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**Cover:** Carol Poling, of Oakmont Village, took this photo of a lovely red bird in the snow back in December 2015. Carol is a leader of the HM Photography Club.



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FROM THE MAIN GATE

Marc Fraser | Director of Security

Please be VERY aware of "black ice." This almost-transparent form of ice can sometimes accumulate on outdoor

surfaces and is extremely difficult for the naked eye to detect. During this time of year, the Security Department responds to a high number of emergencies that are the result of a person slipping and falling on black ice. Storing Ice Melt or Salt in the house is an excellent idea, as slippery walkways can be treated without having to first use those walkways to access the Ice Melt or Salt in your garage.

Mid-Winter  
Warning



Please also be very aware that black ice is often found on roadways and can make driving quite dangerous. Be sure to obey all local traffic signs and give yourself plenty of room for stopping!

HM RESIDENTS UPDATE

This information from Hershey's Mill Security can be used along with the annual *HM Resident Directory* to stay up-to-date. Contact Security with any issues.

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127 Chandler Drive

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1390 Springton Lane

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995 Kennett Way

Original Programming	February 1 – 15, 2018			
<p><b>Cardboard for Kids</b> <i>With Jim McArdle</i></p> <p>The Hershey's Mill Woodshop is making customized cardboard furniture for children with disabilities. Jim interviews two project coordinators to find out how it's made and the reasons for it.</p>	10:00 am	4:00 pm	7:00 pm	12:00 am
<p><b>22 Park Avenue Orchestra Concert</b></p> <p>Our July 2017 Concert in the Park concert, 22 Park Avenue, is a high energy, seventeen member band that plays music from the 1930s through 1990s. The concert features old favorites, such as <i>In the Mood</i> and <i>That Old Black Magic</i>. Program runs 30 minutes</p>	10:15 am	4:15 pm	7:15 pm	12:15 am

<b>Movies</b>  Noon & 8:30pm	<p>February 1 – 7 (noon only February 7) <b>Moonstruck (PG)</b> <i>Cher and Nicolas Cage</i></p> <p>A bookkeeper from Brooklyn finds herself in a difficult situation when she falls for the brother of the man she has agreed to marry. [Run time 1h 42m]</p>
	<p>February 8 – 14 (noon only February 14) <b>Foxcatcher (PG 13)</b> <i>Steve Carell and Channing Tatum</i></p> <p>Based on true events, Foxcatcher tells the story of the unlikely and tragic relationship between an eccentric multimillionaire and two champion wrestlers. [Run time 2h 15m]</p>

12:45 am – 10:00 am	10:45 am – Noon	Following the Noon movie until 4:00 pm	<b>Bulletin Board</b>
4:45 pm – 7:00 pm	7:45 pm – 8:30 pm	Following the 8:30 pm movie until Midnight	

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Original Programming	February 16 – 28, 2018			
<p><b>Webb – "Band of Brothers" Concert</b></p> <p>Watch excerpts from the August 2017 Concert in the Park featuring this party band, with band leader Wally Hart, a resident of Ulster Village. The concert features 1950's rock 'n roll and rockabilly, and classic rock from the 60's and 70's, such as <i>We're Havin' A Party</i> and <i>Sweet Caroline</i>. Program runs 45 minutes</p>	10:00 am	4:00 pm	7:00 pm	12:00 am

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<b>Movies</b>  Noon & 8:30pm	<p>February 15 – 21 (noon only February 21) <b>My Best Friend's Wedding (PG 13)</b> <i>Julia Roberts and Dermot Mulroney</i></p> <p>When a woman's long time friend reveals he's engaged, she realizes she loves him herself and sets out to get him. [Run time 1h 45m]</p>
	<p>February 22 – 28 (noon only February 28) <b>Paper Moon (PG)</b> <i>Ryan O'Neal and Tatum O'Neal</i></p> <p>A con man finds himself saddled with a young girl who may or may not be his daughter, and the two forge an unlikely relationship. [Run time 1h 43m]</p>

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Mary Kay Hagerty | Heatherton

Joan Stanek feels very blessed. Although she just lost her husband last year, she has had, as she puts it, “a very good life.”

Joan had a happy childhood growing up in Toledo, Ohio. Joan mentioned that she and her brother worked part-time on a barge that their father converted into a floating restaurant in Point Place

anything they wanted. Needless to say, Joan enjoyed those visits!

Joan met her future husband, George, one night when she was bowling with her best friend. She ran into George again at a local restaurant. He was with a friend of her brother’s, and as she says, “the rest is history”. George was from Winona, Minnesota, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and was working in Toledo for Standard Oil of Ohio. After she and George had been dating for a while, George found out that he was being transferred to Cleveland and so they decided to get married.



Photographs by  
Mary Kay Hagerty

Joan and George have five children. Their sons Steven, Mike and Kevin and daughter Debby all live nearby. Their youngest son, Chris, has lived in Germany for 20 years. When their youngest child Debby was born, Joan couldn’t believe that she had a girl! Joan was crying at the hospital when a nurse said, “Don’t cry Mrs. Stanek, maybe you’ll have a boy next time”.

To which Joan replied, “These are tears of joy. I have four boys at home”!

George’s career took them to many interesting places. One company asked

him to go to London for two years. They chose to live in the city because they loved to sightsee and they’d have easy access to transportation. As Joan said, “If you are bored in London, you are bored with life”. Joan worked part-time at Harrods’ in London and saw lots of famous people there including Diana Ross, Michael Crawford and Princess Diana’s father.

Joan and George travelled extensively throughout Europe while living in London. Joan started a collection of Limoges china boxes while there. George surprised Joan on her 50th birthday by taking her to tea at the Ritz. While

Zealand. Another one of Joan’s favorite vacation spots was Grand Cayman Island.

Joan particularly liked China because the people were very friendly and fascinated with Americans. While in China they were able to see the terracotta soldiers before they were introduced in the U.S. While walking on the Great Wall, they met a native who showed them sights that others might not have seen, and they actually became pen pals. While in Singapore, Joan joined the Petroleum Club, a women’s group through which she did volunteer work. She and a British friend tutored Viet-

## Meet Joan Stanek

having tea, he informed her that he was taking her to Paris. He took her to where Limoges was made and added some boxes to her collection. Other highlights of her time in England included a trip to the Old Bailey Court and a shopping trip to Stoke-on-Trent. They also traveled to Rome where they attended a Mass said by Pope Paul at St. Peter’s Basilica in Vatican City, and they visited many castles and churches along the Rhine in Germany. While living abroad, Joan took cooking classes in Singapore and Paris.

Nearing the end of their time in London, George and Joan were at a cocktail party when a friend asked George if he would like to go to Singapore to work for nine months. Ever the adventurer, Joan thought it would be exciting. She loved living in Singapore, and did a lot of local sightseeing on her own. She and George travelled throughout the East visiting China, Australia and New

nameese refugees who wanted to go to the U.S. and Canada. They had students of all ages ranging from small children to seventy-year olds. It was very rewarding work for Joan. Having moved so much herself, she could identify with these people and was able to help them learn English. She also worked in a food shelter.

Volunteerism has always been a big part of Joan’s life. She taught CCD and volunteered in her children’s schools and she belonged to the Junior Saturday Club which did volunteer work in Berwyn. She was the Guild President at St. Isaac’s Church in Wayne, and she is a Eucharistic Minister for St. Peter and Paul’s Church.

When Joan came back to the States after living in Singapore, the family moved to Chagrin Falls, OH where they lived for thirty-three years. A friend

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## Up Close with Joan

**How long have you lived at Hershey's Mill?** 5 years

**Where did you live before?** Chagrin Falls, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio

**How many children and grandchildren do you have?** I have five children, four boys and one girl. I have two grandchildren; my grandson is 16 and attends the Salesianum School in Delaware, and my granddaughter is 18 and just started college at the University of South Carolina.

**What activities do you enjoy at Hershey's Mill?** I play golf, which is my favorite activity. I also bowl and I tried pickleball. I'm on the Princeton Village Social Committee and I'm Vice-President of the Hershey's Mill Social Club. I have also enjoyed gardening at Hershey's Mill.

**Favorite local restaurant:** The General Warren Inn

**Favorite place to travel:** China

asked Joan if she wanted to help out at the local Republican headquarters. She chaired and co-chaired the headquarters, working for Mayors, State Senators and Governors. One of the perks was that she and George were invited to the Reagan and George H. W. Bush Inaugural Balls!

While living in Chagrin Falls, George became very ill and was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Joan called all of her kids and asked them where they would move if they could live anywhere. They all said Pennsylvania because they loved it and lived here the longest.



years, he never complained. George was a vital, dynamic person and they had a great life together with many happy memories.

I asked Joan, what's next? She said that she has many good friends at Hershey's Mill that she has met through activities, church and the clubs she has joined. Joan continues to play

Their daughter, Debby, lived in Malvern and suggested Hershey's Mill for her parents. The couple chose Princeton. Although George was sick for twelve

golf and tennis and recently became involved with the Walnut Street Theater. Now she just wants to enjoy life as it comes.

## HERSHEY'S MILL BUS TRIPS

Trips Listed In Chronological Order (Or By First Occurrence)

### Reading Royals Hockey

**Friday, February 16, 2018**

**Cost:** \$35

**Departs:** 5:15 p.m.

**Contact:** Marc Fraser

*Children age 8+ are welcome!* Join us as we travel to the Santander Arena in Reading, PA to watch some hockey action as the Reading Royals, minor league hockey affiliate of the Philadelphia Flyers, take on the Cincinnati Cyclones in a 7 p.m. matchup. Enjoy close-up, fast-paced, professional hockey and lower level seating in one of the finest arenas in the region!

### Philadelphia Flower Show

**Wednesday, March 7, 2018**

**Cost:** \$17 + Admission

**Departs:** 9:30 a.m.

**Contact:** Sandy Waldman

Join us as we travel to the 2018 Philadelphia Flower Show! This year's theme, "Wonders of Water," will highlight a fabulous day always filled with scent, color, and nature. The price covers bus transportation only. Tickets can be purchased on your own by going online or at the local supermarkets.



Prior to making payment, anyone who wishes to participate in a bus trip must first call the contact person to ensure that there is still room on the bus.

All bus riders must be age 18 or older unless otherwise noted in the trip write-up.

Trip payment checks should be made payable to "HERSHEY'S MILL HOA", sealed in an envelope (noting trip name and date), and placed in the maroon "Customer Service" mailbox next to the Security Center in the exit lane at the Main Gate.

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Bus leaves promptly at the scheduled time. Please plan to arrive 10 minutes early

The Hershey's Mill Bus Committee is always looking for more volunteers to help share ideas and plan bus trips! If interested, call Marc Fraser at

### Philadelphia Orchestra

**Thursday, March 8, 2018**

**Cost:** \$14 (single date, bus only)

+ Performance Admission

**Departs:** 5:30 p.m.

**Contact:** Ann Seraphin

Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts van der Aa and Rachmaninoff; with Janine Jansen on violin.

*Also join us for other trips, shown below (these depart at 6 p.m.):*



**Friday, April 20, 2018**

Stéphane Denève conducts Connesson, Prokofiev, Strauss, and Ravel; with Hilary Hahn on violin.

**Friday, May 11, 2018**

Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts Beethoven and Schumann; with Hélène Grimaud on piano.

### Playhouse on Rodney Square - "Cabaret"

**Wednesday, March 14, 2018**

**Cost:** \$85

**Departs:** 12:30 p.m.

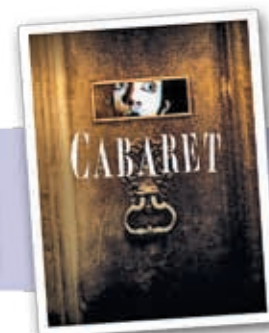
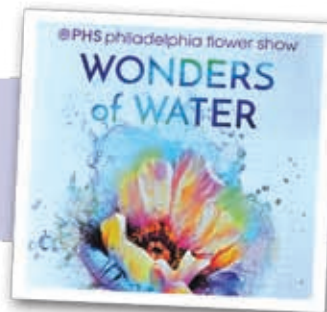
**Contact:** Adele Juzi

*Deadline to sign up is Friday, February 23. "Cabaret," based on Roundabout Theatre Company's*

Photo, by Priscilla Burt, of the Fairmount Park House Tour on Dec. 6. Shown by the lovely Laurel Hill home are, from left, Sally McKnight of Troon, Shirley Santucci of Yardley, Connie & Joe Stark of Quaker, their guide, and Peggy Tartaglino of Ulster.

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**Harlem Globetrotters**

**Friday, March 16, 2018**

**Cost:** \$45  
**Departs:** 5:15 p.m.  
**Contact:** Marc Fraser

*Children age 8+ are welcome!* Founded in 1926, the Harlem Globetrotters are an exhibition basketball team that combines athleticism, theater, and comedy. Over the years they have played more than 26,000 exhibition games in 122 countries and territories, and they are bringing their show to the Santander Arena in Reading. Don't miss this opportunity to see one of America's iconic teams, as they are sure to entertain and amaze fans of all ages!

**The Beach Boys**

**Friday, March 23, 2018**

**Cost:** \$90  
**Departs:** 5:45 p.m.  
**Contact:** Marc Fraser

One of the greatest pop music acts in history is coming to the Santander Performing Arts Center in Reading. It is without a doubt, that The Beach Boys significantly changed the direction of the musical landscape, and they continue to perform and create with the same style that influenced their explosive debut over 50 years ago. The Beach Boys are famously known for passing many musical milestones, whether it be creating the Pet Sounds master-piece in 1966, recording the Golden Globe nominated "Kokomo" in 1988, being inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of

Photo, by Priscilla Burt, of the Fairmount Park House Tour on Dec. 6. Shown, from left, are their guide, Charlotte Longo of Heatherton, Nancy Ames of Princeton, and Barbara Vogelweid of Jefferson.



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**Museum of the Bible, Washington, D.C.**

**Saturday, April 28, 2018**

**Cost:** \$40 + Lunch  
**Departs:** 7:30 a.m.  
**Contact:** Priscilla Burt

Explore Washington's new museum featuring the world's most famous book that shaped history. Museum Collections include artifacts and objects from a range of cultures and time periods, with a permanent collection focusing on Biblical items, manuscripts, printed Bibles, books, and art. You will find thousands of religious artifacts along with high-tech exhibits. There is an additional charge for some attractions. Lunch is on your own.

of Legends, a show featuring incredible vocal impersonations of superstar singers from the 1950's through the 1980's. You will be taken on the musical ride of your life Just a few of the artists you'll hear in the show are: Neil Diamond, Elvis Presley, Chubby Checker, Frank Sinatra, Rod Stewart, Barry Manilow, Engelbert Humperdinck, Johnny Cash, Tom Jones, Louis Armstrong, and so many more. You will also enjoy a breathtaking overlook of nearby Beltzville Lake, plus a picturesque 50-mile panoramic view of the Appalachian Mountains. Bus, show, and lunch are included in the price.

**Penn's Peak**

**Tuesday, May 8, 2018**

**Cost:** \$55  
**Departs:** 9:15 a.m.  
**Contact:** Ann McClay

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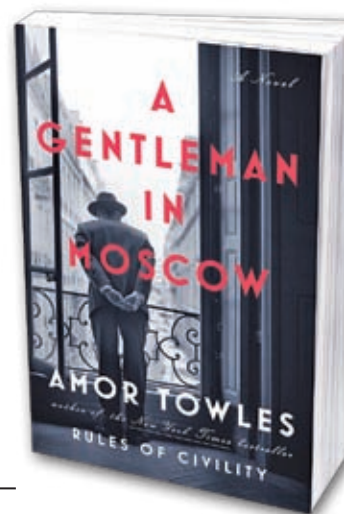
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- Biden, Joe - *Promise Me, Dad*
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**FEATURED BOOK**

*A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

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Louise O'Brien | Springton

*It's worth noting up front that Famous Toastery in Exton gives residents of Hershey's Mill a 10% discount – make sure to ask!*

To start off a busy day of shopping with my daughter and granddaughter,

to the menu and noted the ability to customize our selections. This chain originated in North Carolina and the menu has a slight southern flair. She informed us everything on the menu is freshly made daily, including the salad dressings. Also, all fruit and salads are freshly prepared. There is a different soup available each day, along with

The breakfast and lunch menus are extensive and too numerous to men-

selections. The price range for most choices is between \$10 and \$12.

There is a coffee bar for those needing quick service. With a limited menu of bagels and breakfast sandwiches that you can grab and go. Also, they have a catering service that can accommodate 10 to 1,000. This

Photos by Louise O'Brien

# Famous Toastery

120 Woodcutter Street, Exton, PA 19341  
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several standard specials. The "early bird special" served from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., Monday thru Friday, is French toast, breakfast sandwich, egg platter with a side and bottomless coffee or tea for \$6.

My granddaughter, age 14, ordered a waffle breakfast sandwich and to my surprise managed to clean her plate. It was different and definitely for the hardy appetite. There

is also a light menu, from which my daughter ordered the yogurt fruit special with granola. This was attractively plated and very tasty. Scrapple is not on the menu, but since there were so many requests, they felt compelled to include it in their sides. This was my choice along with two eggs over light and one pancake. The eggs were cooked perfectly as was the scrapple. The pancake was light and moist with hot syrup. If you like your toast well toasted make sure you inform your waitress.



tion. Based on my breakfast experience, I will definitely make a lunch date. They will customize all their offerings to suit your individual tastes and are very open to special requests. They have 13 different cheeses to choose from. The menu has a very clear explanation of their gluten free

service includes breakfast sandwiches, French toast trays, quiche and stuffed crepe tray. For lunch they offer wraps, sandwiches, salads, boxed lunches and much more.



The restaurant is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. seven days a week with ample parking. It is handicap accessible with clean restrooms. The beverages were served in quality glasses that enhanced their appeal. Chris Phillips, the owner is local. The restaurant has nice outdoor dining when the weather permits.

Joe Kennedy | Princeton

In 2002, Congress voted to make the Marquis de Lafayette an honorary citizen of the United States. Such is the regard American history has for a hero of our Revolutionary War. His legendary status rests in no small part on his actions in May 1778 at Barren Hill in what is now Montgomery County.

The winter encampment of 1777-78 at Valley Forge represented a turning point for American fortunes. Under the leadership of Gen. George Washington,

mantown Pikes, which linked the area to Philadelphia. Here Lafayette set up his post.

In the city, the new British commander, Gen. Henry Clinton, learned of Lafayette's presence at Barren Hill and saw an opportunity to strike a blow to American morale. Sir Clinton planned

# Marquis de Lafayette

the army emerged in the spring as a larger, better-trained, better-organized fighting force. And Washington was spoiling for a fight with the British, who had spent the winter in Philadelphia.

To keep tabs on British movements out of the city to the west, Washington ordered a unit to the village of Barren Hill, east of what is now Conshohocken. He gave the command to one of his most loyal and trusted lieutenants, a 21-year old French nobleman, the Marquis de Lafayette.

During the first week of May, Maj. Gen. Lafayette led 2,500 men, with a detachment of Indian scouts and eight cannons out of Valley Forge, down the Schuylkill to Swedes Ford. They crossed the river and proceeded down Ridge Pike to Barren Hill. The village commanded a view of Ridge and Ger-

to capture the Frenchman and use his prisoner to ridicule the newly signed French alliance with America.

On the morning of May 18, a lookout warned Lafayette of the advancing British troops. The general rode out to Cold



Postcard reproduction of George Washington and Lafayette at Valley Forge, by John Dunsmore

Point Hill to do a personal reconnaissance. What he saw were about 7,500 British soldiers in two columns, backed up by cannons, converging on Barren Hill in an attempt to encircle the village. He ordered an immediate but orderly retreat.

To buy time so his command officers could move out with their baggage, he ordered 700 of his men to demonstrate – march and counter-march – in a stand of woods in view of the British. Their noise created the impression

that the British were facing the entire American army. The ruse worked, and the British halted, giving the Americans and Lafayette time to escape.

One can only speculate as to the place Lafayette would now hold in American history had he been captured at Barren Hill.



He saw an opportunity to strike a blow against France's old enemy, Britain. He also envisioned a nobler purpose.

"I am persuaded that the human race was created to be free and that I was born to serve in the cause," Lafayette wrote. In the spring of 1777, he bought a ship, hired a crew, and with a small band of followers sailed for America, leaving his wife and infant daughter. Upon arriving in Philadelphia, he was granted an interview with Washington. On Washington's recommendation, the Continental Congress gave him a commission as a major general. Thus began a father-son relationship.

Portrait of Lafayette as a Lieutenant General, 1791, by Joseph Court

At the Battle of Brandywine, Lafayette distinguished himself and was wounded while helping to regroup units. Later, he served with the army in Virginia and was present at the siege of Yorktown.

After the war, he returned to France, where he had a prominent role in the turbulent era of the French Revolution and the Age of Napoleon. He was imprisoned, then released. He became a general in the new Republican National Guard and helped send Napoleon into exile.

At the invitation of President James Monroe, he made his last visit to the United States for a yearlong tour starting in 1824. Wherever he went, he was received as a hero and symbol of the fight for independence. Congress gave him \$200,000 in appreciation of his service. When he died in France in 1834, his grave was covered with earth from Boston's Bunker Hill.

Gilbert de Lafayette, the only son of a rich nobleman and soldier, was born at Auvergne, France, in 1757. His father was killed in the Seven Years War, and as an infant, the son inherited rank and wealth. Despite his status, he did not acquire the autocratic bearing and dissolute lifestyle of many of his fellow nobles. As a teenager, he attended a military school outside Paris, then bought a captain's commission in the French army. When he was 16, an arranged marriage united him with the 13-year-old of another noble family.

The young soldier got caught up in the romance of the American Revolution.

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## RECIPES

*Valentine's Day is a great reminder to spend time with those we love, and risotto, with its need for attention, is a perfect way to enjoy time together in the kitchen. This dish makes the most of special ingredients, and it's worth choosing quality. As important as good ingredients, though, is good technique; and the gentle, slow procedure makes a difference! We chose two superfini rices to give a luscious consistency, but there are others. The wines in the recipes make a wonderful table complement. Whether made for loved ones or food lovers, they're sure to enjoy these!*

### Risotto Ai Funghi Freschi

*This risotto with fresh mushrooms is a wonderful way to feature the great varieties grown in Chester county!*

- 6-8 cups veal stock (or beef)
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 2 cups Arborio rice, uncooked
- ¾ cup Pinot Grigio wine
- 12 medium-sized mushrooms, cleaned and thinly sliced
- ¾ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

3 tablespoons chopped fresh spinach

Heat stock to a simmer. In a separate sauce pan, melt 6 tablespoons butter over medium-low heat, then stir in onion and cook until transparent. Add rice, and stirring to coat, cook until it glistens (a minute or two). Add wine, stir, and let cook until most of the alcohol evaporates (another few minutes). Ladle a cupful of hot stock into the rice, and stir very often until it is absorbed. Continue adding stock in this way until the rice is midway done (10-12 minutes). Fold the mushrooms into the rice, then continue adding stock, as above and as needed, until the rice is al dente (another 8-10 minutes). Turn

off heat, mix in cheese, spinach, and remaining butter, and cover for 2 minutes. Check seasoning, and add salt if cheese does not provide sufficient.

### Risotto Alle Salsicciette

*This risotto with sausage is a great way to enjoy the sweet and complex flavors of a good Italian variety.*

- 6-8 cups vegetable stock
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 medium white onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated pepper
- 2 cups Carnaroli rice, uncooked
- 16 ounces sweet Italian sausage, casing removed and crumbled
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 cup Chianti Classico wine
- 5 leaves fresh sage, chopped
- ¾ cup freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese

Heat stock to a simmer. In a separate sauce pan, melt 3 tablespoons butter over medium-low heat, then stir in onion and cook until transparent. Add pepper, rice, sausage, and rosemary, and sauté until the sausage is nearly cooked. Add wine, stir, and let cook until most of the alcohol evaporates (a few minutes). Follow the instructions as shown in the other recipe, substituting the sage for the mushrooms, and the cheese, listed above.



Don Trauger | Kennett

Usually I write about Windows 10 issues, but this month the article is about the ongoing changeover to Verizon FIOS. As most



almost all cases, this equipment will be installed near your electrical utility panel. The ONT converts incoming laser generated light pulses to usable signals for telephone, TV and internet. Conversely, it converts outgoing tele-

phone calls, TV interactive requests such as channel changes and internet activity back into laser light pulses that are handled by Verizon on their end. It's an amazing device.

One other device included in the transition to FIOS that is very important is the router. The Verizon supplied router

connect the Verizon router assuming your present setup also works well for your wireless devices.

A coax connector is located on the Verizon router which is something that stand-alone or personal routers do not have. The Comcast units also have one but they are for the modem portion of the Comcast units. The purpose of the Verizon router coax connection is to provide a visual channel guide on the TV screen along with caller ID and VOD (Video on Demand). The Verizon unit can connect to any available coax wall connection.



Verizon has over 30 short videos that explain FIOS and offer support for the various questions you may have at this site: <https://www.verizon.com/support/residential/quick-guides/communicate-with-verizon.htm>. Also, be sure to go to our website at [www.hersheysmill.org](http://www.hersheysmill.org) to read about the latest news on the transition. First, check the "15 Most Recent Updates" on the right side of the main page. Next move the mouse to "The Mill" menu item and click "Telecommunications Update" for further insight. Under Resources, which is another menu item, click

of you are aware, there's been digging, pulling of FIOS cable in some areas and even some residents being connected and operating on FIOS. You can see it's a mixed bag, but it will be mostly completed by the time you read this.

This major change from Comcast to FIOS will touch every resident that has a land line telephone, TV or uses the internet. The technology used with FIOS is fiber optic cable, which itself, is superior to coax cable which is presently utilized by Comcast. The installation for FIOS is more complicated than that for Comcast. It consists of an ONT (Optical Network Terminal), a power supply for the ONT and a battery backup for the land line telephone in case of a PECO power outage. In

# Verizon FIOS Transition

is similar to your Comcast or personally owned router except for one major feature. It doesn't include a modem or need one. The ONT, along with the router, replaces the modem. The router should be placed in an area of the home that is central to your wireless device use. If it's placed too far away from where you use your wireless devices, you may experience slow internet speeds or worse dropped connections. Work with your Verizon installer to pick an ideal location to install the router. A desktop computer that is connected to your present router with a cable may be a good location to con-



The Verizon installer will have to find an ideal location which consists of a good wireless signal for all your devices, a nearby wall coax connector and an electrical receptacle to power the router.

"FIOS tips" which offers additional information learned along the way.

We will discuss FIOS at our February meeting on **February 20** at 7 p.m. upstairs in the Community Center.

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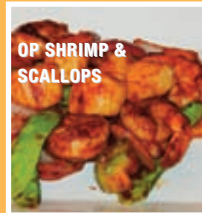
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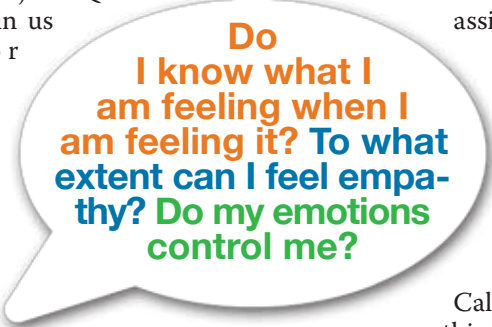


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We will meet from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on March 14, 21, 28 and April 4 at a location (TBD) within Hershey's Mill. HM resident Bonalyn Mosteller, Ed.D., will facilitate these sessions. She has taught communication skills,

psychology and specifically, Emotional Intelligence, for decades in corporate and non-profit settings. Contact her at \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to learn more. HM resident Terry Marran, \_\_\_\_\_, will also assist at this workshop.

Come join us for a rich time of sharing and learning together! In truth, we are never too old to learn!

MONDAY NIGHT FILM SERIES

Lynne Urian | Merrifield

Calling all Movie Buffs! Come on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. to the upstairs room at the Community Center where we screen a film and follow up with a lively discussion.



On Monday February 19th, we will screen "The Illusionist" (2007-PG13). Set in the late 1800's, master magician Eisenheim, (Edward Norton) returns to his childhood home of Vienna for a series of magic shows and unexpectedly reunites with his childhood sweetheart (Jessica Biel), who inconveniently is engaged to marry the powerful and cruel crowned prince of Austria.



"The Illusionist" is part romance, part mystery, part crime drama and is just the sort of film to get lost in on a cold winter's night!

The Monday Night Film Series is a great way to have an enjoyable evening out, see a wide variety of terrific films, and it's a wonderful way to meet and make new friends! It's free and open to everyone at Hershey's Mill. There's no need to make a reservation, but we'd like to know if you are coming so we'll know how to set up the room. If you'd like to come, or if you'd like more information, please call Lynne Urian at \_\_\_\_\_, or email her at \_\_\_\_\_. Hopping to see you "at the movies!"

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Tom Fant | Yardley

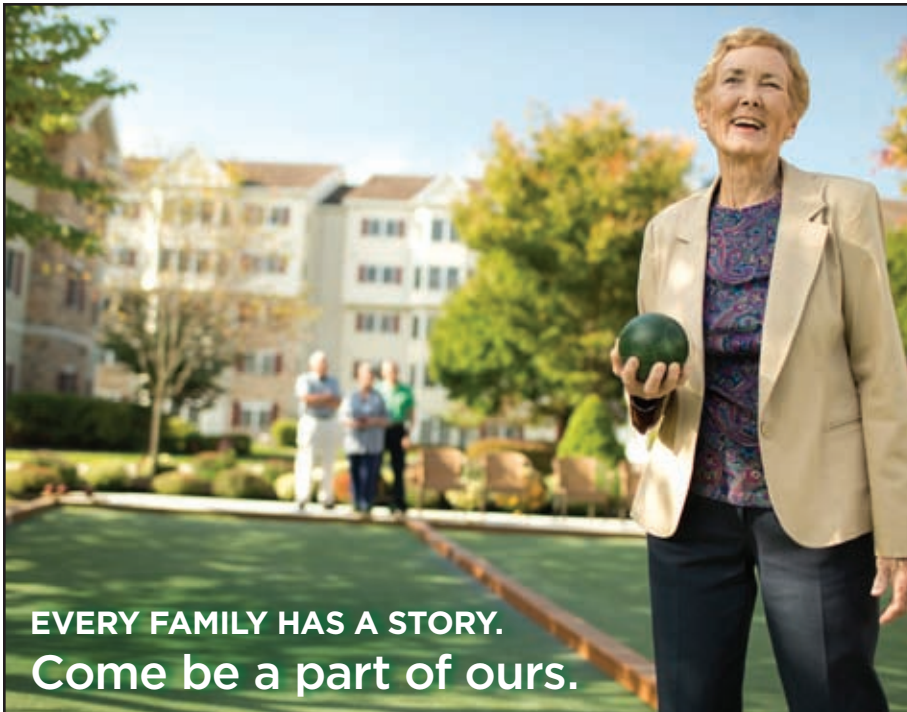
Rick Blankley, of Princeton, played Father Christmas to the Fant grandsons, Wyatt and Sam, plus father, Terry, on the Saturday before the Big Day.

It seems the Fant boys, ages 2 and 4, minus older brother Jake, had done it all: Santa visit, prekindergarten class show, mall visit with Mom, Megan, and a stop at the Sugartown Museum. The boys were having a very "squirmy day" with all the Christmas hype, but nothing to fill in the slow time prior to Christmas Eve. PopPop



(me) hears about their problem from son Terry. Ah ha! PopPop remembers a comment from Hershey's Mill neighbor, Rick, at a Wayne Farmers Market coffee chat group. Rick, a Hershey's Mill Model Railroader and occasional "Engineer", was overheard saying, "If any of the younger ones in the family want to see something special, give me a call, and I'll give them the nickel tour at the top of the Sullivan House".

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**COMMUNITY NEWS (continued)**

Terry and I met a little before Rick arrived. The kids were as advertised, all wound up. We toured the entire lower two floors of Sullivan House and visited a number of nicely decorated Christmas trees plus a neat “Snoopy” music box that played Christmas music for the boys. Then our host walked in and took the four of us topside. Wow, what a layout, 3 rooms full! The “squirmers” were mesmerized for some 45 minutes as Rick put the trains through their paces. Rick’s accompanying narrative was terrific for Terry and me with plenty of train history dating back before the changeover from steam to diesel powered locomotives. Included in the miniature scenery, what else, a copy of the original Hershey’s Mill, rotary mill and all.



When we thanked him for saving the day, Rick’s comeback was, “All the thanks I need is if I have something to do with seeing two little guys’ eyes light up. I loved it!”

**REAL ESTATE RESULTS**

*Lynn Carter | Wagner*

Dear HM Friends and Neighbors - “Happy New Year to one and all”

Real estate sales made for a wonderful 2017 year in **Hershey’s Mill**; in fact, it was the best in the past five years. As reported in the Multiple Listing Service, there were 135 properties sold. And five more scheduled to settle in January, 2018. This is **great news**.

The selling prices ranged from just under \$100,000 for a small one bedroom to over \$700,000 for one of the newest properties in Zephyr Glen Village. Sales netted just over \$47 million in 2017 and averaged about 2 months on the market. As mentioned in previous articles, prices and speed of sale are unique to the locale and vary based on the condition, location and price point

As we look forward to 2018, we can expect these upward sales trends to continue based on the economic outlook including Wall Street, low unemployment data and, most recently the holiday retail sales data. We started 2018 with 42 properties on the active market and as

we approach the “Spring market”, our best market, starting after the Super Bowl, we anticipate a lot of activity.

So, if you are planning a home relocation, it is always wise to get started early. Declutter, make your home sparkling clean and bright and get rid of extra furniture and accessories that you don’t use and won’t need in your next home

The Master Association is planning two Community Wide Open Houses, on May 20 and October 21, 2018.

May I say **Thanks** to **ALL** who help make **HM** an awesome place to live, one that has value and an abundance of friendships.

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Jack Keeley | Franklin

Hershey's Mill does not currently have a fitness center as an amenity. With the huge growth of the Hershey's Mill

**Some advantages of offering a fitness center at The Mill:**

Even though there are 4 or 5 commercial fitness centers within a 15 minute drive of The Mill, some residents and

# A Fitness Center At The Mill?

Sports Group, it seems that many of our residents are very concerned about staying fit. Of the 55+ communities in our geographic region, all offer fitness centers, with the exception of Hershey's Mill.

potential residents prefer an on-site fitness center, especially during inclement weather. An on-site fitness center would be very convenient. Also some seniors feel uncomfortable exercising in commercial "public" locations.

Currently one needs to leave our community and pay to join an outside center. There would be no fee to utilize our fitness center.

Fitness centers and sports activities are becoming more important to the boomer generation that is looking at Hershey's Mill as a place to downsize.

We are getting asked more often at our community open houses if we have a fitness center. Real estate

People requiring rehab after an accident or health issue could also utilize our fitness center. Some rehab specialists could meet you at this facility.

**Other comments/clari- fications:**

None of the other 55+ communities staff their centers.

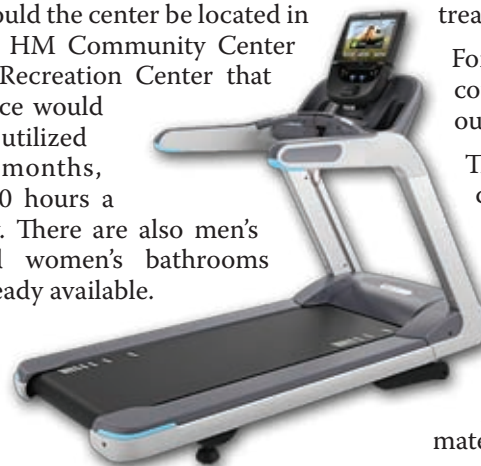
The most common exercise machines utilized at 55+ community



people are hearing "push-back" on our lack of a fitness center.

Being able to advertise a fitness center would round out our amenities and position us equal to our competitors.

A fitness center would increase utilization of our existing facilities. Should the center be located in the HM Community Center or Recreation Center that space would be utilized 12-months, 8-10 hours a day. There are also men's and women's bathrooms already available.



centers are ellipticals and treadmills.

For safety and security, a camera could be installed and monitored by our Security Department.

The top two providers of commercial-type fitness equipment, Precor and Life Fitness, felt for a 55+ community like ours, we could start with four treadmills and two ellipticals and then add additional equipment as required. The cost for the six commercial grade machines would be approximately \$30,000.

Another possibility would be to include a fitness center in the Wood Shop's proposed expansion.


A Mill fitness center would keep people on site, enhancing our community involvement philosophy.

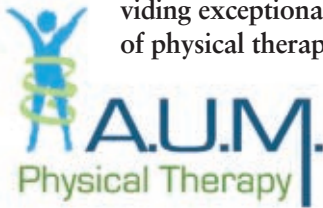
The BOD will be looking at two questions:

- (1) If approved, would the cost(s) come from the MA Reserve Fund?
- (2) Would there be any impact to the quarterly MA fee?

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## CLUB NEWS

### HERSHEY'S MILL KNITTING CIRCLE

*Ruth Schick | Chatham*

It might be the middle of winter, but that is no reason to feel house bound. If you are a knitter or crocheter,

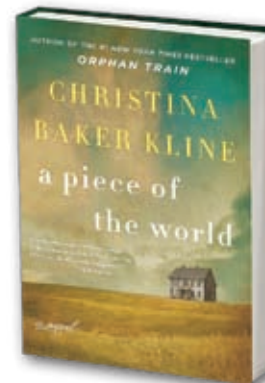


gather up your project and join the Hershey's Mill Knitting Circle. We meet on **Thursdays** from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Paoli Room of the HM Community Center. In addition to doing our own work, when we are able to help, we are happy to assist people with their knitting and crocheting problems. For information about the Knitting Circle, contact Bernice Soffer at

### BOOK CLUB

*Carol Barkovsky | Eaton*

Joan Eaves will lead the discussion on **Thursday, March 8**, at 2 p.m. in Sulivan House on *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline. The author interweaves fact and fiction in a powerful novel that illuminates a little-known part of America's history. Bringing into focus the flesh-and-blood woman behind the portrait, inspired by



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### APPLE & MACINTOSH CONNECTION

*Carol Campanelli | Ulster*

On **February 10**, the Main Line Macintosh Users Group (MLMUG) will hold their monthly 2nd Saturday meeting, starting at 9 a.m., at our HM Community Center. There is no charge, all are welcome, and coffee and tea are available. The Special Interest Groups (SIGS) meet



in break-out rooms from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and offer Basic, Multimedia, and Advanced OS & IOS help. Following a brief break after the SIGS, Bob Barton will speak about "Drones, Now and Future".

The regular 4th Saturday Newer User's Group will meet in the Cove on **February 24**, from 10 a.m. to noon. Refreshments will be available. Contact Carol

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## CLUB NEWS (continued)

Campanelli receive email meeting reminders. An email will be sent by 9:30 a.m. in the event of a weather cancelation.

to our favorite songs to sing, and each selection adds more positive energy to the room. Just watching the enthusiasm of our accompanists as

### PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

*Carol Poling | Oakmont*

HMPC meetings are on the second Monday of every month at 2 p.m. in the Paoli Room of the HM Community Center, September through June. We do not meet in July and August. Call me, Carol Poling, or Michael Rackover, if you have any questions. Hope to see you at our next meeting.

### PINOCHLE CLUB

*John Birch | Heatherton*

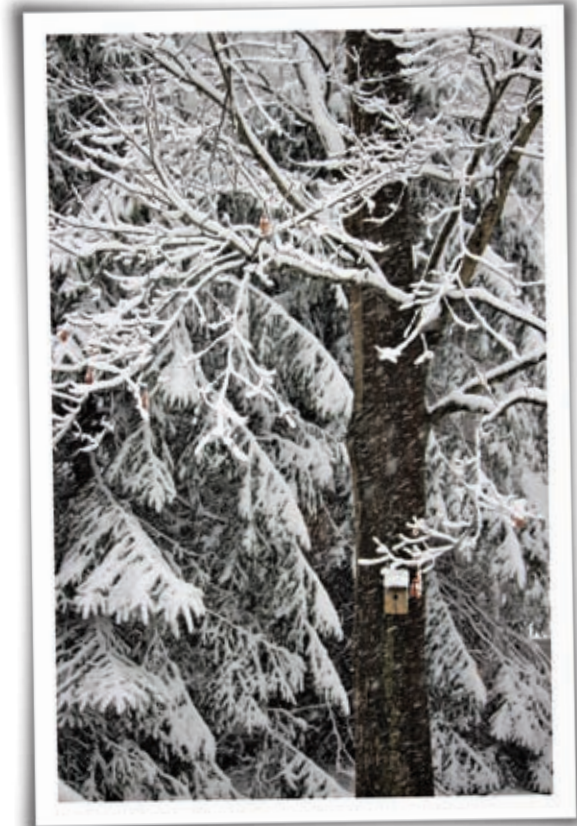
The Pinochle Club meets every Tuesday at 1 p.m. The ladies play at Sullivan House, while the men play in the HM Community Center. For additional information about the lady's game, feel free to contact Erna Graham, . Contact Mike

Brindisi, for details on the men's group.

### CASUAL SINGING GROUP

*Sally Thompson | Franklin*

Warm up your winter with singing! Now is the time to enjoy the companionship of fellow singers to help get you through the cold and dreary days of February. We take turns picking out



Snow photo by Carol Poling of Oakmont



they strum away is enough to make us smile! Come join us and see what we mean. You'll be glad you made an effort to come! We sing on the **first Thursday** of every month at 7 p.m. on the top floor of the  
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## CLUB NEWS (continued)

HM Community Center. You would be welcome to come whether it is once a year or every month.

### COMPUTER CLUB

Don Trauger | Kennett

PC Club meetings are open to all regardless of computer expe-



Whether it's the Casual Singing Group, the PC Club (shown), or other great activities, the HM Community Center probably has something special you'll enjoy!



rience. If you have any Windows questions, be sure to attend on the **third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.** Our next meeting will be on **February 20th**, upstairs in the HM Community Center.

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**Scott Martin | Assistant General Manager**

What's happening at the Golf Club over the winter? Does all activity come to a halt? Is it merely an excuse to give our loyal staff a few weeks off? No, because during the slow winter months, the Club may be dark but things are hap-

pening. The staff, of course, enjoys some deserved time off while minor and major work is being done to the golf course, as well as to the Clubhouse. As of this printing, no work has been approved for the "Outside", but a number of improvements

have been suggested by the Board and hopefully will be approved for 2018. Much of the recommended work can be done over the winter months. Every winter, trees have been removed and cart paths repaired. Recent years have seen major work on eight holes, with improvements to bunkers using the

# Inside And Out

matrix method, greens, and cart paths to continue giving our members an enjoyable and fair golfing experience.



There have also been major renovations done "Inside" over the winter such as expansion to the bar area, renovation of the entire interior of the Clubhouse and a large facelift in the locker rooms and pro shop.

pening. The staff, of course, enjoys some deserved time off while minor and major work is being done to the golf course, as well as to the Clubhouse.

## February Club Activity

February 24 ..... Indoor Golf

*"Golf and life are a balance of commitment and letting go."*

### Golf Tip

All powerful golf swings have lag. Lag is basically the angle of the club shaft relative to the left forearm on the downswing. Here is a great drill which you can do indoors that helps you feel the proper lag in your downswing. With a short iron, flip it over and take your normal grip on the hosel. Next, find a wall (basement or garage preferably) and take your stance perpendicular to the

wall, a little more than an arm's length away. Now, from the top of your swing, in slow motion, start your downswing trying to keep the grip end of the club in contact with the wall for as long as possible. To create even more lag, keep inching closer to the wall. Recreate that feel on the range and the increase in power should be impressive.

**Matt Harvey, PGA**

Even though major renovations do not occur every year, there are still many less noticeable, but necessary, activities that happen during the shutdown. Every inch of the

shutdown is a perfect time to install any new kitchen equipment. The bar is inventoried and straightened up after a year's worth of Happy Hours.



Photo provided by Scott Martin

Club is cleaned in January. Walls are patched and painted after an accumulation of wear and tear. Chairs and tables are repaired, carpets are cleaned, and the stone foyer in the lobby is scrubbed. All kitchen items are cleaned, organized, and inventoried and the winter

So, even though the Club is closed for January and only open for weekends in February, much is happening behind the scenes to continue making your Club experience both "Inside and Outside" the very best for our members.

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 The teams practice?  
 The men's open tennis plays and how many courts they use?  
 The ball machine is in use or when the court is not in use?

the players in the group, can't make it? *I drove down three times for one match, and swore, "Never again!"*

**ROCO TO THE RESCUE**

Last year, the HMSG installed a computerized court/table scheduling system (ROCO) to resolve these issues. This new system provides reservation information so that everyone in The Mill can see when courts are in use, when there is open play, and when you can reserve

# ROCO



This print of a ROCO screen provided by Don Evons

I could go on and on, but I believe you get the point. Until last year, we had a manual system for reserving tennis courts. Now that we have almost 600 people participating in one sport or another, including bocce, pickleball and table tennis, shortage of courts has become a familiar problem. How many times have you gone to the courts, only to find them filled because residents reserved them ahead of time? Hopefully not too often, but when it does happen, it is most disconcerting. Have you ever tried to schedule a bocce match only to find the time slot is taken, and when you try to change it, one of

a court for your own event up to two weeks in advance. It also gives groups, who have weekly play, the opportunity to reserve their court(s) for the entire season. *ROCO to the rescue!*

Once you create a password, you can reserve courts on-line. Find ROCO information at "hersheysmill.org" under "Activities", "HMSG". Just think, you can sit at home and plan your schedule on your computer, just as you do for everything else. So many people all wanting to join in the fun! *ROCO to the rescue!*

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**BOCCE:** Clinic April 4th and 6th. League sign-ups start April 2nd.

**BOCCE:** League starts May 29th. Playoffs 1st week in September.

**TABLE TENNIS:** Tables are up weekends, starting Friday at 4 p.m.

**POOL (Billiards):** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 4 p.m.; Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

**SPRING SOCIAL:**

**SPRING HMSG MEETING:** Wednesday, May 9th.

**MEMORIAL DAY:** May 28th

**4TH OF JULY:** July 2nd

**DAVIS CUP:** August 4th

**LABOR DAY:** September 3rd

**FALL HMSG MEETING:** including elections for Vice President and Secretary.

**FALL SOCIAL:** September 29th at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club.

New this year, we are adding shuffleboard to the menu. This group offers "open play", meaning all are welcome, a

couple of times a week. Check ROCO for days and times.

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As my predecessor Carol Campanelli mentioned in last month's issue, I will be taking her place as chairperson of the Pool Board and Pool Committee. I've worked with Carol for the past several years on both committees.

The Pool Committee and I oversee several aspects of the pool's operation. For example, we organize a system of volunteers to greet residents and their guests as they enter the pool area. We try to keep the residents informed with posters, announcements, and photos of pool personnel and activities. We also oversee special events at the pool by hosting three or four special parties each season.

If you are planning to have a party at the pool next summer and want to

schedule it before the pool opens on Saturday, May 26, 2018, you can use our new pool party gmail address [hmpoolparty2018@gmail.com](mailto:hmpoolparty2018@gmail.com) to contact Karen Gibson. Karen is a member of the Pool Board and Pool Committee. She will answer your questions regarding the pool party contract forms you need to complete and help you to secure the date you want. After May 26, 2018, you can pick up the party contract forms at the pool, but you should still contact Karen Gibson at the gmail address given above.

I look forward to working with Carol Keith, Pool Manager, and helping to maintain the high-quality operation that the Hershey's Mill residents have come to expect.

In future issues I will continue to explain the purpose of specific pool

rules as Carol Campanelli started to help and cooperation to keep our pool do. We will need everyone's a safe and fun place to enjoy.



(Above) Enjoying family time at the pool are Linda Wiley of Lincoln (in the white shirt), her two daughters, and the joyful bundle of energy that is Elia.



(At right) Volunteer Barbara Mulvey of Devonshire (in the Salmon shirt) welcomes a resident, at the sign-in table, to another beautiful day at our Hershey's Mill Pool.

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