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Ronald W. Yarbrough
11 Lake Centerton Drive
Pittsgrove, NJ 08318
[redacted]
Plaintiff, Pro Se

RONALD W. YARBROUGH, Plaintiff, v. LAKE CENTERTON PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; CLIFFORD C. WHEATON, individually; MICHAEL M. ROSSI III, individually; MICHELE MEHAFFEY; and DOUGLAS K. MEHAFFEY, Defendants.	SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION - GENERAL EQUITY PART SALEM COUNTY DOCKET NO. SLM-C-000017-26 Civil Action CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE OF PROCESS (Order to Show Cause, paragraph 4)

I, Ronald W. Yarbrough, of full age, certify as follows:

1. I am the plaintiff. I make this Certification under paragraph 4 of the Order to Show Cause filed September 1, 2026, which requires proof of service of the pleadings on the defendants no later than three days before the return date.

2. The Order to Show Cause, the Verified Complaint, my Brief, and the supporting Certifications and Exhibits A through KKK were served on each defendant by the Sheriff of the county in which the defendant was served, as follows:

- (a) Lake Centerton Park Homeowners Association, Inc.: by the Salem County Sheriff, by personal service on Clifford C. Wheaton, registered agent, at 23 Lake Centerton Drive, Pittsgrove, on September 17, 2026 at 1:55 PM. Return filed September 18, 2026, Trans ID CHC2026300332.
- (b) Clifford C. Wheaton: by the Salem County Sheriff, by personal service at 23 Lake Centerton Drive, Pittsgrove, on September 17, 2026 at 1:55 PM. Return filed September 18, 2026, Trans ID CHC2026300013.
- (c) Michael M. Rossi III: by the Salem County Sheriff, by personal service at 26 Lake Centerton Drive, Pittsgrove, on September 10, 2026 at 5:52 PM. Return filed September 18, 2026, Trans ID CHC2026300329.
- (d) Michele Mehaffey: by the Cumberland County Sheriff, by personal service at 459 Old Deerfield Pike, Upper Deerfield Township, on September 11, 2026 at 2:32 PM. Returns filed September 24, 2026, Trans IDs CHC2026311400 and CHC2026311406.

- (e) Douglas K. Mehaffey: by the Cumberland County Sheriff, by service at his usual place of abode, 459 Old Deerfield Pike, Upper Deerfield Township, on a household member 14 years of age or older, on September 11, 2026 at 2:32 PM. Returns filed September 24, 2026, Trans IDs CHC2026311400 and CHC2026311406.

3. Paragraph 2 of the Order called for service within 14 days. The Salem County Sheriff's returns for the Association and Mr. Wheaton state attempts at 23 Lake Centerton Drive on September 10, 11, 15 and 16, 2026, within that period. Personal service was made on the next day, September 17, 2026. Each Sheriff's return describes the papers as the Order to Show Cause and Complaint; each set delivered to the Sheriffs for service was the complete set listed in paragraph 2.

4. Every defendant has appeared and answered: the Association, Mr. Wheaton and Mr. Rossi on October 15, 2026 (Trans ID CHC2026331033), and the Mehaffey Defendants on October 20, 2026 (Trans ID CHC2026336133). Every defendant has filed opposition to the Order to Show Cause (Trans IDs CHC2026339507 and CHC2026339846).

5. True copies of the five returns are attached.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

/s/ Ronald W. Yarbrough
Ronald W. Yarbrough
Plaintiff, Pro Se

Dated: October 27, 2026

OFFICE OF THE
SHERIFF OF SALEM COUNTY
REPORT OF PROCESS SERVICE

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SEP 16 2026

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
SALEM COUNTY CIVIL PART

DATE RECEIVED: 9/8/2026

Re: Plaintiff
Ronald W. Yarbrough
vs.
Defendant
Lake Centerton Park Homeowners Association, Inc.; Clifford C. Wheaton, individually; Michael M. Rossi III, individually; Michele Mehaffey; and Douglas K. Mehaffey

ATTORNEY FILE NO. DOCKET NO. **C-000017-26**

I, CHARLES M. MILLER, SHERIFF OF SALEM COUNTY, do hereby deputize and appoint to be my deputy, Cpl. Denee Angelo, to execute and return Order to Show Cause with Temporary Restraints according to law.

SHERIFF'S FEE:	$109.92
MAILED TO PRO SE	9/18/2026
DEFENDANT'S NAME	LAKE CENTERTON PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. C/O CLIFFORD C. WHEATON, REGISTERED AGENT
DATE SERVED	9/17/2026@ 1:55 PM
TYPE OF SERVICE	PERSONAL
ADDRESS	23 LAKE CENTERTON DRIVE PITTSGROVE, NJ 08318
NAME OF PERSON SERVED	CLIFFORD C. WHEATON

ATTEMPTS

Date: 9/10/2026 @ 5:56 PM - 23 Lake Centerton Drive Pittsgrove, NJ 08318

Date: 9/11/2026 @ 1:15 PM - 23 Lake Centerton Drive Pittsgrove, NJ 08318

Date: 9/15/2026 @ 9:28 AM - 23 Lake Centerton Drive Pittsgrove, NJ 08318
and 26 Lake Centerton Drive Pittsgrove, NJ 08318

Date: 9/16/2026 @ 9:21 AM - 23 Lake Centerton Drive Pittsgrove, NJ 08318
and 26 Lake Centerton Drive Pittsgrove, NJ 08318

I, Cpl. Denee Angelo, served the above noted documents

Denee Angelo

Cpl. Denee Angelo, 945

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DATE 9/8/2026
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CHARLES M. MILLER
SHERIFF
SALEM COUNTY

FILED SEPTEMBER 1, 2026
SUPERIOR COURT
CHANCERY DIVISION
Robert Malestein, P.J.CH.

Ronald W. Yarbrough
11 Lake Centerton Drive
Pittsgrove, NJ 08318
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Plaintiff, Pro Se

RONALD W. YARBROUGH, Plaintiff, v. LAKE CENTERTON PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; CLIFFORD C. WHEATON, individually; MICHAEL M. ROSSI III, individually; MICHELE MEHAFFEY; and DOUGLAS K. MEHAFFEY, Defendants.	SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION - GENERAL EQUITY PART SALEM COUNTY DOCKET NO. SLM-C-17 -26 Civil Action ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WITH TEMPORARY RESTRAINTS PURSUANT TO RULE 4:52 (OSC as Original Process - Submitted with Verified Complaint)

THIS MATTER being brought before the Court by plaintiff Ronald W. Yarbrough, appearing pro se, seeking relief by way of temporary restraints pursuant to R. 4:52, and leave to proceed summarily pursuant to R. 4:67-1 and R. 4:67-2 on Counts One, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven and Eight of the Verified Complaint, based upon the facts set forth in the Verified Complaint, the Certification of Ronald W. Yarbrough with Exhibits A through KKK, the Certification of Kathleen A. Yarbrough (non-party witness), and the Brief filed herewith; and it appearing that [X] the defendants have notice of this application, and it further appearing that immediate and irreparable damage will probably result before a hearing can be held, in that defendants' own correspondence with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection dated August 4, 2026 states that a purchase offer for the Association's lake property is expected "by the end of this summer or sooner," that a contract for the Association's signature will follow, and that the dam is to be removed before closing; that the Association conveyed 12.97 acres of the same Common Area to private buyers in February 2022 by a deed signed by one officer without any member vote; and that the parcel was sold at tax sale on January 15, 2025 (Tax Sale Certificate No. 25-00037, recorded May 9, 2025) and again on January 14, 2026 (Tax Sale Certificate No. 26-00018), and is exposed to foreclosure of the right of redemption if the certificates are not redeemed; and for good cause shown;

IT IS on this 1st day of September, 2026, ORDERED that defendants Lake Centerton Park Homeowners Association, Inc., Clifford C. Wheaton, Michael M. Rossi III, Michele Mehaffey and Douglas K. Mehaffey appear and show cause before the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, General Equity Part, at the Salem County Courthouse, 92 Market Street, Salem, New Jersey, at 9:00 o'clock in the fore noon, or as soon

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SHERIFF OF SALEM COUNTY
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SALEM COUNTY CIVIL PART

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Defendant
Lake Centerton Park Homeowners Association, Inc.; Clifford C. Wheaton, individually; Michael M. Rossi III, individually; Michele Mehaffey; and Douglas K. Mehaffey

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SHERIFF'S FEE:	$109.92
MAILED TO PRO SE	9/18/2026
DEFENDANT'S NAME	CLIFFORD C. WHEATON, INDIVIDUALLY
DATE SERVED	9/17/2026 @ 1:55 PM
TYPE OF SERVICE	PERSONAL
ADDRESS	23 LAKE CENTERTON DRIVE PITTSGROVE, NJ 08318
NAME OF PERSON SERVED	CLIFFORD C. WHEATON

ATTEMPTS

Date: 9/10/2026 @ 5:56 PM - 23 Lake Centerton Drive Pittsgrove, NJ 08318

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Denee Angelo

Cpl. Denee Angelo, 945

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
SALEM COUNTY CIVIL PART

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Re: Plaintiff
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Defendant
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SHERIFF'S FEE:	$109.92
MAILED TO PRO SE	9/18/2026
DEFENDANT'S NAME	MICHAEL M. ROSSI III, INDIVIDUALLY
DATE SERVED	9/10/2026 @ 5:52 PM
TYPE OF SERVICE	PERSONAL
ADDRESS	26 LAKE CENTERTON DRIVE PITTSGROVE, NJ 08318
NAME OF PERSON SERVED	MICHAEL M. ROSSI, III

I, Cpl. Denee Angelo, served the above noted documents

Cpl. Denee Angelo, 945

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CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

220 N LAUREL STREET
BRIDGETON, NJ 08302
PHONE [redacted] FAX [redacted]

Michael Donato
Sheriff

Michael Speranza
Thomas Speranza
Undersheriffs

PROOF OF PROCESS SERVICE

Plaintiff : RONALD W. YARBROUGH
vs
Defendant: LAKE CENTERTON PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIAATION ET AL

Service # 2 of 2 Services
Date Received: 9/10/2026
Docket No.: SLMC1726
Sheriff's No.: **26001126**

Person/Corporation to Serve	Papers to Serve	Salem Superior Court of New Jersey
DOUGLAS K MEHAFFEY 459 OLD DEERFIELD PIKE UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP, NJ 08302	ORDER TO SHOW CASUE AND COMPLAINT	

Alternate Address/Notes:

I, MICHAEL DONATO, SHERIFF OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY, DO HEREBY DEPUTIZE AND APPOINT Jonathon Harris, A DULY SWORN OFFICER, TO EXECUTE AND RETURN THE DOCUMENTS, ACCORDING TO LAW.

WITNESS BY HAND AND SEAL

Michael Donato, SHERIFF

Date of Service: 9/11/2026
Time of Service: 2:32 PM
Attempts:

Defendant: DOUGLAS K MEHAFFEY
459 OLD DEERFIELD PIKE
UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP, NJ 08302
Delivered To: MICHELE MEHAFFEY
Relationship WIFE

Race	Gender	Height	Weight	Eyes	Hair	Age	Military
		' "					

Manner of Service
Household Member; 14 Years of Age or Older, At Usual Place of Abode

I WAS ABLE TO SERVE THE WITHIN DOCUMENTS AND/OR A TRUE COPY THEREOF.

Jonathon Harris
Jonathon Harris

RONALD W. YARBROUGH
11 LAKE CENTERTON DRIVE
PITTSGROVE, NJ 08318

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
SALEM COUNTY, GENERAL EQUITY

Sheriff Fees: Mileage ($3.00) Service Fee - 1st Defendant ($24.00) Service Fee - 2nd Defendant ($20.00) Total: $47.00

Michael Donato
Sheriff

CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

220 N LAUREL STREET
BRIDGETON, NJ 08302
PHONE [redacted] FAX [redacted]

Michael Speranza
Thomas Speranza
Undersheriffs

PROOF OF PROCESS SERVICE

Plaintiff : RONALD W. YARBROUGH
vs
Defendant: LAKE CENTERTON PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIAATION ET AL

Service # 1 of 2 Services
Date Received: 9/10/2026
Docket No.: SLMC1726
Sheriff's No.: **26001126**

Person/Corporation to Serve
MICHELE MEHAFFEY
459 OLD DEERFIELD PIKE
UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP, NJ 08302

Papers to Serve
ORDER TO SHOW CASUE AND COMPLAINT

Salem Superior Court of New Jersey

Alternate Address/Notes:

I, MICHAEL DONATO, SHERIFF OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY, DO HEREBY DEPUTIZE AND APPOINT JONATHON HARRIS, A DULY SWORN OFFICER, TO EXECUTE AND RETURN THE DOCUMENTS, ACCORDING TO LAW.

WITNESS BY HAND AND SEAL

Michael Donato, SHERIFF

Date of Service: 9/11/2026
Time of Service: 2:32 PM
Attempts:

Defendant: MICHELE MEHAFFEY
459 OLD DEERFIELD PIKE
UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP, NJ 08302

Race	Gender	Height ' "	Weight	Eyes	Hair	Age	Military

Manner of Service
Personal Service a Place of Abode

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