



HAPPY HOLIDAYS from CTPA!

Colonial Terrace Protective Association

Holiday Events

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9: HANUKKAH MENORAH LIGHTING

Gather in the park by the Colonial Terrace entrance sign on Wickapecko Drive at 5:00pm. We will be led in a short service by our neighbors, Mark and Cindy Garber. Individuals or Families that would like to volunteer to light the Menorah during the 8 nights of Hanukkah please email Kathy at lynchr@juno.com with dates you are available and she will contact you with a schedule.

FOLLOWED BY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9: CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

At 5:15 PM, gather at the tree at the Colonial Terrace entrance sign on Wickapecko Drive to meet Santa and Mrs Claus! We will sing carols and light the tree, and then have a caroling stroll down Lincoln and Lakeview to the Triangle Park where we will light the holly tree. We will provide the caroling books. Please bring a flashlight.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9: DEADLINE —2023 OPERATION SLEIGHBELLS!

What better way to take part in the spirit of the holidays but to give to those less fortunate than ourselves? As in years past, the CTPA has adopted three families in our community through Operation Sleighbells, the Holiday Giving Program of Family & Children's Service. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

To avoid the purchase of duplicate gifts we are using the free online service system, "signup genius." Family details and the link to sign up for donated items can be found on the CTPA Facebook page, or on our website at www.ctpanj.org. If you don't have access to Facebook, the website or online signup, please contact Gina Reid at 732-492-8349 or Kathy Lynch 732-513-2970.

Remember, all gifts must be: • New • Labeled • Unwrapped (Gift bags are fine). If possible, please include gift receipts. All gifts are anonymous, please do not include your identity. Drop Off by December 9th to: Gina Reid - 305 Belmont Ave (Packages can be left on enclosed front porch).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23: CAROLING SINGALONG AROUND THE PIANO

Jim & Andre Merillat's (401 Belmont Avenue) will be hosting a caroling party again this year. Get in the Christmas spirit as we sing carols around the piano with Jim. The fun goes from 7:00pm to 9:30pm, with two half-hour sets of carols at 7:30 and 8:45. Light munchies and drinks (beer, wine, soft drinks) will be provided. Families with children are welcome! Contact Jim if you have any questions!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE AROUND THE TERRACE

Thank you to all who donated to our collection for the Township of Ocean Thanksgiving Food Drive. Because of your generosity families in town have all the fixings for Thanksgiving dinner and beyond!

2023 BLOCK PARTY - RECAP

This year's neighborhood block party was our best attended ever, with over 130 attendees! Adults and kids, friends and pets all had a fun afternoon, filled with food, drink, music and games! Pictures of the fun-filled day are up on our website!

Thanks to neighborhood music makers Charlie Brown, Charles Liss and Ryan Gaumond for providing entertainment, and to our grill masters, Jason Hesbach, Kyle Young and Mike Cioffi for their skills on the grills.

Thanks too to Alix and Todd and Melissa and Tarik for letting us plug in to their electricity.

We hope to see you all next fall when we get to do it again! (If you built a scarecrow and do not plan to keep your cross for next year, please return it to Jason Hesbach at 108 Lincoln Avenue - or contact Jason and he will arrange to pick it up from you!)

In an effort to keep the party fun for all ages, are there activities you think should be incorporated that would be fun for teens? Please share your thoughts at ctpanj@gmail.com.

Kathy is still holding some serving dishes left behind at the party. Please contact her if you think it's yours.

Little Free Library
Colonial Terrace has a new "Little Free Library," located at Triangle Park. Take a book, leave a book.

Book Club
Speaking of reading, the Colonial Terrace Book Club is celebrating it's first anniversary and going strong! If you would like more information or are interested in joining, contact Jen Stemmermann!

Trees at the Berm
CTPA is working with Ocean's Shade Tree Commission to have 8 or 9 evergreen trees planted at the berm, hopefully, in the spring.

Street lights
Our entire neighborhood should see all faulty or missing streetlights repaired or replaced in the next few weeks.

Crosswalk
A new crosswalk is now in place at Wickapecko.

Speed Bump
The speed bump on Bimble has been removed for the winter. CTPA is determined to make sure it is replaced or returned in the spring.

Dredging Project
After several stalled attempts, the dredging of Terrace Pond is moving forward. We are coordinating with Vin Gopal's office, and he has made it a priority for 2024 to see that it is done.

ANNUAL DUES

If a Dues Envelope is attached to your newsletter, you owe dues for the 2023/2024 fiscal year (Nov-Oct). Annual CTPA membership dues are \$15/ household. Dues are payable by cash or check and may be sent or dropped off to Jim Merillat (CTPA Treasurer) at 401 Belmont in the CTPA Dropbox by the door. It is from our dues that we are able to plan and support neighborhood activities and enhance the look of our common areas!

Only active members are allowed to vote in the upcoming elections.



CTPA ANNUAL MEETING & BOARD ELECTIONS

Elections for all Board Positions (2 year terms) Elections will be held starting 10 days prior to and the day of the Annual Meeting, 7:00PM, January 31, 2024 at the West Park Rec. Center, second floor meeting room, 615 West Park Ave, Ocean.

Nomination Forms, as well as description of the Board positions were distributed last week. Nominations should have been submitted by December 3, 2023.



ZOOM MEETING WITH POLICE

On November 29, CTPA organized a neighborhood zoom meeting with Detective Zach Rhein, regarding the rise in crime in the Terrace after two youths were taken into custody for an attempted car theft. It seems there are a rash of these types of crimes all around the state now. Detective Rhein reminded us all to: •lock our vehicles, •lock our garage doors from the inside, •don't keep valuables in your cars, •keep your keys or keyfobs out of sight, even in your home, •if you have a security system, keep it armed, and

**MOST IMPORTANTLY:
IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!
CONTACT THE POLICE!**



EMAIL/CONTACT INFORMATION

CTPA continually looks to update its contact information. If you are currently receiving emails from us, that's great! If you aren't, and would like to — please let Kathy Lynch know by sending her your current/best email contact information! Email is our best form of communication about important events and neighborhood concerns.



NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS ADS

Do you have a business or service you would like to tell your neighbors about? Get listed on the CTPA Website. Listings are FREE for neighbors who are current CTPA dues-paying members! For information, or to submit a listing, email information to: ctpanj@gmail.com.



CTPA ON FACEBOOK!

We're listed as "Colonial Terrace Protective Association." It's a great place for us to share community information.

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