



# *Yardley Village News*



July 2013

## ***Message from the President***

The Fourth of July, or officially Independence Day, is usually marked with fireworks, parades, barbecues, picnics and, naturally, political speeches and ceremonies. However, this year it will probably be marked by God's own fireworks display followed by some major booms and a downpour or two. Not good for parades, barbecues or picnics but great for politicians and political speeches.

The Fourth commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on this day in 1776 by the original thirteen colonies. Although prepared by a committee of five, Thomas Jefferson is considered to be the principal author of this most cherished symbol of liberty and also Jefferson's most enduring monument. It contains, at the beginning of the second paragraph, probably one of the best known sentences in the English language. It is one of the many things I retained from my early school years, besides my ABC's and my times tables. I bet you remember it just as well: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness". The words still make the hairs on my arm stand up – so simple, yet so eloquent. Would you believe that Microsoft Word's spell checker does not approve of the structure of this sentence? Fortunately, the rest of the country does.

As usual, on the evening of the Fourth, I will be switching channels between the broadcasts of the Boston and Washington, D.C., celebrations and avoiding Philadelphia's debacle.

Speaking of documents, you probably received material in your mail by now regarding proposed changes to the Yardley Village governing documents. Please look over this material and determine your position on the proposals and submit your completed ballot. I'm sure that by now, you must be aware of the issue being addressed and, hopefully, understand its implications. It is Council's considered opinion that the existing Section 2.3(b)(iv) must be amended and there are two choices proposed in order to accomplish this. It is imperative that each of the homeowners submit a ballot, since any material change to the Declaration requires the approval of at least 67% of the homeowners. A Special Meeting is scheduled for 7 P.M., on July 10, 2013, at the Hershey's Mill Community Center for the sole purpose of voting on these proposals. It is, however, not necessary to attend the meeting but please cast your vote by delivering it to any Council member or mailing or faxing to CSK Management Office as soon as possible in order to reach them by July 10.

Remember a vote not recorded is in fact a vote against the amendments and a vote to maintain the current language in this Section. You can help by ensuring that your neighbors are aware of the need for their participation in this ballot.

I have once again been asked to remind all of the village residents that the use of the guest parking areas should be limited to guests or for those rare occasions when you require temporary parking. There have been a number of complaints from residents in various sections of the village about consistent parking by certain residents in these areas. There apparently have been a number of situations

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that have occurred where needed parking areas have not been available and one or more of the parked vehicles were owned by residents. These areas are not to be considered adjunct parking areas for select village residents. There is ample room for four automobiles at each home – two in the garage and two on the driveway. Please be aware of the village rules and restrictions and, more importantly, be considerate of your neighbors.

*Joe Ciasullo  
Council Presiden*

### **Architecture Committee**

No report this month.

*Tony Bruno, Chairman*

### **Decoration Committee**

No report this month.

*Katie Worchaz, Chairperson*

### **Landscape Committee**

You may have noticed a week when no grass cutting takes place. The usual reason is due to the excessive heat and minimal rainfall that week. However, the reverse is also a limiting factor to grass cutting. Excessive rainfall causing super saturation of the ground will also result in no grass cutting in a particular week.

Although weekly grass cutting is part of our contract, HMLD will exercise its best judgment, combined with existing weather conditions and landscape needs of the village, to determine what services should be completed in any given week.

Please notice the height of your plantings in front of the mailbox numbers. It is a postal regulation that numbers, on both sides of the mailbox post, be visible to mail carriers (regular and substitute) as well as emergency personnel and delivery services. It is the homeowners' responsibility to assure that these numbers are visible. If you are not able to do so or a friend or neighbor is not able to help, you may contact HMLD for this fee based service.

Please remember to check for any vines or other plantings that may be climbing up stucco walls anywhere around your home. Contact CSK to make arrangements for spraying. These plantings (even ones that are there that you did not plant) can damage stucco, allowing for water penetration. We need your help to keep this issue under control.

Throughout the year, if you have a landscape issue, please contact CSK who will issue a work order. If the issue is included within the contracted services, HMLD will perform the work. If the work is outside of the terms of the contract, HMLD will provide an estimate that will guide you or the village in correcting the issue.

Nature has provided an abundance of rain for our new Lioripe plantings under the number signs. A special thank you to members of landscape committee and any other homeowner who have offered to water or watch over the watering needs of new plantings until they have a chance to develop root systems.

*Mary Ellen Marra, Chairman*

### **Maintenance Committee**

No report this month.

*Ed Sweeney & Jim DiCarlo*

### **Yardley/Zephyr Social Committee**

Our Spring Fling Party, which was held at the Community Center on June 10<sup>th</sup>, was a big success. Thank you all who attended for bringing such a great variety of delicious food. A good time was had by all!!!

Not trying to rush the year along, but for all of you long-range planners, please mark your calendars for December 8th which will be our annual Yardley Village Holiday Brunch to be held at the Country Club. Details will follow closer to the event.

*Janet Day, Social Committee Co-Chair*

## ***Yardley Activity Corner***

### ***Yardley Village Romeo Club***

The next scheduled meeting fell on **Monday**, July 1<sup>st</sup>, too early for the newsletter..

*Jim Swalm*

### ***Yardley and Zephyr Ladies Luncheon***

The June ladies luncheon was held at the General Warren Inne with 21 in attendance. Several were there for the first time and enjoyed getting to know some of their neighbors. We will not hold another luncheon until September.

*Doris Mortimer*

## ***Neighborhood News***

### ***Annual Goshen Fair***

The annual Goshen Country Fair will be held each evening from July 29 to August 3 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*

## ***Obituary***

Our neighbor, Dick Mortimer, at 1689 Yardley died suddenly Tuesday morning, July 2, of cardiac arrest. Dick and his wife Doris celebrated their 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary June 30. Dick was a retired Drexel engineering professor. After getting his BSME and MSME degrees from Drexel he went on to receive the first Ph.D in Applied Mechanics at Drexel.

In addition to his wife and best friend, Doris, Dick is survived by four sons, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Dick has served on the Yardley Homeowners Council for the past two years.

On a personal note, Dick and Doris moved in to Yardley three months after we did. Al and I as well as our other neighbors will miss him very much.

Check tomorrow's Inquirer for service details.

*Lee Gamma*

## ***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*

## ***2013-2014 Hershey's Mill Resident Phone Book***

The new Resident Phone Book will be available July 11<sup>th</sup>. My husband Al and I will deliver later that day after our mail delivery. I'll hold for people away so let me know when you get home.

*Lee Gamma*

## ***Letters to the Editor***

Please submit questions or comments to [Lgamma1937@aol.com](mailto:Lgamma1937@aol.com).

## ***Yardley Village Web Site***

Send your data and suggestions in an e-mail to [webmaster@yardlevillage.com](mailto:webmaster@yardlevillage.com)

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