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"Blossom by blossom the spring begins." -Algernon Charles Swinburne

# Best wishes to those celebrating birthdays in March!

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Nothing feels better than coming Home

Welcome:

John B, Robert E, Robert A, and Rose K

In an effort to maintain a five-star reputation, the owners of Homestead Run and the Business Office will be publishing a series of reminders and modifications to standard lease, rules, and regulations. This column will be called Renee's Reminders, and Renee means business!

- Sitting at my desk wondering what I'm going to remind you about this month, and the topic popped up in front of me. In the mail room, there is a shelf. On the shelf is Toms River newspapers. That's good. There are newsletters and garbage schedules. This is also good. Although it needs to be replaced, there is a large sign taped to the shelf stating NO medical, food, junk mail, etc etc etc is to be left on the shelf. It is beyond my comprehension why this large sign is ignored. Not only is it ignored, junk mail is on top of it. Articles of clothing is put on top of it. Food is on top of it, and anything else people want to get rid of is put on top of it.. all of which is prohibited. And then you wonder why I get cranky. Baby's first words other than "Dada" is "no." Why, at this age, don't you understand the word NO?
- Let's talk about anonymous. Anonymous is fine if you don't expect a response back. People ask me questions, tell me about infractions on the rules. How am I supposed to get back to you if I don't know who you are? We do not disclose where we get the information from, anyway, and most of the time, when someone complains anonymously, we know who you are. If you want a reply back, let me know who you are. And, on the other hand, should you be informing us of an infraction, I need a name or an address, not a description. Those residents with little white dogs don't cut it, or you know the guy that lives off of the street over there? You gotta give me something to work with.
- Last but not least, as far as I am aware, Homestead Run is not the new site of the Indie 500. I don't know where everyone is in a hurry to get to but don't do it here. Slow your butts down. No houses, as of yet, are drive-thrus. Let's keep it that way.

Have a nice March!



## If you Don't Have Anything Nice To Say...

I'm not a news watcher. I used to be. In fact, I used to be hyper vigilant about staying on top of current events. I would put on CNN several minutes after waking. I would listen to whatever it was that was going on while brewing my coffee and hanging out with my pets. I would continue to check the news throughout the day from my phone. Several years ago, I realized, in doing that, I was starting my day with terrible news. I was letting that news follow me throughout the day. Rarely were there any good stories to hear. I was giving myself extra anxiety I didn't need, so I made the conscious decision to tune out. I have people in my life that are up on current events, and they inform me when they feel I need to know something. Some may call that ignorance on my part, but I call it self-preservation.

In February, a terribly sad story emerged about a young girl that was bullied and subsequently took her own life. Adriana Kuch was only 14 years old and had her entire life ahead of her. However, because of the cruelness of a group of students, she felt that she couldn't go on. Not only was she bullied, but she was not helped by some that stood by and watched. Nothing could be more appalling.

This story hit particularly close to home for me, because my best friend's niece is currently being bullied in her school. She's the same age that Adriana was, and the school system is not helping her the way that they should. At times like this, it's easy to feel helpless, but believe it or not, it's made me think a lot about Homestead Run.

I love being part of the staff that supports this community. I feel good about helping others. I love chatting with you and getting to know you, but I've found there may be similar issues going on in the senior community. When I started here, I thought to myself... Finally! I'll be working at a job where there is not any drama. More often than not, that is true, but like anywhere people are involved, there are a few, for some reason, that like to stir the pot.

Hearing about Adriana's story, knowing what my best friend's niece is currently going through, and hearing some of the stories within this park, I want to put out a call for action. You may not be able to change the world, but you can think about what you say before you say it. It takes no effort for someone to keep their mouth closed if they don't have anything nice to say. I'm not saying that you have to constantly offer kindness to everyone. If that's not in you, for whatever reason, that's okay. What's not okay is talking about people behind their back, being cruel to others, trying to pit one against the other. There is no excuse for it. We live in a world that is crazy and ever-changing. Most of the news before us is not good. Let's try to be good to one another amidst all of this. If we can do that, we can make change inside of this community and beyond it. It's something to think about.

Until next time.

laura lanzone (LLANZONE@HOMESTEADRUN.COM)

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# An Evening with LAMAR PETERS

Photos by Luann Albanese













## 1ST ANNUAL WOMEN'S CHARITY CLUB **CHILI COOK OFF** photos by Marie DeLuca













## Coffeehouse Music with Marie and Joe DeLuca







## **CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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25	Negatives
26	Agnew's prosecutor
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48	Luxury auto pioneer
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59	Hymn of praise
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66	Spikes
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2	Gun-toting Broadway girl
3	Matter
4	VA hospital concern
5	Leading educator
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9	Beetle in the news crushed by inference
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11	City near Monticello
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56	Anti-discrimination agency
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60	Lawyers' league

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Competitive social gathering

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## International Women's Day is March 8th



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00AM- 5:00PM.			1 Social Club Meeting 6:30pm	2 Line Dancing 1pm, Clubhouse	(GARBAGE PICK UP)	4
5	Chair Aerobics 11:30am, Clubhouse  Women's Charity Club Bingo 7pm (RECYCLE PICK UP)	7	8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY	9 Line Dancing 1pm, Clubhouse	(GARBAGE PICK UP)	11
12 St. Patrick's Day Luncheon 2pm  DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS	13 Chair Aerobics 11:30am, Clubhouse Women's Charity Club Bingo 7pm	14	15	16 Line Dancing 1pm, Clubhouse	(GARBAGE PICK UP)  ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18
19	Chair Aerobics 11:30am, Clubhouse  Women's Charity Club Bingo 7pm (RECYCLE PICK UP)	21 Women's Charity Club Meeting 6:30pm	22	23 Line Dancing 1pm, Clubhouse	(GARBAGE PICK UP)	25 The Calendar Girls 6:30pm
26	27 Chair Aerobics 11:30am, Clubhouse Women's Charity Club Bingo 7pm	28	29	30 Line Dancing 1pm, Clubhouse	(GARBAGE PICK UP)	