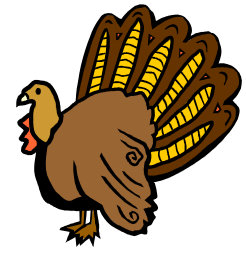


# Yardley Village News



November 2013

## Message from the President

Now that Halloween is out of the way, we can turn our attention to and plan for the real holiday seasons of November and December. For some, it means running away from the cold and getting to a warmer climate, for others it means turning up the thermostat, hunkering down and hoping for a mild winter. For most, it's also time to plan where we will be eating our holiday dinners and what to buy for loved ones. For Council members, however, it also means planning for next year's budget.

Council has been aware that there are a number of one time village projects that must be considered for implementation in the near future. After significant discussion and review, we managed to prioritize the various requirements and decided to include a portion of them in the 2014 budget. At this time, very few details have been determined regarding the implementation of each of the projects. However, the overall concept has been discussed and approved with a financing plan established that will allow their implementation with a minimal increase in the Village quarterly fees.

The projects that will be part of the 2014 plan will include a major painting effort to include all Village garage doors, the mantels above the garage doors, the columns at front entrances and the posts on porches. During this time all house numbers above the garage doors will be removed and replaced with new numbers that will contrast enough with their background to ensure their visibility. In addition, all asphalt driveways and village parking areas will be coated with a sealant and crack filling product. Also, all walls identified with existing mildew will be sprayed with a non-toxic formula required for mildew removal.

Naturally, all of these projects are planned to occur based on the current Yardley Village situation. These, like any other discretionary spending items, are subject to change if circumstances arise before final arrangements for their implementation are made.

Another issue that the Council addressed was the need to install new mailboxes in Yardley Village. I'm sure many of

you are aware that thanks to the efforts of Jim DiCarlo and Ed Sweeny of our Maintenance Committee, we have been able to prolong the life of our current mailboxes for a number of years by repairing, replacing parts and resetting them as necessary. The need for this work has increased substantially over the past year. However, it has become increasingly clear that nature, including the elements and woodpeckers, have taken their toll to the point that replacement has become a necessity rather than a luxury. Thanks, particularly to Mary Ellen Marra, and the Landscape Committee for their efforts in identifying a replacement unit that has been agreed to by, not only the Landscape Committee, but also the Architectural Committee and the Maintenance Committee and Council. That's as close to hitting the Pennsylvania Power Ball Lottery as possible.

The replacement of mailboxes is not identified for implementation until 2016. However, at the pricing available today for the replacement units our available funding should be sufficient to implement this project in 2014.

Let's hope that everything works out as planned and you all have a happy and warm Thanksgiving and don't forget to check all of your Halloween candy before you eat it.

*Joe Ciasullo*  
Council President

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## Architecture Committee

After a drive around the Village recently I noticed how many homes did not have their garage carriage light on. I have mentioned this in the past but find it necessary to remind everyone how important it is, especially at this time of year, to have these lights working.

Please check your bulbs and photocells for working properly. If for some reason you can't get it working give a member of the Architectural Committee or Maintenance Committee a call, we will assist you in getting it fixed.

Also, check your trash doors for working properly. Two of the most chronic problems have been safety chains not connected or links broken and doors not closing properly.

*Tony Bruno, Chairman*

### ***Decoration Committee***

No report this month.

*Katie Worchaz, Chairperson*

### ***Landscape Committee***

Hershey's Mill Landscape Division has given us the following information to begin the annual process of Fall leaf cleanups:

Fall clean up: 1st of two clean ups will take place during the month of November---obviously, weather and storm related issues from other parts of the Mill will play a major role in how fast this process will take place. HMLD has always done its best to have things looking good for Thanksgiving. The second leaf cleanup usually occurs about a month later.

Grass cutting: Final scheduled mowing took place the last full week of October.

We, as homeowners, should plan to take advantage of any remaining mild, dry days to start to clear away annuals and cut back or perhaps divide some of the perennials and/or bulbs that we have added to planting beds. This will help to improve the bloom for next year. These plantings can be disposed of with our weekly trash pickups. Our efforts will help to expedite the cleanup process, allowing us to control which plantings we want to leave or what we choose to remove. HMLD will take care of the leaves. Should you not be physically able to do your part in the cleanup process, a relative, a neighbor, a friend might help or a handyman or HMLD can be called upon to help out for a modest fee.

Please include vines of any type and/or plants that are supported on a trellis type support. Check to see that

these plants are away from the stucco/stone walls. These plants have holdfasts that reach out and through any space to attach to anything in their pathway. Vines (around mailboxes and under or near decks and on walls in courtyards and in beds around end units ) need to be inspected at the end of their growing season, and need to be removed or cut away from walls. It is the present homeowner's responsibility. Any damage done to stucco walls is the responsibility of the homeowner.

If you are planning an early December departure, for warmer temperatures, please remove flowerpots, doormats, benches, etc. from your walkways, or any cement or paved areas to help avoid possible damage and to help facilitate cleanup especially during predawn hours when this work may need to be accomplished.

FYI: The next (Winter/Early Spring) pruning includes selected shrubs, i.e. ornamental grasses, butterfly bushes, Liriope and ground covers which will be pruned to improve shape and control growth. If you do some of your own pruning, we have found that roses, butterfly bushes and many other shrubs really do benefit from hard pruning which helps to prevent overgrowth in that location between pruning. HMLD prunes two times a year after flowering season.

I have tried to mention general information for new homeowners and to remind the rest of us of what we might do to put our plantings 'to rest' for the Winter. Stay well, please do what you are able to keep the area around your home and the village looking good.

*Mary Ellen Marra, Chairman*

### ***Maintenance Committee***

No report this month.

*Ed Sweeney & Jim DiCarlo*

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

For those of you who use email, be sure to watch for the Holiday Brunch Flyer for the brunch which will be held this year on Sunday, December 8th, 11:30 - 2:00 P.M. at Hershey's Mill Golf Club. For those of you who do not use email, a flyer will be delivered to your mailbox. The Brunch has always been one of our most popular events where Chef Muir presents a large variety of delicious and varied food items. Teresa Redcay and staff will have the Club beautifully decorated for the season making it a lovely venue for guests to be infused with the holiday spirit.

Last year the Social Committee chose to try something different so far as seating was concerned. We sorted all responses face down and randomly chose a table number for each one. We felt that this would present a welcoming atmosphere for new residents and give others an opportunity to become better acquainted with their Yardley neighbors who they do not see often. The plan was received with much enthusiasm from the party goers all of whom thought that assigned seating was a great idea. So, the same will be done this year.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Sunday, December 8th, 11:30 - 2:00 P.M.  
Hershey's Mill Golf Club  
Cost: \$26.00 per person  
RESPOND BY DECEMBER 2nd  
To: Janet Day - [janetday13@comcast.net](mailto:janetday13@comcast.net) - 610-431-9055  
Basket will be on porch - 1707 Yardley Drive

*Joane McNamara  
Social Committee Co-Chair*

***Yardley Activity Corner***

***Yardley Village Romeo Club***

The next scheduled meeting will be held on **Monday**, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Look forward to seeing you at same place, Nudy's, 9:00 a.m.

*Jim Swalm*

***Yardley Ladies Lunch***

The Yardley Ladies Lunch will be held at San Nicola's, 4 Manor Road, Paoli, PA 19301 at 12:00 on Monday November 11. If you are able to attend please get in touch with Barbara Reeves-Cohen, 610-430-1335 or email your response to [BRRJ@comcast.net](mailto:BRRJ@comcast.net). If you know of anyone who does not have email please let them know. Another thought, if a new person has moved in who lives near you maybe you could invite them to join us. It is a good way for us to meet our new neighbors.

***Neighborhood News***

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

I still have phone books for people who were gone when we delivered mid-July. For those of you who want a second book the cost is \$6 at Channel 20.

*Lee Gamma*

***Letters to the Editor***

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

***Yardley Village Web Site***

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