



Yardley Village News



May 2012

Message from the President

The annual Yardley Village town meeting was held on the evening of April 25th at the East Goshen Township Building. And if you weren't there you missed a gala affair including door prizes, party favors, games, balloons and snacks. After I completed my usual Dog & Pony show using live dogs and ponies this year, I opened the entertainment portion of the evening by tapping a keg of beer.

All the council members pitched in this year with Dick Mortimer providing the dance music with the incomparable melodies of The Soundwaves. Eventually, Joane McNamara was persuaded, with not much effort on our part, to do her version of the Snoopy Dance and wowed the audience. With all the excitement building, the normally reticent Al Zuccarello grabbed the mike and commenced to sing a tribute to every male vocalist he knows. Finally, Art Di Guiseppi tried to get things back to a reasonable level of decorum by doing some uncanny feats of prestidigitation to the delight of the audience when he made all our budget overruns disappear. The evening ended with a rousing rendition of "When the Saints Go Marching In" played by the "once" marching band, the Riley Raiders Drum & Bugle Corps, with Dick Mortimer on the lead bugle.

While we will probably not be allowed to use the East Goshen meeting room facility in the future, Janet Burgess assured me that she can find another unsuspecting location for next year. Please make a note to come to next April's meeting when we intend to do a revival of past favorites.

On the more mundane side, Council did hear and noted concerns about the question of village painting plans and other preventive maintenance

issues such as roof pipe flange replacement and driveway recoating. This and a number of other unfunded village projects will be addressed by Council in the near future in order to establish an acceptable approach to them both in terms of timing and budget constraints.

Meanwhile, the Community Center work nears completion and the results look very exciting. The month of May will be spent dealing, primarily, with the details of working out the kinks that show up and also returning furniture and equipment to the building. The objective of reopening the Center in June after an on time and on budget project appears very likely. In fact, I read in the TV Guide & Digest, that the Hershey's Mill Sports Group will host a party on June 9th to celebrate the reopening. If you're interested, keep your eyes and ears open for more news on this event.

On March 30, 2012, Tom Rath, a member of the Greenhill Homeowners Association, was admitted pro hac vice to the bar of Pennsylvania and is now serving as co-counsel for the Association in their Land Use Appeal case against Traditions Development Corp.

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According to Tom, Traditions Development Corp., the developer of the proposed project at Boot Road and Route 202, withdrew their second Petition to require the Greenhill Homeowners Association to post a bond. Now that the petition has been withdrawn, the appeal will be considered by the next higher court, in this case the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania. The Greenhill H.O.A.'s brief is due on April 30, and the Traditions Dev. Corp. brief is due 30 days after that. The Court will schedule a hearing after that. I will try to keep you up to date with information as it becomes available.

There have been numerous discussions at the Board of Directors level of the Master Association, about speeding problems in Hershey's Mill and how to control it. I am sure you are familiar with the white security vehicle sitting in the Vassar roadway which was an attempt to deal with this problem. A number of other suggestions have been made including additional road humps and/or speed detectors that would flash the auto speed to the drivers. All of these ideas discussed to date appear to be expensive approaches and debatable as to their effectiveness. I personally would appeal to your good *sense* rather than applying a dubious fix with more *cents*. But in order to make this effective each of us has to take personal responsibility.

We are not talking about people driving at 30 to 35 mph on Chandler Drive but at speeds well in excess of this level. While I do not condone speeding by outside work groups such as Fed Ex, UPS, and house cleaners, I understand that they do so in order to make their schedules. On the other hand, I do not understand the need for any of us residents of Hershey's Mill to get from any one point within the Mill to another at a speed that gets us there two and one half minutes faster. Since nothing in the Mill is more than 5 minutes away, doubling the acceptable speed limit gets us there twice as fast – which amounts to a 2 ½ minute gain. Not much, while risking an accident with another auto, a walker or a deer, not to mention our furry little squirrels.

I would suggest that each of us voluntarily slow down a little, take some time to smell the roses and respect the property and lives of each other. This is particularly true within the Villages where your

neighbor or their grandchildren could be at the oncoming end of your vehicle.

*Joe Ciasullo
Council Presiden*

Architecture Committee

No report this month.

Tony Bruno, Chairman

Decoration Committee

No report this month.

Katie Worchaz, Chairperson

Landscape Committee

The annual walk-through revealed little major winter damage. The mild winter temperatures brought forth early spring flowering trees and a colorful Easter. The much needed precipitation has started and is expected to continue on and off for at least the first half of May.

Overall turf conditions: Additional supplemental fertilizer was added to all front lawns April 20th just before the last major rain. There is evidence of new growth. We continue to monitor conditions now that rain and warmer temperatures may be expected.

Scheduled lawn mowing has begun.

Mailbox vines: If you are a homeowner with a vine growing behind your mailbox post, please support and tie the vines back where needed to ensure visibility of house numbers on both sides of the post. Garage numbers are not a substitute for post numbers according to postal regulations. Family and/or neighbors may be helpful if you are not able to do it yourself or if you are not able to pick up your mail. If HMLD is called upon to do the trimming, it is not part of the contract and a fee will be charged. If vines in this location become a chore, you may want to substitute low growing perennials or annuals for the vine.

More mature red and/or yellow dogwood bushes have been pruned back hard to help them overcome disease that they are susceptible to contract. We are

hopeful that stronger, healthier bushes will result.

Wherever work is done by HMLD, white tags are usually left on the door to request homeowner watering, as needed, after the work is done and if rain does not occur. If your neighbor is away or perhaps not aware (or able) that work is done, perhaps you might be able to help. If more than a little help is needed, please contact a committee member.

We try to maintain and enhance our village in a conservative manner to provide you with a very pleasant place to live and to present the village in a favorable light to prospective future owners. We need your help and your support to make it happen.

Mary Ellen Marra, Landscape Chair

Maintenance Committee

No report this month.

Ed Sweeney & Jim DiCarlo

Social Committee

No report this month.

Joane McNamara, Social Committee Co-Chair

Yardley Activity Corner

Yardley Village Romeo Club

Our next scheduled meeting falls on **Monday**, May 7th. Look forward to seeing you all. Same place-Nudy's...9:00 a.m. See you then.

Gordon Davis and Jim Swalm

Yardley and Zephyr Ladies Luncheon

Becca's Restaurant, located in an 1800s house at one of the four original corners of Phoenixville, was the site of the April Yardley and Zephyr Ladies Luncheon on April 27th. Twenty guests enjoyed the unique

menu and entree preparation by Chef Robert Bahn. Our waiter, Jay, single-handedly granted every culinary wish and, in addition, provided us with an historical narrative of the house. Watch for news of the next luncheon to be held in early June when we will be eating Greek.

Call Doris Mortimer, 610-918-8235 to be on email list.

Cheryl Glasgow

Neighborhood News Miscellaneous

The Goshen Fire Company will hold its annual Mothers Day flower sale from Friday May 11 to Sunday May 13 at its Station 56 which is 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
1618 Yardley Drive*

Hershey's Mill Home Tour

The tour is on May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., costs \$25 and the luncheon at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club is served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at a cost of \$20.

Last day to buy tickets is May 4 at the Golf Club at lunch hour and Happy Hour.

Lee Gamma

Letters to the Editor

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

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Send your data and suggestions in an e-mail to webmaster@yardlevillage.com

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