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Marc Fraser | Director of Security

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slippery walkways can be treated without having to first use those walkways to access the Ice Melt or Salt in your garage.

Also, for the safety of other drivers and pedestrians, please remember to clean

Mid-Winter Warning

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Programs	February 1-14 (7 p.m. show February 14 will not be shown)			
	10:00 am	4:00 pm	7:00 pm	12:00 am
<p>22 Park Avenue Orchestra Concert Our August Entertainment in the Park concert, 22 Park Avenue, is a high energy, 17 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>.</p>				
<p>Wellington and Hershey's Mill Facilities Use with Kathy Myers Discussion with Doug Buttner, Wellington Executive Director, about facilities shared between Hershey's Mill and Wellington, such as swimming pools, tennis courts, and fitness center.</p>				

For **Programs** and **Movies**, please go to **Channel 1970** (**Bulletin Board** information will appear only if neither offering is currently airing); for continuous **Bulletin Board** information, go to **Channel 1971**. To view **Programs online**, go to www.hersheysmill.org and navigate from TV & Digest to HMCTV to Original Programming. Follow the instructions there.

Movies	<p>February 1 to February 7, noon Death Becomes Her (PG 13) <i>Meryl Streep, Bruce Willis and Goldie Hawn</i> When a woman learns of an immortality treatment, she sees it as a way to outdo her long-time rival. [Run time 1h 43m]</p>
	<p>February 7, 8:30 p.m. to February 14, noon The Elephant Man (PG) <i>John Hurt and Anthony Hopkins</i> A true story about a man, in Victorian England, who was disfigured by an incurable disease and works as a sideshow freak. There he meets a surgeon who helps him. [Run time 2h 4m]</p>

12:45 am - 10:00 am	10:45 am - Noon	Following the Noon movie until 4:00 pm	Bulletin Board
4:45 pm - 7:00 pm	7:45 pm - 8:30 pm	Following the 8:30 pm movie until Midnight	

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Programs	February 15-28			
	10:00 am	4:00 pm	7:00 pm	12:00 am
<p>Good Foot Concert in the Park These great musicians have fun playing together, and their fun is contagious. If you like Dance Music, R&B, Motown, Oldies, Rock, 80's, 90's, and some current hits, you will enjoy this music from the July concert.</p>				

Movies	<p>February 14, 8:30 p.m. to February 21, noon All About Steve (PG 13) <i>Sandra Bullock and Bradley Cooper</i> An off-the-wall comedy about a blind date gone hilariously wrong. [Run time 1h 39m]</p>
	<p>February 21, 8:30 p.m. to February 28, noon Lord of the Dance (PG) <i>Michael Flatley, and Bernadette Flynn</i> Since its premiere, Lord of the Dance has been captivating audiences and critics all over the globe. [Run time 1h 33m]</p>

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TECHNOLOGY TIPS

Don Trauger | Kennett

You may have heard the term, but what is it? It's a specialized form of malware that takes control of your computer and encrypts (locks) your personal files. Unlocking those files requires you to pay the hackers in Bitcoin which is

Click the white icon in the lower left corner of the screen then click the "gear" icon (second icon above the white icon). This will open the Settings window. Next, click "Update & Security" and click "Windows Security" on the left. At the top, click "Open Windows Defender Security Center". Click

Ransomware



"Virus & threat protection". Scroll to the bottom and look for "Ransomware protection" and "No action needed". If you see it, you are set. If you don't see it click the little up arrow to the right of "Windows Defender Antivirus options" and turn on "Periodic scanning". "Ransomware protection" should now appear 1 item above.

a digital form of currency also known as cryptocurrency. After you pay them, often thousands of dollars of Bitcoins, they may give you the key (password) to unlock the files. To say the least it's a bad situation.

The preceding information is based on using another anti-virus such as Bitdefender Free (my choice) or Avast. Other anti-virus programs may have similar results. If using Windows Defender as your only anti-virus program the procedure is slightly different. Click "Ransomware protection" and turn on "Controlled folder access".

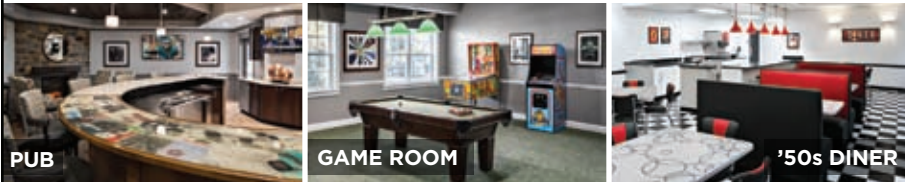
Ransomware has been around for a long time. This has given anti-virus companies time to improve their detection of Ransomware. For home users detection is comprised of the usual anti-virus methods plus a vaccination applied to your personal Documents, Pictures, and Music folders. Different anti-virus companies may alter the approach of how this is accomplished. They embed the protection deep into the Windows operating system but we can easily check to see if it's working properly.

The combination of another antivirus program and enabling "Periodic scanning" is the best protection against ransomware.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Louise O'Brien | Springton

Our friend and devoted volunteer to HM Community TV, Bill Armstrong passed away peacefully at Wellington on December 18. Bill served the HM Community TV faithfully for many years, answering the phones on Mondays and taking an active part in the production of the yearly Resident Directory.

Bill, born in Philadelphia, had two sisters, Elizabeth and Dorothy. His mother was a school teacher

for Clark Material Handling Co. He received the highest sales award, "The Inner Circle". His success as a salesman earned him many trips, which he enjoyed, since he loved to travel, especially cruises. He also looked forward to traveling with his Marine buddies to their Marine reunions. One of his favorite trips – all by train – took him to Oregon to visit his sister. He boarded

Russell W. "Bill" Armstrong Jr.

Bill pictured in the Sunday Bulletin Magazine back in his Willow Grove days.



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the train in Malvern and went to Oregon and back by train.

Bill was married to his wife, Joan Meloney Armstrong, for 47 years and they had two children, Jeffrey and Joan. Sadly, Jeffrey died of ALS but his death encouraged Bill to become a volunteer for the Greater Philadelphia

and stressed education. Bill attended Friends Central High School and then Lafayette College. While at Lafayette College, Bill joined the Navy, received his wings and was commissioned a second Lieutenant, USMCR. He joined the Marine Air Reserve and spent 29 years at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove as Commanding Officer of VMF-511, flying the Vought F-8 Crusader; a single-engine, supersonic, carrier-based air superiority jet fighter. Colonel Armstrong retired with over 33 years of service. During this time, Bill graduated from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

Chapter of ALS and Paoli Hospital. He combined his love of golf with raising money for ALS research by hosting a golf tournament each year. Bill was active in the Lions Club, Little League, Willow Grove Historical Aircraft Association and St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley.

Following his active military career and during his Reserve service, Bill was the Eastern Regional Marketing Manager

There are so many organizations, friends, neighbors and the staff at HM Community TV, especially Petra Larson who will really miss this warm, engaging gentleman.

Eileen Rackover | Franklin

A Highly Unusual Interview – Sami wants to tell his life story, from his Elkins Park roots to

Not even a kitchen drawer could be open if it was closed previously. I like to think I was just very observant, letting them know something was wrong with the room. Teddy just looked over his shoulder as he strutted through the kitchen making me realize I was being a bit over the top (as he would say). Ted also taught me to like water. Although he would never step foot in a muddy stream, he made an exception – but just once so I could know my origins as a water dog. He strutted up to the water, sniffed, stepped in



(Above) We know who lives here!

(At right) Boys at the beach with Eileen.

(Below) Sami enjoying the beach.



his years at Hershey's Mill with Eileen & Michael Rackover. And so he began:

"I taught them everything they know about peaceful co-existence between people and poodle. Well, this Standard, anyway. When I first came to their home, I was 14 weeks old and very sad and scared to be apart from my littermates. But, to my surprise, there was another furry in the house! In walked Teddy, Scottish debonair personified. My inhibitions melted as this 7-year-old terrier assured me that these people are kind, and as Dog #1, he would teach me all there was to know about life in the big house.

"Back in puppyhood, if I entered a room, it had to look exactly as before.

feeling the cool, and looked over his shoulder inviting me to try. Since that day, nothing could stop me from sloshing around in muddy water."

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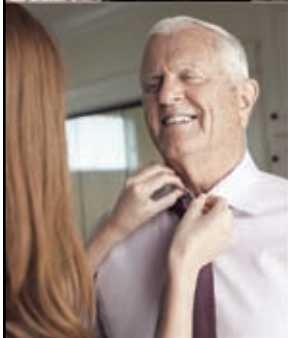
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PET OF THE MONTH (continued)

Sami stops jabbering long enough for Eileen and Michael to share their experience with this very sweet apricot poodle.

They agreed that Ted was the family ambassador when they moved to Franklin Village 9 years ago and he prepared Sami to carry on in his friendly footsteps. Although initially very shy with people, Sami overcame his reticence and loves to be out and about visiting neighbors. Sami never meets a dog he doesn't like; even those not usually friendly are greeted by him and play begins. Sami is especially happy outside. Nothing is better than being with the furrries – especially his look-alike girlfriend, Ginger, who lives in Princeton. They visit for playdates and Sami proves his quirkiness once again as he joyously plays with Ginger's toys.

At home, no toy playing for him. He likes her toys better.

You may have seen either Eileen or Michael trying to move Sami along as they head home up Chandler. At some point, he will plant his feet and not move --- or move so slowly it's like watching slow-motion action. Neighbors enjoy watching these antics but Eileen and Michael, not so much.

This may sound that Sami is difficult to live with but truly Eileen and Michael love this pooch and all his idiosyncrasies. He keeps life interesting and the conversation going with his gentle yips for treats, his louder "grummpf" for walks, and his wide-eyed smiley face when he's just having a happy thought. So, now we know that Sami did "teach them everything they know" about this Standard anyway.

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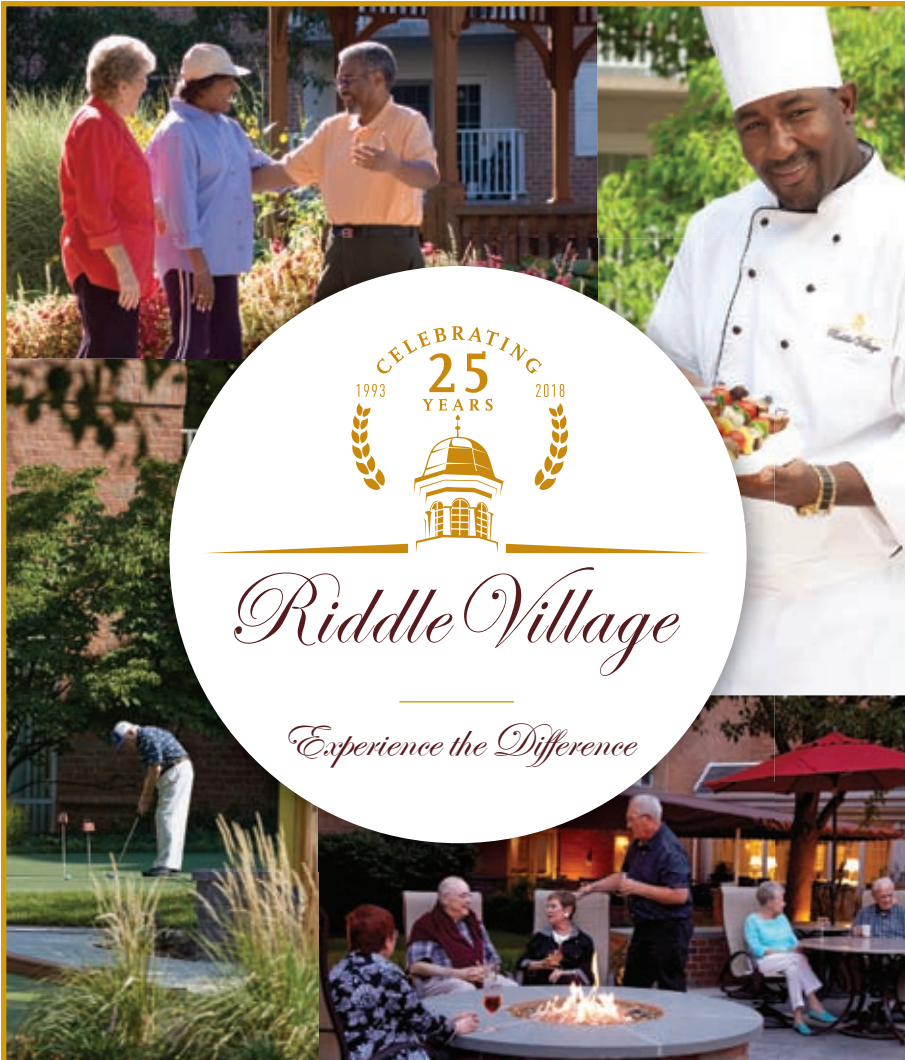
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LOCAL HISTORY

Joe Kennedy | Princeton

He is considered by music historians as one of the most important composers of 20th century modern classical music. His work "is eminently melodic, listenable, lyrical and rich." And he is a two time winner of the Pulitzer Prize for music.

His name is Barber – Samuel Barber.

Born in West Chester, PA on March 9, 1910 into a



dal, and *Music for a Scene of Shelley*, the last two of which established his reputation.

His work became popular in Europe as well as in the United States where he was ranked as a leading composer. *A Symphony in One Movement* (1936) was the first piece by an American performed at the Salzburg Music Festival in Austria. During the pre-World War II era, his *String Quartet* (1936), the second movement called *Adagio for Strings*, became his most popular lyrical work.

During the period 1924 to 1934, he studied voice, piano and composition at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia.

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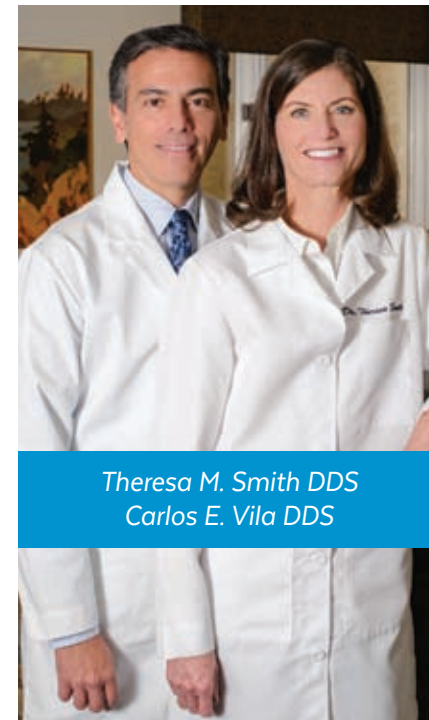
Barber's post-war compositions included Piano Sonata (1948) and Vanessa (1958). The later work won his first Pulitzer Prize for music and the text for this work was written by his old friend, the librettist, Gian Carlo Menotti. It is considered the most significant American opera of the 20th century. In 1960 he again teamed up with Menotti for the opera A Hand of Bridge.



His 1963 Piano Concerto #1 was his second Pulitzer Prize making Barber the first composer to win the prize twice.

A notable work was the opera Antony and Cleopatra (1964) that was commissioned by the Metropolitan Opera for the opening of the new home at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City.

Barber died on January 23, 1981 and is buried in Oaklands Cemetery in West Chester. He never forgot where he was from.



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Gail Habbersett | Eaton

My husband and I finally decided to satisfy our curiosity about this new restaurant only 21 minutes from Hershey's Mill. I admit that we were moti-

Once inside, we were immediately impressed by the casual yet chic atmosphere. We observed couples and families, many in jeans, as our hostess seated us in a small booth amidst other larger booths, some tables for four as

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vated by a promotional gift certificate that was about to expire. It takes

a bit of a carrot, no pun intended, for us to venture into the King of Prussia Mall area. In actuality, at 5:30 p.m. on a Sunday evening, we secured front-row parking in this venue just off the Boulevard.

well as round tables of eight. While Alexander's does not offer a separate "party room", they do provide room for groups of 30 in the second tier seating area. Because the tables are nicely spaced and the acoustics well balanced,

we felt comfortable holding a private conversation. The bathrooms, by the way, are spa inspired.

at dinner we received a complimentary basket of two made-from-scratch croissants drizzled with sweetness. We

devoured them with our meal and saved just enough room for their carrot cake. Its presentation was lack luster, but omgosh, the single layer, super-



The avocado bomb was artistically presented and such a palate pleaser we will go back for more! Hopefully they'll include those yummy rolls too.

Photo by Gail Habbersett

Logistics aside, let me just say, right off, that we were so impressed with the food that we purchased gift cards for others in our family. Two signature dishes clinched it for us. We started with the Avocado Bomb; comprised mainly of avocado, cooked crab, raw tuna, and masago served with unagi sauce and crisp tortilla chips on the side. My husband said, "I would come back just for that"! I have never been a fan of raw fish, but I had to agree with him.

For our entrees, Gary chose the halibut special and I selected their signature barbeque baby back ribs. The fish and accompanying sides were delicious and well portioned. My ribs, served with yummy French fries and Southern cole slaw, were the best I've ever had. The meat nearly dissolved off the bone and the plum sauce was finger-licking good! I had to save some just so I had some leftovers for the next day.

Dessert was not optional – we were now on a roll. Oh, speaking of roll,

moist cake was served warm and gooey, melt-in-your-mouth delicious!

How nice that this restaurant also provided warm finger napkins. After sticky croissants, ribs and carrot cake, they were welcomed. We felt pampered. Our waitress, Megan, was a perfect example of staff that is exceptionally sensitive to their clientele. We were also welcomed by the manager and assured by our gracious server that if we did not enjoy our entrees that he would gladly replace them with another.

I invite you to google this restaurant to peruse their diversified menu, including kids' meals. Alexander's Restaurant in KOP is open: Mon-Thursday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m.-9 p.m. with Guest Appreciation (Happy) Hour Monday thru Friday 4-7 p.m. in the Pub. Snowbirds – hope you've already discovered that there are six J. Alexander's in Florida. Please let us know if they can compete with ours in King of Prussia!



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Reading Royals Hockey

Saturday, February 2, 2019

Cost: \$35
Departs: 5:15 p.m.
Contact: Marc Fraser

Children age 8 and older are welcome! Join us as we travel to the Santander Arena in Reading, PA to experience some hockey action as the Reading Royals, minor league hockey affiliate of the Philadelphia Flyers, take on the Manchester Monarchs 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 Flyers

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Cost: \$75 (including admission) or \$17 for bus only
Departs: 4:45 p.m.
Contact: Marc Fraser

Children age 8 and older are welcome! Enjoy NHL hockey at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia, as the Philadelphia Flyers face off against the Buffalo Sabres at 7 p.m. As an added bonus, the Flyers are offering \$1 soft pretzels this evening! Riding on the HM Bus allows you to avoid costly parking fees and driving in Philadelphia traffic. Enjoy

center ice, upper level seating for \$75, or you can purchase other tickets on your own, or with the assistance of the trip leader, and ride the bus for \$17.

SERIES TRIPS

2018 - 2019 Walnut Street Theatre Series - WAIT LIST ONLY

Thursday & Saturday Matinees

Cost: \$47.00 per show
Departs: 12:30 p.m.
Contact: Adele Juzi (Thursdays) & Joan Stanek (Saturdays)

The Walnut Street Theatre's 210th Anniversary Season includes the following shows for both the Thursday Matinee and Saturday Matinee Series:
Thursday 1/31/19 & Saturday 2/9/19 - "A Comedy Of Tenors"
Thursday 3/28/19 & Saturday 4/5/19 - "Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-Time"
Thursday 5/30/19 & Saturday 6/8/19 - "Legally Blonde: The Musical"
 We are collecting names for the Wait List, as vacancies frequently become available for individual shows.

2018 - 2019 Philadelphia Orchestra

Friday Evening Series

Cost: \$18.00 (Single Date, Bus Only) + Performance Admission
Departs: 6 p.m.
Contact: Ann Seraphin

Please join us for a new exciting season with our wonderful orchestra. Brief program summaries and dates are:
Friday, February 8, 2019: Cristian Macelaru conducts Rodrigo, Falla, and Ravel, with the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet.
Thursday, February 28, 2019: Nathalie Stutzmann conducts Haydn and Beethoven, with Benja-

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.

Refunds are only granted if (1) the trip is canceled, or (2) the trip has a wait list from which another passenger can fill the vacated spot.

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

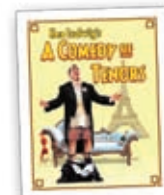
The Hershey's Mill Bus Committee is always looking for more volunteers to help share ideas and plan bus trips! If interested, call Marc Fraser at 610-431-4006.



min Grosvenor on piano.
 NOTE: The bus leaves at 5:30pm on this one and only Thursday show.

Friday, March 29, 2019: Yannick Nezet-Seguin conducts Hannibal and Sibelius

Friday, June 21, 2019: Yannick Nezet-Seguin conducts Bernstein.



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FOUND Very rare (only one) gold, amethyst and pearl earring found in the Sullivan House dining room on December 13, 2018. Further examination identifies earring as genuine "H.G." and "1/20-12KT. Will be available in sealed unmarked envelope within Lost & Found box of Sullivan House butler's pantry closet beginning December 14.



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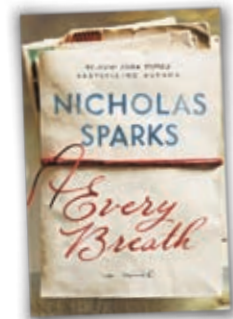
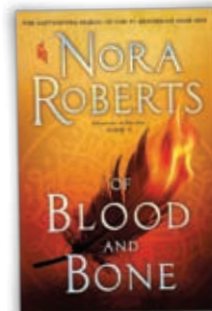
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HM LIBRARY

The library will be OPEN during Community Center renovations. Days and hours will remain the same. Our thanks to all who helped with this decision.

Our recent purchases are from Barnes and Nobles Best Seller List as well as The New York Times. Some popular titles are *Of Blood and Bones* by Nora Roberts, *Reckoning* by John Grisham and *Every Breath* by Nicholas Sparks.



In *Reckoning*, the setting takes place in the town of Clanton Mississippi, the same setting as his first novel, *A Time to Kill* published 30 years ago. In the novel, a WWII veteran guns down a Mississippi minister and leaves a small town reeling. The question is why did he gun him down?

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During the winter months it may become difficult for some residents to access the library so please call Angela Linden, 610-696-5374, and she will ask one of our board members to assist in obtaining desired books.

Our annual Book Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 7, and Sunday, September 8, at the Community Center. Please leave your donations at the library during regular library hours. Also remember that these donations should be gently used books, no text books or religious books. Children's books in good condition have been popular.



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"SHOWCASE of HOMES"

Lynn Mander | Devonshire

The Paoli Hospital Auxiliary requests that you save the date of **May 9** so that you may enjoy visiting selected homes here in Hershey's Mill. You will not want to miss this annual event. See forthcoming HM Digests for additional information.

PLAYERS

Barbara Trimble | Ashton

The Hershey's Mill Players' annual Holiday Party was held December 5 at the Golf Club. A fabulous time was had by all enjoying the great food, singing and dancing!

The 2020 play is in progress. The script writers are working diligently to come up with another successful play. In fact, after reading the first draft, this play has singing, dancing, humor, and a *mystery with a twist*. We are always seeking new members to assist with our productions. If interested, please contact Shauna Flynn at



HM CONCERTS

Jack Keeley | Franklin- Director of Advertising HM Community TV

HM Community TV is pleased to announce the 2019 concert dates as follows:

June 2 (rain date June 23)
Web Band of Brothers
Sponsored by Wagner Realty

July 14 (rain date July 21)
Good Foot
Sponsored by Brooklands audiology

August 4 (rain date Aug 25)
22 Park Avenue
Sponsored by Deb Dorsey - Berkshire

As you may realize, these are the same months, bands and supporters as 2018. All the sponsors and residents loved the bands and wanted them back for 2019.

A few of the HM Players belting out a tune in this photo from a past show. We hope you join us for the next!



MONDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Lynne Urian | Merrifield

Please come out of the cold and join us at 7 p.m. on Monday, **February 18**, in the main room, ground floor, of the Community Center. We will be showing *The Woman in Gold* (2015 PG-13). This is the incredible true story of the Gustav Klimt painting *The Portrait of Adele*



This community activity is a great way to have an enjoyable evening out. Come see a terrific film, and if you desire afterwards, stay for a brief discussion of the film. It's free and open to everyone at Hershey's Mill. If you'd like more information, please call Lynne Urian, Merrifield Village,

, or email her at

Hoping to "see you at the movies!"

Don't miss this great band as they again play for us at The Mill!



Bloch-Bauer. Helen Mirren and Ryan Reynolds star in this film.

IT'S AN EMERGENCY

Lee Dastur | Quaker

This is an addendum to an article in the January HM Guide and Digest. "911" now allows you to create a personalized "Safety Profile". If you go to www.smart911.com, you will be able to register the number of people and pets who live in your household, specific medical conditions, and where bedrooms are located. This information would clearly be helpful to responders in case of an emergency. I tried it, and found it easy to register. This information

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is available on the East Goshen Township website.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Ed Sweeney | Yardley

Cold winter! The hoses have been safely stored in the garden sheds while the water in the garden is shut off. The



(Above) Decked out for the holidays on the way to the gardens. (At right) A serene venue in the garden no matter what time of year. Photos by Ed Sweeney.

garden soil is resting and awaiting a great spring planting season. As usual, the sheds will be unlocked mid-March to accommodate the early birds standing by to start their spring onions. Jim DiCarlo, Yardley, and I wish everyone a relaxing winter and our thanks for all your help this past season.

HM REAL ESTATE RESULTS - END OF YEAR - 2018

Lynne Carter | Kennett

Happy New Year to one and all! 2018 was a good year for most in Hershey's Mill, especially with respect to the real estate sales. 123 properties sold as reported in the Multiple Listing Service and there are ten more that sold in 2018 and nine of these are scheduled to settle in



January, 2019. This is great news, we are off to a good start.

The selling prices ranged from \$112,000 for a small, one bedroom in Ashton Village to a large property in Springton that sold for \$600,000. Sales netted just over \$46 million in 2018 and averaged

83 days on the market. As mentioned in previous articles, prices and speed of a sale are unique to the locale and do vary based on the condition, location and price point.

As we look forward to 2019, we can expect these sales trends to continue based on the economic outlook. While some have described the 2018 year as turbulent from a financial and worldwide political perspective, it has been a stable one from a real estate view. We started 2019 with 32 properties on the market, two of which are under contract and working through the sale contingencies. As we approach the "Spring" market, which starts right 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 remove extra furniture and accessories that you don't use and/or won't need in your next home. Remember, **Less Is Better Than More.** You are selling a valuable asset, probably your single, highest valued asset, so this is important. It will be a **House, not your Home,** as you are selling the property, not your personal possessions. **Buyers** want to make it **their Home.** The Master Association is again planning Community Wide Open Houses, one on May 19, 2019 and one in October, 2019. Be sure to spread the word about how fabulous Hershey's Mill is.

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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



(At left) Ed appears very pleased to accept his new quilt.

(Below) From right: Carolyn Ferrandino, Regina Koch, Doris Taggart, Genny Gallagher, Sandy Deckard, Nancy Thoman, Marion Macky, and Diane King admiring completed quilt by Genny Gallagher.

or crocheter, gather up your project and join the Hershey's Mill Knitting Circle. We meet on **Thursdays** from 1-3 p.m. in the Paoli Room of the 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 our group, contact Ruth Schick at

NOTE: If the Paoli Room is closed for Community Center construction, contact Ruth Schick to find out where we are meeting.

QUILTERS CLUB

Diane King | Jefferson

The **Friday** quilt group is going strong. In appreciation for the work Ed Dvorak does for us year in and year out we decided it was time that he benefited from the fruits of our labor. We started in the summer and we were able to complete a beautiful blue quilt for him for Christmas. We love having new members join us!



APPLE & MACINTOSH CONNECTION

Carol Campanelli



The regular **fourth Saturday** Newer User's Group will meet on the second floor of the Community Center from 10 a.m to 12 p.m. on Febru-

ary 23. Refreshments will be available. Expert advice is free and available to all. Contact Carol Campanelli, carcamp1@comcast.net to receive email meeting reminders. Rene McNally is the contact in Hershey's Mill.

For additional help with your iPhone, iPad, or other Apple products check out the Main Line Macintosh Users website, www.mlmg.org, for information about their **second Saturday** meetings which are temporarily being held at the Luddington Library in Bryn Mawr.



PC CLUB

Don Trauger | Kennett

Join us Tuesday, **February 19** upstairs in the Community Center to learn from an experienced PC user about not only the topic of the month but also solutions or information related to our own areas of interest.

Editor's note: During a recent gathering, Don advised one of the attendees how to prevent his system from crashing by regularly running anti-virus and defragmentation programs. All in attendance benefited from several easy steps he demonstrated on the computer. We also learned

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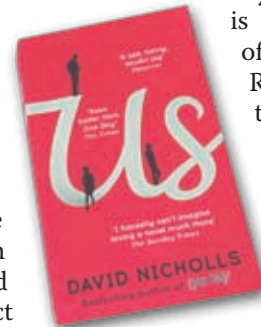
how to protect ourselves from errant Windows updates by controlling, through our settings, how and when updates are installed on our computers.

BOOK CLUB

Carol Barkovsky | Eaton

Please join us on **February 14** at 2 p.m. in Sullivan House as Gail Habbersett leads us in a discussion of *Us* by David Nicholls, a love story perfect for Valentine's Day!

Please prepare to join us on Thursday, **March 14** at 2 p.m. in Sullivan House as Elaine Merhar leads us in a discussion of *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. Inspired by a true story, two families, generations apart, are forever changed by a heartbreaking injustice. In 1939, twelve-year old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings



orphanage. Despite assurances that they will be returned to their parents, they quickly realize that the truth is much darker. At the mercy of the facility's cruel director, Rill fights to keep her siblings together.

HERSHEY'S MILL PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB (HMPC)

Carol Poling | Oakmont

The HMPC would like to remind everyone that we have a show hanging at the Greyhound Café, located in the shopping center at Route 401 and Business Route 30, until the end of the month. Please stop by, get a bite to eat and support your fellow residents. The photos are reasonably priced for sale.

Our next show will be in March at the BB&T Bank located in the Giant parking lot near Wellington.

Our upcoming topic for February is portraits. Contact Michael Rackover or Carol Poling for more details.

These four reindeer were created for Oakmont by Bob Milano. Photos by Carol Poling.



live a magical life on their family's Mississippi River shanty boat until their father has to rush their mother to the hospital. Left alone, the children are seized and thrown into a Tennessee Children's Home Society

MEMORY SCREENING

ARE YOU GETTING MORE FORGETFUL?

- Are you between the ages of 50 and 85?
- Do you find it harder to think, and to remember things over the last year?
- Are you forgetting recent events, but have no difficulty with events from long ago?
- Do people say that you repeat the same stories or ask the same question over and over?
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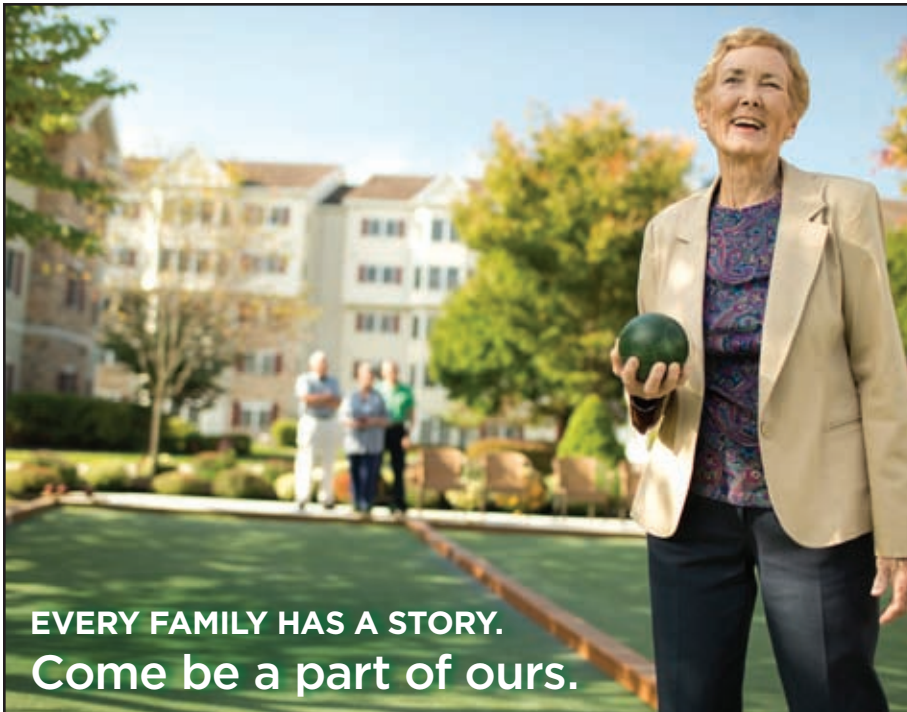
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POOL NEWS

Carol Keith | Kennett

As we mentioned in the last article, the pool has undergone major improvements over the winter. The pipes for the filtration system have been replaced which completes the upgrade of the filtration system, bringing it up to code. Also, much of the pool deck has been given a facelift.

Along with these mechanical improvements, we are improving the check-in process at the pool. Technology is changing many things in our lives allowing for better, easier record-keeping. How many times have you heard someone say “I wish I could get rid of all the paper clutter!”?

will be able to see your name and those of other residents in your house. With our unique address system, our records will be easy to create and maintain.



(At top) New accurate tile depth markers in place now.

(Above) Pool Manager, Carol Keith, checking on the project’s progress and getting feedback from a workman.

(At left) The pool gets a facelift.

(At bottom) Comparison between old and new pipes.

And, not to worry, your guest cards will still be valid; but going forward, you won’t have to remember your guest card since we will be able to load them into this new system.

We look forward to seeing everyone in just a few months!

We are implementing a new system called **Pool-Pass**, which will allow a simple check-in at the desk. You will be asked for your address and the desk

AMERICAN DREAM

As told by Tam Hguyen

Part 2 – We pick up the story from the January Guide and Digest at the start of Tam's English lessons.

The English sessions often began with the formal greetings of Americans when seeing each other, asking about health, weather, current events, etc. After practicing pronunciation to match the American standards, the next step in the conversation was often for her to ask me about what happened in Vietnam. I had a chance to tell her that after April 30, 1975, the South Vietnam government collapsed, and the Communist regime took over all of Vietnam.

The very strict administration caused millions of people to run away from communists by escaping to freedom, regardless of the risk to their lives. People who escaped through the jungle were raped and killed by police at the Cambodian border; people who got out by boat were robbed and harmed by Thailand pirates. No one knows how many Vietnamese met their deaths in the thick forest or out on the ocean. Only the people who were fortunate enough to get to freedom can be counted.

That was also the reason why my family had to leave the country, my aging mother, and my ancestors' tombs to seek freedom in a small boat.

The English classes continued weekly, and my English capability quickly improved. This improvement made the teacher buy an English dictionary and give it to me as reward, with a message on the inside cover.

After a few months working for the restaurant, one day the owner took all of my family out for brunch with



his family in Philadelphia's Chinatown. Seeing that my wife was a joyful, quick, and active person, he offered her a job as a waitress to work together with me.

The days passed smoothly, and a few months later I passed the driver license test and purchased a used car, it was a 1995 Ford. From that time on I did not have to wait at the bus station or for the owner to drive me home late at night anymore. My wife and I could use the car to go to work, and I was able to drive my wife and children to Chinatown, and stop at the Vietnamese supermarket to buy necessities. Sometimes we went to nearby cities, especially Washington DC, and visited the Statue of Liberty nearby New York.

My wife and I continued to help each other to work, save money and educate our children.

A little more than two years later we bought a restaurant business. It was a diner, and it looked like a train car, serving breakfast and lunch for American customers. The hours were 6:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M. I remember the cold days in winter, waking up when the alarm clock went off at 5:00 A.M, and then going down to the parking lot to scrape snow; that was miserable.

Tam and his wife posing.



Fortunately I had a spouse who knew how to take good care of the family and liked to do business. Husband as waiter, wife as cook, then husband as the chef and wife as waitress and so on in a mutual exchange. The work was hard and busy but there were also some happy times since we earned quite good money. As more and more customers came, In addition, the property owner wanted to sell the diner to a real estate investor who would transport it to Hollywood to use in the film business so we had to rent a new larger space in a new nearby shopping center to continue to grow the business.

On the grand opening day for the new restaurant, there were many loyal cus-

tomers waiting in line, and the environment was so animated and even happier than the festival. From a diner with 45 seats serving American food to now a new and higher level restaurant with 140 seats serving Chinese-Vietnamese cuisines, it was another new challenge. Because of our determination, and with the help from our children, all hardship was passed over.

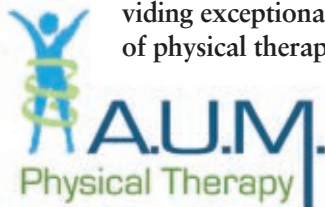
The business got better and better eventually, I hired more employees to help, and I focused on management. Because of my desire to extend my knowledge and improve my English, plus my interest in carrying books to school to set standards for my children, I decided to return to school at age 40. I registered for the evening classes, slept late and woke up early to study, and after 2 years, in the summer of 1993, I finished the Master of Business Administration degree.

Now, after more than 20 years of working continuously, 6 days a week, 10 to 13 hours a day, all my children at age 12 had to follow their parents to work on weekends and summers, continuing until their graduation from college. Today, my two sons have reached their education goals. The older one has opened a law office to help the Vietnamese in their legal matters, and the younger one has completed both a Ph.D and JD degree, and has been a partner for the other's law firm that specializes in intellectual property law. My wife and I also have 2 kindly daughters in law and 5 lovely grandchildren, we have come to our twilight ages and are doing the things we like to do (writing this article is an example), and we are living in a single home in the West Chester area that

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HMSG CLUB NEWS

Don Evons | Princeton

The HMSG has a great spring event planned for "everyone" in The Mill. *This means everyone*, not just sports people. It is planned for May 22 and May 23 just prior to the Memorial Day weekend. Yes, a two-day event. On day one visit, learn and socialize; day two "experience it". It will be advertised in



the May Digest and in this "Club News" section every month through May. There is something for everyone! We offer CPR, bocce, shuffleboard, bowling, tennis, pickleball and more. *How*

is that for variety? What is especially exciting is showcasing *things to do with your visiting grandchildren.* Wait until you see the incentive to attend. *Set the afternoon of: MAY 22 aside now.*

PICKLEBALL

Tom Fant | Yardley

Any Hershey's Mill residents want to come down to the courts and break the ice...literally?

Our winter pickleball play has picked up due to the "Frost Bite Gamers" led by Julie Herring, John McGinty, Kristin Doubet, Merrie Turley and Eric Valderrama. Eric, possibly The Mill's best player under any conditions, refers to this part of our season as "Ice Pickle". Cute, right? These senior athletes, plus a surprising number of brave cohorts, all play when the thermometer dips below 40. They bundle up in layers and prepare for low bounces and wind gusts. These gamers have to be ready to lend several players to the Platform Tennis (Paddle) activity next door a couple of days each week. No problem. We are all sisters and brothers in the Hershey's Mill Sports Group.

Here are the last six of your "One Dozen Pickleball Terms Starter Kit"

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Eric Valderrama of Yardley Village in a picture taken by Tom Fant.



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to go with first six listed in the December Guide & Digest:

Volley - To hit the ball before it touches the ground - "No Bounce Return". Important in the rules covering: 1) the shots from "the kitchen" and 2) first shot by serving side after return of service.

Half-volley - A type of hit where the player hits the ball immediately after it has bounced in an almost scoop-like fashion.

Lob - Hitting the ball in a high arc to the back of the opponent's court. Ideally designed to clear an opponent who has advanced toward the net.

Net serve - A serve that touches the top of the net and lands in the proper service court (it is replayed without penalty).

Sideline - The line at the side of the court denoting in- and out-of-bounds.

Side-Out - occurs when the serve moves to your opponent's side.

My source for the definition of all these terms can be found on line at Wikipedia.

By the way, have you heard about the "bring a friend" initiative coming soon? It involves the entire sports group and starts this spring with clinics and socials that are sure to be a lot of fun. Pickleball, as usual, will be a very popular part of the program.

Until then, bundle up and come on down to our newly resurfaced courts. Our winter schedule is every afternoon at 1 p.m., weather permitting, until April.

BIKING

Seth French | Yardley

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SHUFFLEBOARD

Roseanne Havird | Devonshire

The full history of shuffleboard is not known. In Europe, it has a history that goes back over 500 years. The game was played and gambled over by King Henry VIII of England who prohibited commoners from playing. Know-

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ing this about its history, I now know how to spice up the game at Hershey's Mill. Gamble on who will win or have a prize for winners. We'll work on that idea over the winter and get back to you. Ask three of your friends to join you at the courts in the spring!

SENIOR MEN'S TENNIS LEAGUE

Sergei Yurchak | Springton

Would you have liked to play at Wimbledon or Roland Garros? Well, now is your chance to play competitive



BOWLING

Doll and John Elwell | Non-residents

As we write this we are in the second half of our bowling season and competition is tough. We miss those who departed for warmer climates. Just like skiers and skaters, diehard bowlers will be at the Palace every Tuesday unless the dreaded nor'easter hits the area. Occasional bowlers or other league members can visit Tuesday mornings. We may just have



(Above) "Courtesy of International Tennis Hall of Fame & Museum"

an open spot you could fill for us. At this point, our individual high average bowlers are Pete Heinly and Joan Evans. Congratulations to you both!

tennis on similar surfaces, i.e., grass, clay, etc. The Senior Men's Tennis League is comprised of players from 10 tennis clubs throughout the area. An objective of the League is to provide competitive doubles matches for the players, typically five teams per match. If you are interested in playing in this venue come May, please contact me at



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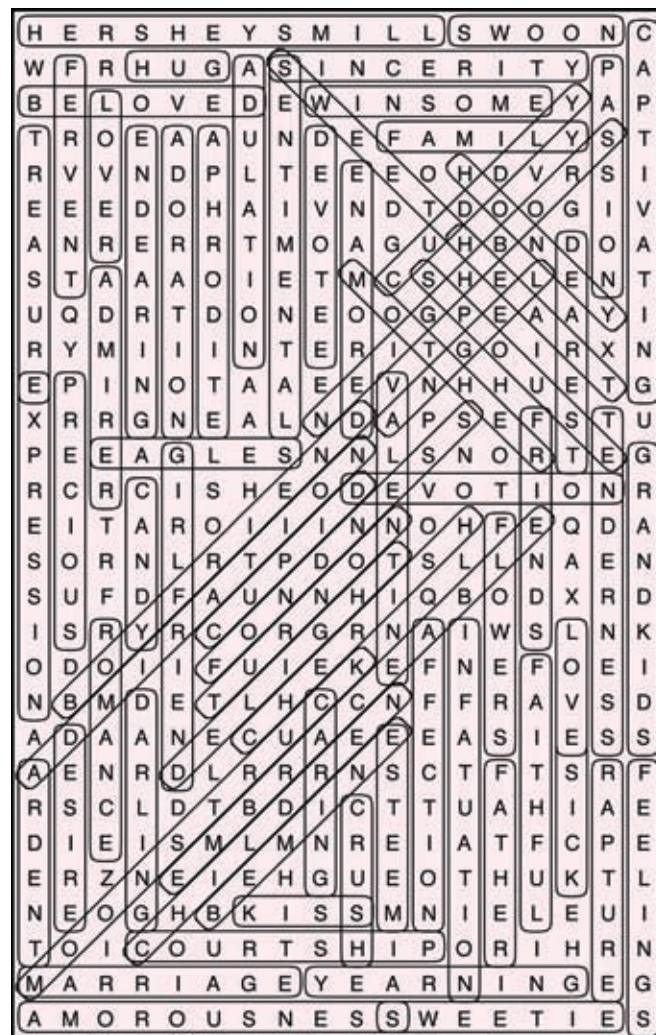
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PUZZLE SOLUTION

Now hang on just a minute there! As much as we would love to let you look at the puzzle solution this month, we really cannot until we are sure



you have at least attempted to solve the puzzle on your own. It is not us, mind you, it is policy for all puzzles that have to do with love. We thank you in advance, and hope you love our puzzle about love!



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Sweet Potato Hummus

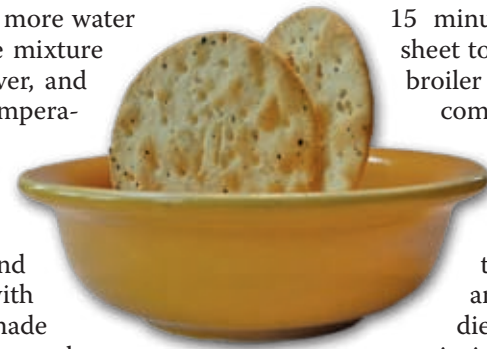
A bit sweet while retaining that traditional earthy flavor. It's hard to beat pita wedges as a dipper for this one!

- 1 large sweet potato
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1 15-oz. can chickpeas, drained
- 3 tablespoons tahini
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika, plus more for serving
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- 1¼ teaspoons salt

½ cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for serving

Pierce the potato a few times with a fork, place on a foil-lined baking sheet along with the cloves (unpeeled), and roast in a preheated 375°F oven for 15 minutes. Remove garlic, and continue roasting until a knife inserted into the potato meets no resistance (about another 45 minutes). Peel the potato and garlic, and place into a food processor with remaining ingredients. Pulse processor to start, scrape down sides, then run until the mixture is smooth. Check seasoning, adding a bit more salt if

needed, and a bit more water if too thick. Place mixture in wide bowl, cover, and let sit at room temperature for at least 30 minutes. Swirl top with spoon, drizzle liberally with oil, and sprinkle lightly with paprika. Can be made ahead and refrigerated, tightly covered and without final oil and paprika, but let come to room temperature before serving.



Charred Brussels Sprouts, Ricotta, and Bacon Dip

A slightly citrusy and subtly smoky dip to warm your tummy. A simple cracker works great for these complex flavors.

- 4 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 pound brussels sprouts
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- ½ cup plus 2 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese
- 1½ cups whole-milk ricotta cheese
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced
- 2 teaspoons finely-grated lemon zest
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

Place a rimmed baking sheet into a 500°F oven. In a skillet, fry the bacon until crisp, then add garlic and stir for 1 minute; remove both to paper to drain, and save 1 tablespoon bacon fat. Trim brussels sprouts, and thinly slice using food processor or sharp knife. Toss the slices with 2 tablespoons of the olive oil and ¼ teaspoon each of salt and pepper, and carefully spread them in an even layer on the hot baking sheet. Roast, stirring every 5 minutes, until there are lots of charred edges (about

15 minutes), then remove sheet to cooling rack. Turn broiler to high. In a bowl, combine ¾ cup parmesan, remaining oil and reserved bacon fat, 1 teaspoon salt and ½ teaspoon pepper, and remaining ingredients; mix well, then mix in bacon and garlic, and brussels sprouts. Spread

dip into a lightly-oiled 4-cup broiler-safe gratin dish, and sprinkle with the remaining parmesan. Broil until browned and warmed through, and serve hot. If making ahead, stop when dip is combined in the bowl, and refrigerate it tightly covered. When ready to serve, let come to room temperature, then complete recipe.

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- 2 garlic cloves, peeled
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon finely-grated lemon zest
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh oregano
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon each salt and pepper

Add all ingredients to a food processor, pulse processor to start, scrape down sides, then run until mixture has just a bit of texture. Place mixture in wide bowl, cover, and let sit at room temperature for at least 1 hour. Can be made ahead and refrigerated, tightly covered, but let come to room temperature before serving.

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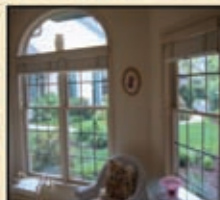
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