

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

2015 was a year filled with activity and excitement. Many new homeowners joined our community and there was no shortage of friendly faces and things to do.

Our monument entry signs were installed and our entry boulevard landscaping completed. Welcome flags are flying all along the boulevard, too. With great anticipation from our homeowners, we opened our Recreation Center, and with Trudi Clark, our activities director, at the helm, our community has enjoyed events such as movie nights, seasonal arts and crafts projects, wine tastings, trips, a holiday community celebration and much more. We've seen lots of progress on the exercise equipment, too.

*2016 is sure to be an even bigger year here with more homeowners joining our Summerfields West family. Come and join the fun-filled, 55+ lifestyle of Summerfields West. Tour our 5 decorated models and reserve your homesite.*

It's always summer at Summerfields West, and with our warm, welcoming atmosphere, you'll feel right at home.

*We're looking forward to meeting you!*



Brian Temple, President  
The Temple Companies

SPRING NEWSLETTER



The Brook Model:

The Brook features **1,606 square feet** of spacious living including an expansive kitchen with a corner double sink, dining and living rooms, 2 bedrooms plus a den with a walk-in closet. There's a full bath off the hallway, and the master bedroom includes a large walk-in closet and separate bath with stall shower plus a soaking tub.

Every home comes with a shed providing additional storage, too! **Affordably priced, the Brook model is one of our most popular homes** and is available to tour at Summerfields West – fully decorated! **Come see for yourself why everyone loves our Brook model! Be sure to ask about our Spring Incentives, too!**

Benefits Of Living At Summerfields West  
An Active Adult 55+ Land Lease Community

- No Real Estate Taxes
  - Snow plowing of roadways
  - Lawn maintenance
  - Club house & swimming pool
  - Relational facilities
  - Scheduled events
  - Bus transportation\*
  - Common area maintenance
  - Refuse collection
- \*Bus transportation provided by Monroe Township

# SUMMERFIELDS West NEWS

## 5 WAYS to Jump-Start a Whole-House Decluttering Effort

If the piles of paperwork and jampacked closets have you feeling like a deer in the headlights, take a deep breath and a baby step...

It's a common problem. You become paralyzed at the thought of decluttering. Start with something that takes minimal effort but makes a big impact in your home right away. From carving out a bit of breathing room in your closet to making a dent in the junk drawer, these five ways to begin the decluttering process are relatively painless. You can do this!

### Where to Begin:

**1 Discard** a few clothes. Removing some of the clothes and shoes you don't wear from your closet and drawers is a good first step. By clearing out a bit of space in your bedroom closet, you can then tuck away some of the extra items (jackets, scarves, shoes) cluttering up your entryway, in effect clearing two areas of your home at once.

**How to:** Try not to get hung up on winnowing down your entire closet right now; just grab a few no-brainer items that obviously need to go (socks without mates, worn out sneakers, ill-fitting pants), toss them in a bag, and get them out of there.

**2 Sort** a pile of papers. For as much talk as there is about offices going paperless, I find that somehow an awful lot of paper makes its way into the house. Seeing piles of unsorted paperwork while you're trying to relax or enjoy a meal can create a low but persistent level of stress in the house, so this is a helpful place to begin.

**How to:** Grab a pile and sort it; if you don't currently have a filing system set

up, just label a few files as you go, keeping the categories broad. When you're done sorting the first pile, designate one spot to put all incoming paperwork. Place a paper recycling bin beside it and call it a day.

**Next step:** Collect all the unsorted paperwork from around the house and place it in the designated paper spot. Grab a stack and sort it. Repeat.

**3 Organize** the junk drawer. An overflowing junk drawer is a drag to look at and can really slow you down when you can't find what you're looking for. Junk drawers tend to get overstuffed thanks to stuff you really should have thrown away in the first place and too many extras of things. For now, focus on the stuff that doesn't belong at all.

**How to:** Toss out the instruction manuals, broken rubber bands, pens that don't write and freebies you never really wanted. If you have a ton of extras (pens, batteries, etc.) that you know you'll use eventually, just neaten them up and try to make a mental note to not buy any more of those for a long time.

**Next step:** Separate the useful little items (tape, stamps, flashlight) into a separate drawer or wall organizer so they're easier to reach and leave the extras (boxes of batteries, stapler refills, lightbulbs) in the drawer. If you need organizers for your neaten-up drawer, jam jars and tupperware are quick (and free!) stand-ins.

**4 Shed** a piece of furniture. Perhaps you have furniture in the house that isn't really needed but you put it there simply because you have it. Getting rid of just one piece can free up a lot of space. Also, furniture tends to attract piles of clutter, so one less piece also means one less place

for clutter to congregate. If your space feels too tightly packed with furniture, see if you can choose a least-favorite piece to sell or donate to charity.

**How to:** Take a walk around your home, peeking into every closet and outbuilding, making note of the furniture. Find one piece that's not being used or isn't really needed and make a plan to get rid of it. If you plan to give it away, try to drive it to a donation center today. If you want to sell it, place an ad or bring it to a consignment shop today. Don't wait!

**5 Give away** one thing right now. This is about the power of beginnings: When you have a mountainous task ahead of you, even a relatively small suggestion (like tackling a single drawer or decluttering for five minutes) can feel overwhelming. Instead, go right now and grab one thing you can give away. One thing is not so hard to remove. And even if you removed just one thing each day, after a year that's 365 things — not too shabby!

**How to:** Look around the room you're in and grab the first thing you see that you could give away. It could be a DVD, a book, a candleholder you don't really like — it doesn't matter, just grab something quickly! If you don't see anything, peek in a cupboard or drawer and grab something there. Once you have your one thing, don't just put it by the door — actually remove it from the house. If you absolutely can't take it away right now, at least put it outside, or in the car.

**Next step:** Find one more thing to get rid of and put it in a bag or box to take to a donation center. Each day, add one more item to the container; when it's full, drop it off. Repeat.

**IN AND AROUND TOWN  
THINGS TO DO**

**Mainstage Center  
for the Arts 27 S.**

Black Horse Pike, Blackwood, NJ 0801  
(866) 245-3257

Mainstage Center for the Arts provides a creative, vibrant, and nurturing environment for youth and adults. Using the performing arts as a catalyst for individual expression and growth. Mainstage enriches the quality of life for its South Jersey community through its Musical Theatre, Dance, Vocal, and Acting Lessons, Summer Stage Performing Arts Camp Program, Harmony and Encore Show Choirs, Youth and Adult Fitness Programs, Theatrical Events, and Concerts.

**Southwind Vineyard and Winery**

385 Lebanon Rd. Millville, NJ 08332  
(856) 462-1147

Family owned and operated vineyard and winery in Deerfield Township, New Jersey. Specializing in Bordeaux style red wines, with some fun and fruity ones in there too! Dog & trail friendly!

Guests are welcome to bring their own snacks or picnic lunch and stay a while. Art & Wine Night monthly along with other activities and food trucks for special occasions.

**Amish Farmers Market**

701 N. Black Horse Pike  
Williamstown NJ 08094  
(856)875-0186

Open Thursday to Saturday  
– check for store hours

**IN THE NEWS... Happiness Blossoms For  
New Homeowner At Summerfields West**

During her exhaustive search for the perfect retirement home, Carol Boswell found little of the life-enriching advantages and affordable pricing she sought; that is, until the longtime South Jersey native discovered Summerfields

West in Williamstown. “Summerfields West was the first and only place I had been to that made me feel welcomed and right at-home, literally from the start, when I met the Sales Manager, Anne Marie, who was incredibly

helpful, congenial and knowledgeable,” she said. “The Sunflower home design I purchased was just as enjoyable as my homebuying experience and even more affordable than I could have imagined when I realized how much I got for my money. Considering everything I was looking for; the house, the neighborhood and the setting, this was definitely the place for me.”



**Community Activities Going Strong At  
Summerfields West Recreation Center**

The recently opened Recreation Center at the Summerfields West 55+ community in Williamstown is not only turning heads, but also turning an already sensational active adult community into an all-inclusive lifestyle experience. From arts and crafts, including painting classes, to a well-equipped gym featuring free weights, to exciting trips, the Recreation Center has already established itself as the social centerpiece of South Jersey’s most affordable community of its kind. “Since we opened this past spring, the Recreation Center has more than lived up to the expectations of our homeowners and visitors alike,”

remarked Trudi Clark, who, as the Activities Director of the Center, plans, organizes and coordinates the myriad of life-enriching opportunities available to residents. “Whatever their preferences, we have something for everyone. But most of all, the Recreation Center serves first and foremost as the uniting factor of the special spirit of friendship that distinguishes Summerfields West.”



## SPRING Home Maintenance Tips:

Your home needs regular maintenance and occasional “tune-ups” to stay in tip-top shape. Like other types of housing, manufactured homes require regular maintenance to keep their systems functioning properly. Fortunately, you can complete most of the following tasks yourself by following this seasonal Spring schedule of indoor and outdoor maintenance.

### Outdoor Tasks:

- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Inspect roof and skirting
- Check exterior vents
- Lubricate window hardware for easy operation
- Check screens for holes or rips – repair if needed
- Remove lint from dryer exhaust vent with a long, flexible brush
- Touch up peeling or damaged paint
- Wash all windows inside and out
- Install screens on windows and doors
- Clean outdoor furniture and air out cushions
- Clean garden tools
- Clean the grill and ready it for your barbecues

### Indoor Tasks:

- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when you set clocks forward
- Dust blinds and vacuum curtains throughout house
- Change any furnace filters
- Check air conditioners and clean filters
- Clean out kitchen cabinets and refrigerator
- Clean out medicine cabinet – throw out outdated medicine and cosmetics
- Clean carpeting
- Clean ceiling fans and reverse
- Check the water heater for leaks and corrosion

## Summerfields West Offers Lots Of Options & Custom Features!

There are so many possibilities to make your home unique and your own at Summerfields West! Here are just a few ideas:

- Add a garage
- Add square footage to your home
- Custom kitchen cabinetry
- Add a deck
- Add a fireplace
- Add a whirlpool tub
- Add or expand a porch
- Add hardwood flooring
- Add ceramic tile flooring
- Add granite or corian counters
- Upgrade lighting fixtures
- Upgrade appliances
- Add a bay window
- And much more!! Be sure to ask our sales department for a full range of possibilities!