



**Earth Day/Arbor Day Program
April 22, 2017 Saturday, at 10 a.m.
The Wexford at Wall Township**





Wexford Residents



The Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee held their Earth Day/Arbor Day Program on Saturday, April 22, at the Wexford at Wall Township. Lori Lee Corson, WTEAC member, was the lead person in coordinating the event

Chairwoman Wilma Morrissey opened the event by welcoming everyone. She explained the initial celebration of Arbor Day and its history, and she provided Arbor Day handouts and programs to the Executive Director, Nancy Renehan for distribution to the residents as a memento of the event.



Wexford's hospitality was gracious, and there were many residents in wheelchairs. They welcomed WTEAC members Chair Wilma Morrissey, Lori Lee Corson, Ellen Smith and Hance Sitkus and elected officials Committeewoman Ann Marie Conte and Deputy Mayor Tim Farrell.





Committeewomen Ann Marie Conte (Above)



Ellen Smith, Wyatt, and Lori Corson



Greg Woleck, *Wolek's Garden Cottage*, was the main speaker. His presentation was on "Planting Native Trees in the Landscape" which was followed by a question and answer session. Greg is well known for horticulture principles and love of gardening. He provided a demonstration of plants and trees and spoke elegantly about each one.

The WTEAC also provided a screened video on "*Why Trees*" which the residents enjoyed viewing. The video described the benefits of planting trees.

Hance Sitkus, WTEAC member and an accomplished pianist, played songs for the residents in a sing-along. His collection of songs included America the Beautiful, What a Wonderful World, Don't Sit under the Apple Tree, and God Bless America. It was a source of enjoyment for not only the residents, but for everyone in attendance



Hance Sitkus



Tony Rembiszewski



Greg Wolek



Wexford residents enjoyed Greg's presentation.





The Wexford residents also had the opportunity to “Meet and Greet” their Wall Township Committeewoman Ann Marie Conte, who graciously embraced them. Committeewoman Ann Marie Conte presented the Environmental Committee and the Wexford with a proclamation for Arbor Day which was signed by the Township Committee. She also read a state wide proclamation from the Governor and Lt. Governor declaring Earth Day as April 22. Wall Township Deputy Mayor Tim Farrell and liaison to the environmental committee spoke briefly to the Wexford residents.





In a book signing, Lori Lee Corson, who authored children's books, donated some copies to Sunnyside Manor. Chairwoman Wilma Morrissey provided the Wexford with a "Life in Wall Township: Past and Present" copy, which is a twice award winning book. A copy of these books in their library is for the residents' reading pleasure.



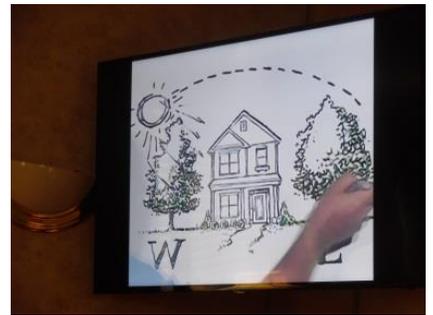
Deputy Mayor Tim Farrell



In honor of the residents, *Barlow's Flower Farm & Garden Center*, donated a Red Bud Tree to be planted on the Wexford grounds. The residents can enjoy watching the growth of this tree for many years and know that this special tree is there for them to cherish. Following the tree planting, the Wexford provided their residents with a special luncheon.

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Lori Corson, Hance Sitkus, Ellen Smith

Ellen Smith's Photo Page

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Happy Earth Day & Arbor Day 2017