



Yardley Village News



April 2012

Message from the President

We have a winner!!!! Actually, we have three winners. It's just as well, what would one person do with \$640 Million. This way it's only a \$213 Million problem for each of them. Winning the lottery isn't necessarily the best thing that can happen to you. If you don't believe me, google "lottery horror stories" on the internet. They will help prove that money can't buy the things that really provide the greatest joys in life; in fact, sometimes it brings out the worst in people. Aren't we lucky we don't have to worry about that? We can all remain our wonderful selves without the temptations of wealth to lure us.

You may recall a flyer that I sent out by email in mid-March regarding the formation of the Hershey's Mill Sports Group chaired by Don Evons from Princeton Village. The group will oversee the more energetic activities of the Mill residents. These include Tennis, Paddle Ball, Pickle Ball, Shuffleboard, Horseshoes and hopefully Bocce in the near future (if the Master Association agrees to the construction of a court for this purpose). It's highly unlikely, however, that this will expand into Football and Hockey. There are approximately 130 Hershey's Mill residents currently participating in the combined sports groups and they are looking for as many more as possible. If you are interested in participating please contact Don Evons at dtevons@verizon.net. Don't be bashful or embarrassed by your lack of knowledge or proficiency at any of these games. Remember, "Practice makes Perfect" and there are willing teachers available.

This month's issue of the Hershey's Mill TV Guide & Digest includes a short bio of Harry Staller, who is President of Robynwood Village and President of the Master Association Board of Directors. The article,

as well as Harry's own comments, describes him very well and although a quiet, soft-spoken gentleman at all times, he is instrumental in keeping the Master Association on target and on an even keel. This is no small trick in a meeting of twenty-three village presidents. The article also includes a list of Harry's favorite restaurants which, for the most part, reads like the "haute cuisine" of the West Chester area. However, I would like to add my seal of approval to the one restaurant mentioned that doesn't fit this description. Roger's Bistro at 940 Boot Road, just above Rte 202, is a great place for a casual meal on a Monday or Wednesday when they usually run special prices and it's also a BYOB.

There was also another article in the same issue regarding Verizon phone service or lack of it. Marc Fraser, Director of HM Security, has requested that all residents with Verizon phone service contact him whenever they experience phone service interruptions. All that is required is your name, your house number, date of the service interruption, and a short description of the phone line problem. The intent is to build a database detailing Verizon phone service troubles if they continue to occur after Verizon's latest effort to adequately fix these problems. Marc Frazer: 610-431-4006.

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You should have received a form to be completed with information for the new publication of the Hershey's Mill Resident Directory. If you haven't had a chance to return your information form to the Hershey's Mill TV Office (Channel 20), on Hershey's Drive, please try to do so very soon. There is a mailbox at the TV facility where they can be deposited. If you do not have the form, please contact the TV Office at 610-436-5922 to get a copy. The new Hershey's Mill Resident Directory will be going to press for issuance in June.

And lastly, to all my Yardley friends, Happy Easter, Happy Passover and a special Cent'Anni to my Italian friends.

Joe Ciasullo, Council President

Architecture Committee

No report this month.

Tony Bruno, Chairman

Landscape Committee

With a fresh coat of mulch and the unseasonably warm winter temperatures, the trees are blooming, the perennials have flowered and the village is dressed up in its Spring finest.

Please remember to support and tie back any climbing vine growing up the mailbox post. A postal regulation requires that house numbers be visible on both side of the post. Display of house numbers on the garage, while a nice touch, does not satisfy the postal regulation.

For newcomers to Yardley Village, and a reminder to all of us, the following is the usual sequence of events:

A. Winter/Spring pruning: selected shrubs i.e. ornamental grasses, butterfly bush, Liriope, and

ground covers have already been pruned to improve shape and control growth.

B. Spring Clean-up: Debris, i.e. broken limbs, dead plants, leaves, and dead wood have been picked up from lawns and beds and disposed of properly. Edging of mulched beds and lining completed as prep for mulching presently taking place.

C. Soil tests will be taken in beds and turf areas where needed.

D. Bed Fertilization of Azaleas, Rhodendrons, Andromeda, Hollies, Yews, etc. is scheduled

E. Turf Fertilization and pre-emergent crabgrass control of all maintained areas. Lawns have also shown the results of warmer temperatures with the plethora of weeds. HMLD is already working on the problem in a safe, environmentally friendly manner.

F. Mulching: Full village mulching is completed every other year. You might have noticed the slow, tedious progress as HMLD workers use shovels and rakes to cover areas and yet keep mulch levels below the wicking line of exterior walls with mulched beds. Warranty requirements necessitate keeping mulch at least 2" inches below this stucco/stone level.

The Landscape committee, together with Council, CSK, and HMLD will use this month to survey and assess our village needs. After receiving the report from HMLD, committee members will prioritize our needs based upon budget constraints, and present our recommendations to council members for consideration.

The village is responsible for removing any trees that are dead, diseased, or interfering with the structure of the house, driveway, gutters or roof. Only boulevard trees are replaced if deemed appropriate by council. Please refer to the "Tree Policy" found in the green book for additional information regarding any tree issues.

Any resident of Yardley Village is invited to join the landscape committee if you would enjoy helping work toward maintaining a lovely, serene environment. Prior knowledge and experience is not required; only a sincere, willingness to meet and attempt to problem-solve ways to maintain our village and work on any future problems that may develop. We try to look at all aspects of a particular problem, then submit possible solutions to your elected council who have the final decision as to how your funds will be spent.

Important notice: Any homeowner having a landscape need should call CSK directly. CSK will issue a work order to Hershey's Mill Landscape Division to evaluate the need. Contractual issues are automatically taken care of. The cost of any additional items will be forwarded to CSK for recommendation by the landscape committee and presented to council for approval. Following this procedure will result in a more direct response for your issues rather than going through landscape committee first.

Mary Ellen Marra, Landscape Chair

Maintenance Committee

No report this month.

Ed Sweeney & Jim DiCarlo

Social Committee

Yardley is now ten years old and our Villagers are committed to many functions: Golf, Bridge, Book clubs, Bunco, Tennis, Mah-Jong, Wood Shop, Billiards, Poker, Computer club etc. That being said, the Social Committee has decided to cut back on our yearly activities. In 2012 we will continue to sponsor our two most popular events: the Pool Party held at the pool or the Community Center if it rains, and the

Holiday Brunch held at Hershey's Mill Golf Club. Please save the dates: Pool Party, June 25th; Holiday Brunch, December 2nd. As always, detailed information will be put in your mailboxes and also sent by e mail when we get closer to the dates. We look forward to welcoming you to these fun-filled events.

FYI - for new residents and even some who are not so new..... The Social Committee and The Social Club are two different organizations. It can be confusing since the names are similar. The Social Club was formerly known as The Newcomers Club and changed its name several years ago to The Social Club since their functions are not just for Newcomers. The Social Committee has been in existence since the early days of Yardley Village. When flyers or e mails are received, please note the difference between Social Club and Social Committee.

In closing, I thought that I would pass on a little household hint. Have you moved heavy furniture that has been in one place for a long time and, when repositioned, it has left deep dents in the carpet? I read, and have tried successfully, the following fix : put an ice cube in the divot and let it melt. Use a sponge to absorb the excess water and fluff up the carpet with either a spoon or a coin.

Joane McNamara, Social Committee Co-Chair

Yardley Activity Corner

Gentlemen:

Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 2nd.

Look forward to seeing you all.

Same place-Nudy's.....9:00AM.

Gordon D and Jim Swalm

Yardley and Zephyr Ladies Luncheon

YARDLEY/ZEPHYR VILLAGE LADIES LUNCHEON

**FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2012
12 NOON**

BECCA'S

19 South Whitehorse Pike
PHOENIXVILLE, PA 19460

Check out their menu at
www.beccasrestaurant.com

They have agreed to give us separate checks.

DIRECTIONS

Go out the north gate and turn right onto Greenhill Road. Turn left at the dead end (Route 352) until you come to another dead end at Lancaster Ave. and turn right. Go approx. 2 miles to Route 29 and turn left. Follow 29 to Whitehorse Road and turn right. Proceed about 3.5 miles to Becca's on the right. There is a well marked entrance in "The Shops at Whitehorse". If you cross the intersection of route 23, you have gone too far. On route 29 you will pass the following roads before getting to Whitehorse: Liberty Pkwy, Valley Stream Pkwy, Great Valley Pkwy, North Atwater and Yellow Springs Road.

RSVP to Cheryl Glasgow - glasgow.cheryl@gmail.com

610-692-1967 (home)
607-329-6102 (cell)

Please notify anyone who does not have e-mail.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Neighborhood News

Goshen Fire Company Flower Sale

The annual Easter flower sale of the Goshen Fire Company will be held on Friday through Sunday, 4/6-4/8, at Station 56 located at Boot Road and Greenhill Road. Proceeds benefit the Goshen Fire Company which provides emergency services (fire, ambulance, etc.) to Hershey's Mill.

Ralph Verno

List of Home Services submitted by Yardley Residents

The following are Window Washer names and phone numbers. Without passing judgment, I will mention that the first name listed was submitted by more than one person.

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| 1. Ralph Gagliardi | 610-269-3100 |
| 2. Jones Bedford | 610-383-4065 |
| 3. Raj Bhatia | 484-321-1808 |
| 4. Curtis Marshall | 610-983-3101 |

The following are Carpet/Upholstery Cleaners' names and phone numbers.

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| 1. Carpet Concepts | 610- 687-3924 |
| 2. Clean Concepts | 610-429-9119 |
| 3. George Corvell | 610-497-1834 |
| 4. Max Care | 610-269-5021 |
| 5. Servpro | 1-800-SERVPRO |

The following are House Cleaning Services submitted by residents beside the one we use. The following are the names and addresses.

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| 1. Maid Brigade | 610-692-8006 |
| 2. Busy Bee | 610-430-6888 |
| 3. Maria Maciak | 610-429-0139 |
| 4. Cleanbusters | 610-353-3935 |
| 5. Joanne Boffa | 610-357-8078 |
| 6. Emma Rose | 717-371-6948 |

The last name hires Mennonite girls from Lancaster - and was referred by more than one resident.

Yardley Village Web Site

Send your data and suggestions in an email to webmaster@yardlevillage.com

Letters to the Editor

Please submit questions or comments to Lgamma1937@aol.com.

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