

# Country Village News<sup>YU</sup>

April 2025

250 Theodore Drive, Coram, NY 11727

## Happy Birthday



1 Judith Hallock  
1 Michael Lamonica  
2 Victor Jinete  
4 Pete Lacorte

13 Nancy Schmidtman  
16 Cathy Tomaioli  
16 Jean Silvestro  
25 Josephine Milazzo



## Happy Anniversary



06 Kathy & Roland Diehl  
06 Jane & Tony Scott

30 Greg & Kathy Gasiewski  
Jenny & Mike Odrechowski



By April, spring has finally sprung, and if we're lucky, the weather will reflect that! We hope that your sky is bright and clear, and your grass is growing green. See your April weather forecasts, the many spring holidays and festivals this month, seasonal recipes, garden tips, and more!

The month of April gets its name from the Latin word *aperio*, meaning "to open [bud]," because plants really begin to grow now.

- April 1 is All Fools' Day—otherwise known as "April Fools' Day."
- April 12 is the start of Passover, which begins at sundown.
- April 18 is Good Friday.
- April 20 is Easter Sunday. (May 5 is Orthodox Easter.)
- April 22 is Earth Day.
- April 24 is the birthday of Robert B. Thomas, the founder of *The Old Farmer's Almanac*!
- April 28 is National Arbor Day.

---

## **PMI Gold Coast Properties**

To contact PMI (our management company)  
[CountryVillage@PMIGoldCoast.com](mailto:CountryVillage@PMIGoldCoast.com) 631-621-2150

After-hours/weekends/emergency 800-549-3568  
An operator will take your call and relay the message to the management team.

Dawn DePasquale, President ([Dawn@PMIGoldCoast.com](mailto:Dawn@PMIGoldCoast.com))  
Michele Perrone, Office Manager

Phone: 631-621-2150 Fax: 631-406-4941  
409 Lake Avenue, Saint James, NY 11780  
Website: [www.pmigoldcoast.com](http://www.pmigoldcoast.com)

### **Country Village Website**

Website: <https://country-village.net>  
**Password:** TheoDrive250  
Webmaster: Roland Diehl (631)433-2198

### **Country Village Board Members**

President:	Phyllis Benanti	(631) 790-3238
Vice-President:	Greg Williams	(631) 220-8862
Finances	Ellen Forestieri	(631) 226-0714
Secretary	Linda Bily	(631)721-5280
Director	Carl Schroder	(570)955-9999

### **Country Village Newsletter Committee**

Editor:	Doreen McCrystal	(917) 270-0426
Co-Editor:	Sandy Bakofen	(631) 745-6152
	Debbie Buscaglia	(631) 559-9480
	Marie Palagonia	(516) 301-6780
Treasurer:	Francine Leiboff	(631) 846-1070

Email: [cvenews@yahoo.com](mailto:cvenews@yahoo.com)

### **Finance Review Committee**

Gene Flynn Chairperson	(631) 921-2417
Charlie Buscaglia	(516) 805-2074
Mike Ellis	(347) 386-8802
Greg Gasiewski	(631) 526-2027
Ed Tomaioli	(516) 233-5473

### **Country Village Entertainment Committee**

Jackie Bromberg	(631) 320-3086
Francine Davino	(631) 696-4750
Sandy Bakofen	(631) 745-6152
Betsy Burbige	(631)987-9507
Carol Fox	(631)790-3239



### **"Just for Fun" Days**

- Apr. 5 (first Saturday in April): International Pillow Fight Day
- Apr. 7 (first Monday in April): Sweet Potato Day
- Apr. 7: National No Housework Day
- Apr. 10: Gopher Tortoise Day (Florida)
- Apr. 17: Blah, Blah, Blah Day
- Apr. 20 (third Sunday in April): Go Fly a Kite Day
- Apr. 26: National Richter Scale Day
- Apr. 26 (last Saturday in April): National Sense of Smell Day

April's full Pink Micromoon will rise on Saturday, April 12, reaching peak illumination at 8:22 P.M. Eastern Time.

April brings significant changes in nature and weather patterns across different parts of the world.

- The famous saying "April showers bring May flowers" originated from a poem by Thomas Tusser in the 16th century. [Suggested read:
- April is historically one of the most active months for tornadoes in the United States, with a long-term average of approximately 200 tornadoes during this month.
- Cherry blossoms typically reach peak bloom in April in many parts of the Northern Hemisphere, including Japan and Washington D.C.
- The [Lyrid meteor shower](#), one of the oldest known meteor showers, peaks annually in mid-April.
- In the Arctic, April marks the beginning of 24-hour daylight, known as the "midnight sun."

April holds special importance in diverse areas such as astronomy, sports, and health awareness.

- World Health Day, observed on April 7th, commemorates the founding of the World Health Organization in 1948.
- April is National Poetry Month in the United States, celebrating the importance of poetry in culture and education.
- The Masters Tournament, one of golf's four major championships, is traditionally held in early April.
- April is Autism Awareness Month, promoting understanding and acceptance of autism spectrum disorders.
- In the Northern Hemisphere, April marks the beginning of the planting season for many crops.



April brings significant changes to ecosystems and animal behavior in many parts of the world.

- Many migratory birds return to their breeding grounds in the Northern Hemisphere during April.
- April is typically when bears emerge from hibernation in North America.
- The spawning season for many fish species begins in April, including salmon in some regions.
- Monarch butterflies begin their northward migration from Mexico to the United States and Canada in April.
- In the Southern Hemisphere, April marks the beginning of the autumn migration for many bird species.

### Rhyme Time

*April cold with dripping rain  
Willows and lilacs brings again,  
The whistle of returning birds,  
And trumpet-blowing of the herds.*  
–Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803–82)

*Oh, how fresh the wind is blowing!  
See! The sky is bright and clear,  
Oh, how green the grass is growing!  
April! April! Are you here?*  
–Dora R. Goodale (1866–1953)

### Male nightingales advertise their skills as fathers through song.

If you know anything about nightingales, it's probably that they sing. Written about by the likes of ancient Greek playwright Aristophanes and English poet John Keats, they've also inspired such composers as Beethoven and Stravinsky to pay homage to their melancholy warbling. But not all of their songs are mournful: In fact, male nightingales use some of them to advertise their skills as fathers. One of the many factors female nightingales consider when assessing prospective mates is their suitors' paternal potential, and a 2015 study on the subject showed that better male nightingale singers are known to feed their children more often than their less-talented peers. "Better" here means singing in a more orderly fashion – repeating the same song types over and over – and varying their song choices, with plenty of buzzes, trills, and whistles.

Whereas it was previously thought that the size of a male's repertoire was the sole criterion a female considered, in nightingales, the *kind* of song is crucial as well. Overall, male nightingales are known to be doting fathers – they visit their chicks' nest as many as 16 times every hour, which is about as often as their mothers do.



# COUNTRY VILLAGE NEWS

## Enjoy Our Community

Times of events are located on the back calendar page of the newsletter.

- Monday: Mexican Train Domino's, Woman Cards, Exercise "Walk Away the Pounds" and Bunco 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.
- Tuesday: Exercise "Walk Away the Pounds"
- Wednesday: Knitting Group, Ladies Game Day, Bingo, Exercise "Walk Away the Pounds"
- Thursday: Men's Club, Chair Yoga and Mahjongg, Exercise "Walk Away the Pounds"
- Friday: 3rd Friday of the month Left Right Center (unless there is an event on Saturday), Exercise "Walk Away the Pounds"

## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS:

- No pictures were provided for the Community Breakfast, everyone in attendance had a wonderful time.

## ATTENTION:

1. **There will be a Community Meeting in May, a date to be determined. Please make yourself available as it is time to receive updates and ask any questions about Country Village and its workings.**
2. ***National Waste Services (631) 242-0300 will now take your bulk items for FREE, BUT you need to call the office and speak with Kim to arrange a pickup. If they give you a hard time reminding them it was agreed to in the contract that was signed.***

## The CVE Boards Corner

Board members will be in the clubhouse on the **first Saturday** of each month from **9am-10am**, for any homeowner who would like to express an issue.

## Entertainment Committee Future Events:

- There is no April Event scheduled
- Golden Girls May 2, 2025
- Italian Night June 7, 2025

# COUNTRY VILLAGE NEWS

## HEALTH And WELLNESS

This month "10 Useful Aspirin Tricks You Should Know"

## BINGO

Bingo is every Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

We would love more people to join in the fun, the more people the bigger the pot. So, if you do not have anything to do on Wednesday come down to Bingo, we would enjoy seeing you.

## BUNCO

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (July 8th) of the month at 7:00pm, please arrive at 6:50. We need twelve people to have a game, but we always would love more. It's open to men and women, we did have a few men join the game last month and they loved it.

If you are interested call Linda Bily (631) 721-5280. The regulars if you cannot make the game, PLEASE call Linda Bily.

## Mahjongg:

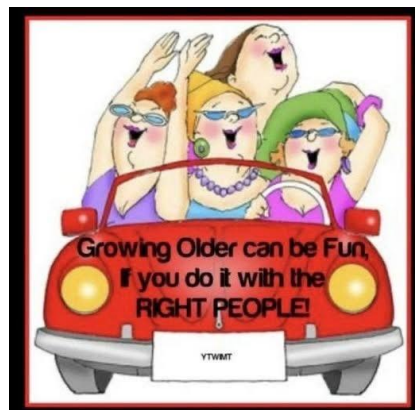
Mahjongg starts 7:00p at the clubhouse. We have a fun time; we are not at a professional level so no need to hesitate to join in. If interested in learning how to play, please reach out to Doreen McCrystal, 917-270-0426 or Sandy Bakofen (631) 745-6152.

## Donations

Please help our local community, we are still in need of your support, which is always appreciated, nonperishable can be left at the club house in the lobby.

## Supporting Our Advertisers

The newsletter would not be possible without our advertisers. **When you do patronize our advertisers, please remember to tell them you are from Country Village Estates.** They have been loyal to us so let us reciprocate our patronage. If anyone has information regarding someone who is interested in advertising with us, please reach out to me, Doreen McCrystal, [cvenews@yahoo.com](mailto:cvenews@yahoo.com)



# THE BOARDS CORNER

## March 2025

Well, the winter months here in Country Village have been uneventful as we did not have a lot of activity going on.

We had one significant snow fall and Brookhaven Irrigation who is our snow vendor did a fabulous job of clearing courtyards and walkways...Whatever areas they missed they came back to redo the shoveling. We are lucky to have them as our snow removal company. Keep in mind that they only plow for 2+ inches of snow. The second snowfall was less than 2" and ice melt was put in the street and calcium chloride on our walkways. We advise that every homeowner should keep ice melting on hand to de-ice their own patios and walkways if needed.

### **HOMEOWNERS INFORMATION SHEETS**

A couple of weeks ago the court captains handed out the new homeowner's information and emergency sheets. If you have not filled it out completely, we will be asking you to fill in the missing items. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

### **HOMEOWNERS HO3 POLICY INSURANCE**

Linda Bily, our Board secretary, does an outstanding job. She follows up on all the policies to make sure you are adequately insured in case of an unforeseen disaster. Each home should be insured for no less than \$300,000. It would be good to have a policy for \$350,000 as the homes here on average sell for \$450,000. You need \$1,000,000 liability coverage along with listing Country Village Estates, 250 Theodore Drive, Coram, NY 11727 as an interesting party. Remember we are not condos; we are townhomes, and these policies should be an HO3 policy.

### **POOL NEWS**

You will all be happy to know new pool furniture has been ordered and by the time you read this, it will have been delivered. We have a pool committee who diligently searched to find the right tables, chairs, umbrellas, umbrella stands and loungers. They were able to keep costs within our budget. All the furniture will match and is very durable, comfortable and has a 3 yr Warranty. We wish to extend our thanks to these ladies, Nancy Fritz, Sandy Bakofen and Jackie Bromberg for giving of their time and talent in choosing some great furniture.

### **DYMOND INDUSTRIES AND THE NEW HOMES**

Below is a message I received from the engineers that have been working on getting all the approvals to START building the fourteen new homes on the 3.9 acres of land we have bordering Mooney Pond Road.

***"We are extremely close to finalizing the county approval. Suffolk county department of public works is just finishing their review. After that there is some additional appraisals and bonds that need to get drawn up by the attorneys, but we should have county approval in another month or two.***



# THE BOARDS CORNER

***Town approvals will likely follow behind that, but we are really pushing to obtain all approvals to break ground as soon as possible. It will be likely still will be a few months. Once we receive the final site plan approval, the building department approvals will go much faster."***

## **NEW KEYPAD DOOR LOCKS AT THE POOL**

This past month we had our security company install keypad entry locks at the pool doors which lead out to the pool from the clubhouse.

The back door by the bathroom has the normal push bar to get out to the pool area. To access the pool from the double glass doors next to the billiard room you must press the lighted release button on the wall to the left and the push bar at the same time, to give you access to the pool.

The code to get into the building is 0250# at both the double glass doors and by the bathrooms. Thanks to Charlie Buscaglia and Ed Tomaiuli for their follow up to make sure this ran smoothly.

## **RE: VISITORS AT COUNTRY VILLAGE**

JUST a reminder that all visitors must be accompanied by a homeowner whether you are going to the pool or attending any activities or events.

## **SPRINKLER SYSTEM TO BE CHECKED**

March 24th and March 25th

## **LIGHTING**

The FRC (finance committee) is working with the Board to have brighter Street lights and to test out using some solar lights in different areas. We realize some walkways and some areas in the back of homes are very dark, so we are testing the use of solar light for Walkways and Courtyards. Thanks to Gene Flynn for investigating all of the lights to be used, contacting Net Zero who will provide PSEG rebate and Greg Gasiewski for following up on all of this. Hoping to have these new lights installed in the next month.

Im sure that most of you were aware that some streetlights had been out for a few weeks. This happened because when Country Village was first built in the early 1990's they put wires underground without using conduits, which are protective tubing for the wires. After time the exterior coating of the wire broke down and the wires shorted out the flow of electricity. The poles that were out, were the ones just before the tennis court to the poles outside the pool parking lot. After much research our electricians along with the drainage crew, that we use, were able to repair this permanently. We would like to thank Mike Ellis for all his input and hard work to make sure this operation worked smoothly and correctly.

## **POWER WASHING OF HOMES**

We have signed a contract with Absolute Cleaning Co. to have all the home power washed sometime in September.



# THE BOARDS CORNER

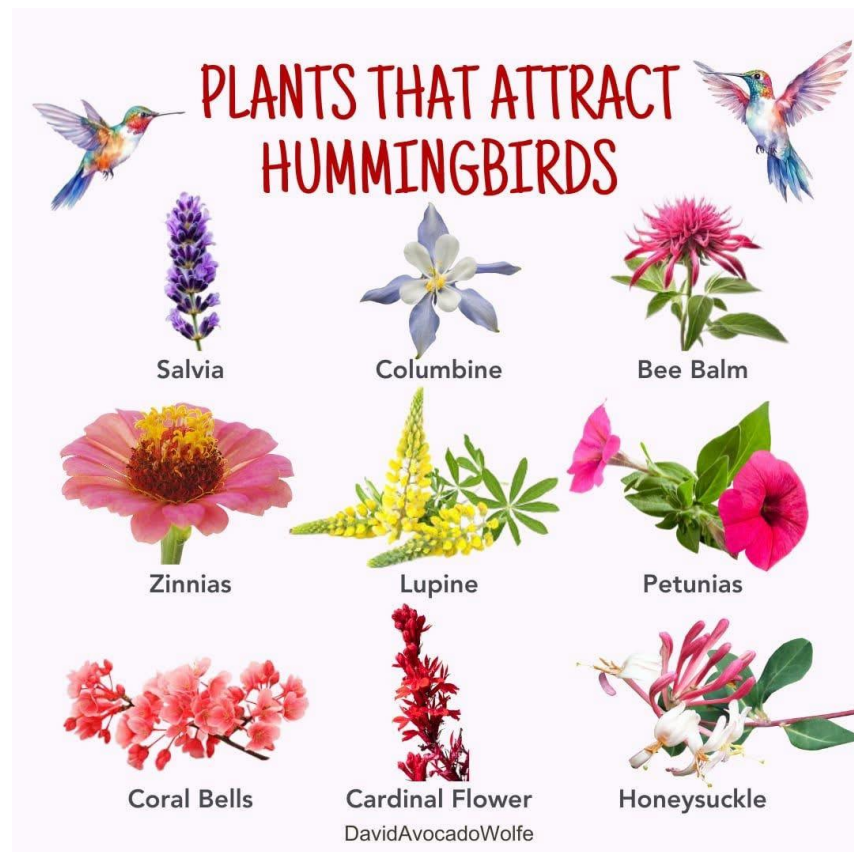
## SHREDDING EVENT

Due to the generosity of Claire LeFace the daughter of one of our homeowners, who is a regional director for Signature properties, we will be having a shredding truck here in Country Village on Sunday, May 18th between 11:00am - 12:30pm.

Any old papers or documents needing to be shredded can be brought down to the clubhouse on that day. The truck can accommodate any paper needing to be shredded. Please make sure no paper clips are in these piles of papers. I will be sending out future Robo calls about this. This is really a good way to clear out old papers needing to be shredded.

## COMMUNITY MEETING

We will be having a Community Meeting in May date to be announced. Please make yourself available as it is time to receive updates and ask any questions about Country Village and its workings.





# COUNTRY VILLAGE ESTATES SHRED-A-THON!

CLAIRE LEFACE & KAREN ORRACH INVITE YOU ON:



**SUNDAY, MAY 18<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00am - 12:30pm**



IN FRONT OF THE CLUBHOUSE

Bring old documents and unwanted papers that could help you de-clutter. All documents will be shredded in a professional Mobile Shredding Truck while you watch and are then recycled. No need to remove staples or paper clips. If you need help with boxes let us know!

*COME MEET YOUR REAL ESTATE AGENTS THAT GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY*



**CLAIRE LEFACE**

Lic. Associate RE Broker

**C: 516-330-4732**

O: 631-360-2800

cleface@signaturepremier.com

RealClaire.com



**KAREN ORRACH**

Lic. Associate RE Broker

**C: 516-410-6270**

O: 631-360-2800

korrach@signaturepremier.com

KarenSellsLI.com



# **BROADWAY ENTERTAINMENT COMES TO THE VILLAGE**

## **TV'S GOLDEN GIRLS MYSTERY BIRTHDAY BASH**

**FRIDAY, MAY 2 at 7:00pm  
\$25 PER PERSON  
50/50 RAFFLE**

**HOMEOWNERS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME!  
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**

**COFFEE, TEA, WATER, SODA & DESSERTS. BRING YOUR OWN  
BEVERAGE AND ANY SNACKS YOU'D LIKE**

Sign up sheet is in the Clubhouse.

Cash payment will be accepted at the Club House on Wednesday,  
APRIL 16, 2025 between 10:00am - 11:00am and 6:00pm - 7:00pm.



# HORSE RACES

## FEBUARY 15, 2025

I failed to remember to post the pictures from the Horse Race event. I heard everyone who attended had a great time. Once again, the entertainment committee did a great job.





JOIN US FOR A  
**TASTE OF ITALY**

Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 6:00pm

Get your dancing shoes ready and don't miss this delicious dinner and a fun evening with your neighbors.

Be sure to check your May Newsletter and the bulletin board in the Club House for more information.



**SOMEONE IN THIS COMMUNITY IS LEAVING THEIR  
DOG'S POOP AROUND THEODORE DRIVE,  
IT'S SMALL POOP, JUST TO BE CLEAR.**

I guess I'll have to keep posting the Dog Rules and Regulations. **You**, your guests or caretakers are responsible for picking up the dog(s) poop. **NO EXCUSES.**

If you need poop bags, I would be happy to give you a roll.

We want to keep CVE clean, look nice, and not see your dog's poop all over.

Others and I are picking up after you. I have picked up poop in front of Unit 01, 02, 15, 81, & 175. **IT IS IRRESPONSIBLE.**



**DOG RULES AND REGLUATIONS**

**1. Picking Up After Your Dogs:**

There are some residents or guests not picking up after their dog. We are finding huge loads of poop and of course smaller loads.

It is disrespectful to the entire community and their guests. How would you feel if someone tracked dog poop into your home. I think you would not like it. How difficult is it to pick up your dog poop. There is *NO EXCUSE*, it is just irresponsible and lazy.



# **DOG RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## **2. When dog(s) urinates pour water over spot:**

Dog owners must carry a *bottle of water* to pour over their dog's urine, not spraying. It really does not matter if it is a female or male dog, female dogs have more of nitrogen. Female dogs urinate in a specific spot which makes it more concentrated, and males lift their leg and it's sprayed (exception to rule for males as pups they urinate like a female and also when they get much older)

Right after your dog goes to the bathroom, water that spot thoroughly to flush nitrogen and salts from the soil. Do not be stingy with the water. You want to use about twice as much water as there is urine to dilute the nitrogen content sufficiently.

Female **MORE** concentrated area



Male spraying **LESS** concentrated area



## **3. Letting dogs roam free on common property.**

No dogs should be running free on the common property, it is a safety hazard to your neighbors. This is a fifty-five and older community with rules and regulations. When you moved into this community you received the booklet with the rules, it would have been great if you read it, I am sure if you felt you could not abide by the rules you would not have purchased a home here.

## **4. Brookhaven does have a leash law.**

Town of Brookhaven 2024-02-22 The Code Chapter 23 Dog Control and Animal Welfare§ 23-1Declaration of legislative findings and intent.[Amended 4-17-2001 by L.L. No. 9-2001, effective 4-20-2001]It is hereby declared and found that the health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants of the Town of Brookhaven require regulations supplementing and superseding Articles 7 and 26 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law and pertaining to the licensure, seizure and disposition of privately owned dogs and cats and the humane treatment



## DOG RULES AND REGLUATIONS

of animals. Articles 7 and 26 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law are incorporated by reference herein. The Town Board of the Town of Brookhaven has determined that the running at large and other uncontrollable

behavior of dogs have caused physical harm to persons and damage to property and have created nuisances within the Town. It is the intent of the Town Board in the enactment.

It is the intent of the Town Board in the enactment of this chapter. to protect the health, safety and well-being of persons and property by imposing restrictions on persons owning or possessing dogs within the Town.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

AT Large Off the premises of the owner and not under the control of the owner, his agent, or a member of his family, whether by rope, leash or similar device

***Dog on leash laws are laws that require dogs to be restrained by a leash or a similar device when they are outside of an enclosed area. These laws vary by state and locality, and some states may not have any leash laws at all. The purpose of these laws is to prevent dog-related incidents, such as bites or attacks. Dog owners should check the local dog leash laws before taking their dogs to public places.***

## GAMES ANSWERS

1004									
1	5	8	3	6	4	9	7	2	
2	4	3	5	9	7	6	1	8	
9	7	6	1	2	8	4	3	5	
8	6	2	9	7	1	3	5	4	
4	9	7	8	5	3	1	2	6	
5	3	1	6	4	2	7	8	9	
6	1	5	2	3	9	8	4	7	
3	2	4	7	8	6	5	9	1	
7	8	9	4	1	5	2	6	3	

1007									
6	4	2	8	5	9	7	1	3	
5	3	1	6	7	2	4	8	9	
9	8	7	3	4	1	5	2	6	
3	5	9	1	6	8	2	4	7	
8	2	6	4	9	7	1	3	5	
7	1	4	2	3	5	9	6	8	
2	7	8	5	1	6	3	9	4	
1	9	3	7	8	4	6	5	2	
4	6	5	9	2	3	8	7	1	

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## 10 Useful Aspirin Tricks You Should Know [News](#) March 22, 2025

Aspirin has a lot of unexpected everyday applications in addition to being a pain reliever. These ten useful aspirin tips can be useful in a variety of circumstances.

### 1. Reduces Insect Bites' Itching

Aspirin aids in reducing insect bite-related irritation and itching. One aspirin tablet should be crushed and dissolved in water. For immediate relief, apply the solution on the bite.

### 2. Brightens Dark Armpits

In a cup of warm water, crush two aspirin tablets and dissolve them. After applying the mixture, let it sit on your underarms for an hour. Use water to rinse well. Continue every day until the intended outcomes are obtained.

### 3. Gets Rid of Dandruff

Add two crushed aspirin tablets to your shampoo. In order to properly eradicate dandruff, wash your hair as usual.

### 4. Addresses Acne

Because of its anti-inflammatory qualities, aspirin can lessen acne. One aspirin tablet should be crushed and combined with a few drops of water. Before going to bed, apply to the afflicted area and let it sit overnight. If your skin is irritated, do not use.

### 5. Cleans Clothes of Sweat Stains

Add a cup of warm water to two crushed aspirin tablets. After applying the mixture on perspiration stains, let it sit overnight. As usual, wash.

### 6. Removes and Softens Calluses

Add a teaspoon of lemon juice to seven crushed aspirin tablets. Cover with a plastic bag, wrap your feet in a warm towel, and apply to callused regions. After ten minutes, use a pumice stone to scrub.

### 7. Softer Skin with a Face Mask

Aspirin aids in skin cleansing and softening. Combine two tablespoons of yogurt with five crushed aspirin tablets. After applying to your face, wait 20 minutes. After a thorough rinse, use a moisturizer.

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

For noticeable effects, use this mask for two weeks.

## **8. Gets Rid of Bathroom Soap Scum**

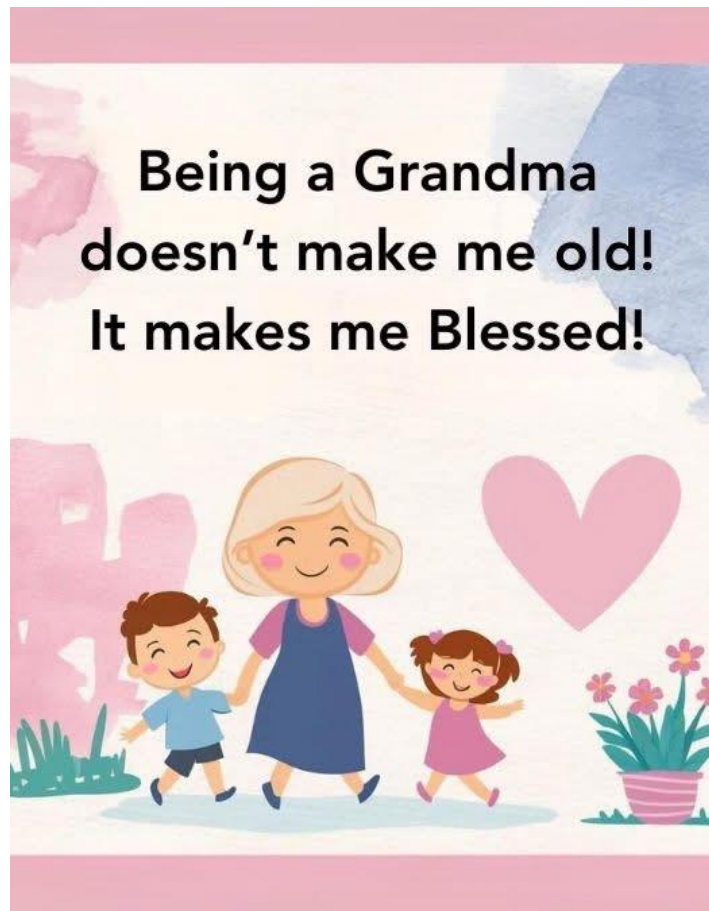
Five aspirin tablets should be crushed and used with liquid detergent.  
After spraying the afflicted area, wait half an hour  
Use a moist cloth to clean.

## **9. Restores Shine to Hair**

Aspirin can help restore the volume and luster that hair may have lost over time.  
Add a cup of water to eight crushed aspirin tablets.  
Put on hair, let it sit for fifteen minutes, and then give it a good rinse.  
Additionally, you can incorporate five crushed aspirin tablets into your shampoo.

## **10. Extends the Life of Fresh Flowers**

Add one crushed aspirin pill to a vase of water.  
This prolongs the freshness of flowers.



# GAMES

**HARD - 1004**

1		8						2
	4		5	9				
9			1					
	6					3	5	
			8	5	3			
	3	1					8	
					9			7
				8	6		9	
7						2		3

**HARD - 1007**

		2	8					3
							8	
			3		1	5		6
	5	9					4	
			4		7			
	1					9	6	
2		8	5		6			
	9							
4					3	8		