



Yardley Village News

July 2012

Message from the President

The 4th of July always reminds me of my mother-in-law. I know that sounds strange but she was born on the 4th of July which was very apropos for such an independent and lively women. Being a holiday, we were always available and able to celebrate her birthday on the 4th. With a little effort, she managed to convince my children that the fireworks and parades were for her birthday. Each of them in turn, helped to keep the myth alive until each of them, in turn, were able to figure out the con job. On the other hand, she was also able to convince them that she was a stripper in her younger days. This took a lot of “proof” but she was able to pull it off for a lot longer than the birthday fireworks.

She had the most gregarious personality possible and was able to make friends in the check out line at the supermarket. It was hard not to like her and she connected with people from the youngest to the oldest. I recall one incident, driving home from the Jersey Shore, when she suggested we stop at a particular gas station, which I did. Minutes later the Pakistani gas attendant and she were hugging like long lost relatives.

We lost her at the age of 81, after about a year suffering from Alzheimers. In fact, she did not suffer; we did because we watched her disappear. My biggest regret is that only one of her great-

grandchildren was able to know her. She is gone physically, but as you can see, she is still alive and well in our memories, particularly on the 4th of July.

The Xtreme Company completed its inspection of the chimney caps, roof pipe boots and attic exhaust fan covers existing on all the Yardley homes. This resulted in a need to scrape/sand and clean 152 of a total of 195 chimney caps and vents with 43 having been remediated in recent years. The process includes cleaning with phosphoric cleaner and the application of industrial alkyd marine primer and black latex top coat. Due to the cost (\$205 per chimney) associated with the number of units involved, it was decided to address 76 of the worst units this calendar year and the remaining 76 units next year.

In addition, 51 exhaust fan covers were recommended for similar maintenance. Since these fans were installed as an option, the cost (\$35 per fan cover) of such maintenance is at the homeowner’s expense. You have been notified by email if your home is on this list and have been requested to notify CSK Management. (Janet Burgess) by mail or email of your acceptance or rejection of this work effort. Please insure that you respond to this request directly to CSK Management by July 15, 2012.

The third item inspected was the PVC vent pipe rubber collar and flange, and there were a total of 11 units that require replacement.

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As you are aware, the chimney cap and PVC rehab will be paid for by the Homeowners Association. I will be forwarding by email, in the near future, a list of the village unit addresses with a number of the specific requirements per home.

Also, Jarman Electric will begin testing and cleaning smoke/security alarm units in the July & August timeframe. Since this will require entrance to your home, we will advise you of the dates and the process that will be followed in order to implement this activity.

I had previously mentioned in last month's newsletter, that a village garage door painting program would not be implemented at this time. This decision will be reviewed by council for future implementation as the overall need becomes more apparent. In the meantime, if residents choose to have their door painted prior to this action, it will be at their expense and they must conform to the approved Yardley Village color.

Hopefully, you have been able to visit the Hershey's Mill Community Center since it reopened in June. You should also recognize that a significant amount of costs were involved with replacing the existing, outdated and tired Heating & A/C system, removing and replacing all single pane windows and installing all new attic and wall insulation and siding. While, very little of this action is visible it certainly will result in more efficient heating and cooling and reduce ongoing power cost. What are immediately

visible are the removal of misplaced and overgrown trees on the front parking lot and the wide open appearance of the improved landscaping. Once inside the front door of the building, you will be greeted by a wide open stairway leading to the great hall. The "expansive" library and billiard room/game room/TV room are also worth visiting.

It is interesting to note that the number one complaint and disappointment I heard from most of the Hershey's Mill residents who have visited was the absence of, if you'll pardon the expression, an elevator.

I must admit that it was something that, probably, should have been considered, priced and submitted to the Hershey's Mill residents as a stand alone question as an adjunct to the final refurbishment plan. Maybe it's not too late.

*Joe Ciasullo
Council Presiden*

Architecture Committee

No report this month.

Tony Bruno, Chairman

Decoration Committee

No report this month.

Katie Worchaz, Chairperson

Landscape Committee

In an effort to make the numbering system used in Yardley a little easier to follow, HMLD has added small plantings in a slightly enlarged mulched area to the nine house number signs throughout our Village. We are hoping this will call more attention to the numbering system as future homeowners drive through the village. Helping these plants survive during these days of intense heat is a challenge. Mike Neale left white tags on door handles of homes closest to the signs. We would appreciate everyone's help in keeping these plants watered. If your home is anywhere near one of

these signs, and you are able, please take a few minutes early in the day or early evening to water these small plants. We just have to be diligent until the plantings become established.

To those of you who recognize that these are not the easiest places to reach with water, and have watered, a very sincere thank you for your interest and willingness to help.☺

Mary Ellen Marra, Chairman

Maintenance Committee

No report this month.

Ed Sweeney & Jim DiCarlo

Yardley/Zephyr Social Committee

Sixty-two enthusiastic people enjoyed a very pleasant gathering in the Community Center on Monday, June 24th. The Committee spent time in the morning checking the weather report every hour to decide if the scheduled Pool Party should be moved indoors. By noon the decision was made..... indoors we went. Our decision was rewarded when a downpour, that lasted only five minutes, presented itself as we were inside mingling with friends and neighbors. We were all dry as bones enjoying our hors d'oeuvres, our drinks and our solid credibility. The Social committee was delighted to welcome many of the new residents who have moved into Yardley. We look forward to seeing you at our future events.

We were saddened to accept Peggy McReynold's resignation from the Social Committee this year. Peggy had been a member of the Yardley Social Committee since its inception and reluctantly resigned this year since more of her time is needed as our Librarian at Hershey's Mill Library. The library, as you know, now has extended hours and if you haven't had an opportunity to visit its new "digs" yet, you are in for a treat. It is lovely. Janet Day, Co-Chair and the entire Social Committee join me in expressing our sincere thank you to Peggy for her many valued contributions to our committee all these years. We miss you.

Jean Duncan, who also had been an original member of the Social Committee had taken a "sabbatical" to serve as President of the Philadelphia Skating Club. Jean's tenure has ended and she has returned to us. Welcome back to you, Jean and to Judy Smeltzer, a new member who will be joining us when she returns from what promises to be a lovely cruise.

New residents probably are not aware that Zephyr Village joined our Yardley's Social Committee about six years ago. Zephyr has only eight homes and, to have its own committee would not be workable. We invited them to join us and it has been a great merger. Susan Bronner is the Zephyr representative on the Yardley/Zephyr Social Committee.

Joane McNamara, Social Committee Co-Chair

Yardley Activity Corner

Yardley Village Romeo Club

Our next scheduled meeting falls on **Monday**, July 2nd. 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

The Yardley/Zephyr ladies had a very nice lunch at the Greek restaurant on Rt. 3 called Mythos. The luncheon was planned by Terri Ficoutouro and there were over thirty in attendance and a good time was had by all. The next luncheon will be in September with the location and date to be determined later. If you have any great suggestions call Sue DiCarlo or Doris Mortimer and let us know. Then you get to pick the date and the place that is a favorite of yours and share it with all of us. Call Doris Mortimer, 610-918-8235 to be on email list.

Sue DiCarlo

Neighborhood News Annual Goshen Fair

The annual Goshen Country Fair will be held each evening from July 30 to August 4 at the main station of Goshen Fire Company (Station 54) located at Park Ave. and Ellis Lane. There will be food, their famous doughnuts, entertainment, bingo, games, rides, tug-

of-war, judging of livestock and home-grown foods, exhibitors and agricultural displays. Parking and admission are free. Proceeds benefit the Goshen Fire Company which provides emergency services (ambulance, fire. etc.) to Hershey's Mill.

*Ralph Verno
1618 Yardley Drive*

Goshen Farmer's Market

The Goshen Farmer's Market is back at East Goshen Park with lots of produce and other items. Hours are 3-7 p.m. on Thursdays.

Lee Gamma

Spotlight On.....

Linda Ferroni, Jim Falcone, Maureen Falcone from Yardley and Susan Bronner and Sue Ciorletti from Zephyr whose acting, singing and dancing skills were enjoyed by a very enthusiastic audience in the Hershey's Mill Players original production, The Best Little Bar and Boarding House in the West, Chester, that is, A Mill-O-Drama. The Players expressed their appreciation to **Yardley's Ben Ellis**, Wood Shop President, for his support and assistance in constructing the impressive **BAR**, which was prominent in the well designed set.

Congratulations, not only to our Yardley/Zephyr

performers but to all dedicated thespians, directors, managers etc. involved with the Hershey's Mill Players who expend so much time and energy to assure the success of your productions. Great job! Thank you.

*Joane McNamara
Council Vice President*

New Hershey's Mill Resident Phone Book

The new Resident Phone Book will be available July 12th. I will be coordinating delivery. I'll hold the books for people who are away. Please call me when you return to pick up your book.

If four people would volunteer to help me deliver, we could each do 30 houses. Call me at 610-918-8252 or email me at Lgamma1937@aol.com.

Lee Gamma

Letters to the Editor

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

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