pm
8 & 22 Senior Citizens Club, Presbyterian Church, 11:00 am
15 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY:
   NO GARBAGE COLLECTION, BOROUGH HALL
   AND LIBRARY CLOSED
16 Zoning Board, 7:30 pm
17 Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm