
The Inverness "I"

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From the Editors:

The arrival of summer has been greeted by a flurry of activity: major wood replacement is ongoing, the painting of our homes (see page 6 for the names and paint numbers.), and the installation of new mailboxes and lights.

The Social Committee has met and is proud to announce a very active and varied schedule of activities through January 2013. (See page 6)

The Village held its meeting in the newly refurbished Community Center. Attendance was very impressive and the meeting was lengthy and informative. (See report on page 3). The election results revealed a new Council member - **Wilbur Amand**. Congratulations to Wilbur who is one of the "I's" regular columnists. We join in thanking **Larry Higgins** for his service on the Village Council overseeing maintenance efforts.

We are happy to welcome several new neighbors profiled herein. They are active, interesting people, and we highly recommend getting to know them.

Speaking of getting to know you, check out **Carol Ellis's** fun quiz on page 11.

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From the Village President

The election is behind us and I want to thank **Larry Higgins** for his unselfish and very effective work as a member of the Council. At the same time welcome to **Wilbur Amand** as the newest Council member. He, along with **Barbara Atmore, Tom Delaney, Janet Emanuel, and Boyd Mackleer**, will form the new Inverness Council.

Painting by the Richard J. Egan Contractors Group started in earnest during the third week of June with a goal of completion by the end of October. As part of the painting process, 50 garage doors will have the bottom panel replaced. The Egan group will let you know if your door is included and when your garage door needs to be accessible for repair. The painting schedule began at #692 and will continue in order to finish at #788. The new garage and pole lights along with new mailboxes all will be part of the painting and will be installed as the project continues.

Thanks to the social Committee headed by **Judy Klanderman** for a great schedule for the rest of 2012. Social activities are a wonderful way to meet your fellow residents and have an evening of real pleasure. TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT!

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From the Village President

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Dan and his carpenters from Tusky Ridge will continue with the wood replacement and are presently working in the area of #754. By the way, it was a "heads up" by Dan regarding the condition of the wood in the Village that caused the Council to decide to paint the Village in one year rather than over two years. This has caused the process to be accelerated which, in turn, has caused some minor delays which are worth it due cost savings.

Another necessary requirement of the painting was the trimming of shrubs and bushes along with cutting and removal of ivy, vinca, and other impediments to the painting process. This was performed by Hershey's Mill Landscape as part of the Landscape Contract. It might be instructive to call everyone's attention to the following:

A homeowner without prior approval may plant flowers, BUT NOT TREES OR SHRUBBERY, in mulched areas and/or in a bed adjacent to a patio that does not extend more than 24 inches from the patio provided they are low growing varieties that do not exceed 12 inches in height at maturity or interfere with Village plantings. (Page 8 Section E #3 of Rules and Regulations of Inverness Village).

The Village is still having problems with homeowners letting dogs out to relieve themselves without a proper disposal. Please consider your fellow neighbors and the workmen in the community and walk your dogs with a leash and dispose of fecal matter.

Please send your E-mail address to **Terri Marran** (tlm741@comcast.net) to be included in the Village E-mail

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grouping for immediate and updated news in the Village.

The various committees within the Village can always use volunteers. PLEASE E-mail Boyd Mackleer bkm698@verizon.net or call 610-692-6315. LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

A personal note: thanks to everyone who supported me in the recent election and also those who didn't. I enjoy working for you to make the Village a special place to live. We are very fortunate to have the Council members we have had both past and present. They make Inverness a special place to live!

Boyd Mackleer

From The Editors

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What you can do-----

The Newsletter was started to enhance community spirit and communication. We depend heavily on input, especially regarding new neighbors and departures. Please call; don't assume someone else has updated us.

Dear Gramps needs to hear from you, and we encourage contributions to the Letters To The Editor column. It is a great way to share thoughts and opinions and can provide a stimulus for desirable changes. You may well discover that many others agree with you!

Barbara & George Colby

Inverness Village Meeting

Approximately seventy residents attended the lively election meeting on June 26th. This is a brief summary.

Reports were given by the Treasurer, **Tom Delaney**, and the Lighting (**Bill Henderson**), Distribution (**Maryjane Hahn**), Finance (**Joe Proctor**) and Social (**Judy Klanderman**) committees. **Sam Malandra** explained the rationale for the flag displays.

Larry Higgins gave a detailed maintenance report covering wood replacement, painting, and lights and mailbox replacements. **Barbara Atmore** stated the new paint colors: three colors on garages and two colors on units (light color on siding, brown trim around windows).

During the course of the meeting, comments were made that: (1) More notice should have been given about the special assessment (**Terry Marran**), (2) More frequent open meetings should be held (**Doris Harry**), (3) Use of a single color on the house siding makes for a very bland appearance (**Dick Joyce**). (4) A trim color around unit doors would be desirable (**John Klanderman**), (5) Communication relative to village upkeep and council deliberations should be improved (**Ginny Kettenring**), (6) A "move in" fee could be imposed (**Paul Morris**), and (7) The minutes of village meetings should be distributed sooner.

Boyd Mackleer, gave a projection of the Village Reserve Fund income and expenses for the coming 16 months. (see chart, page 8).

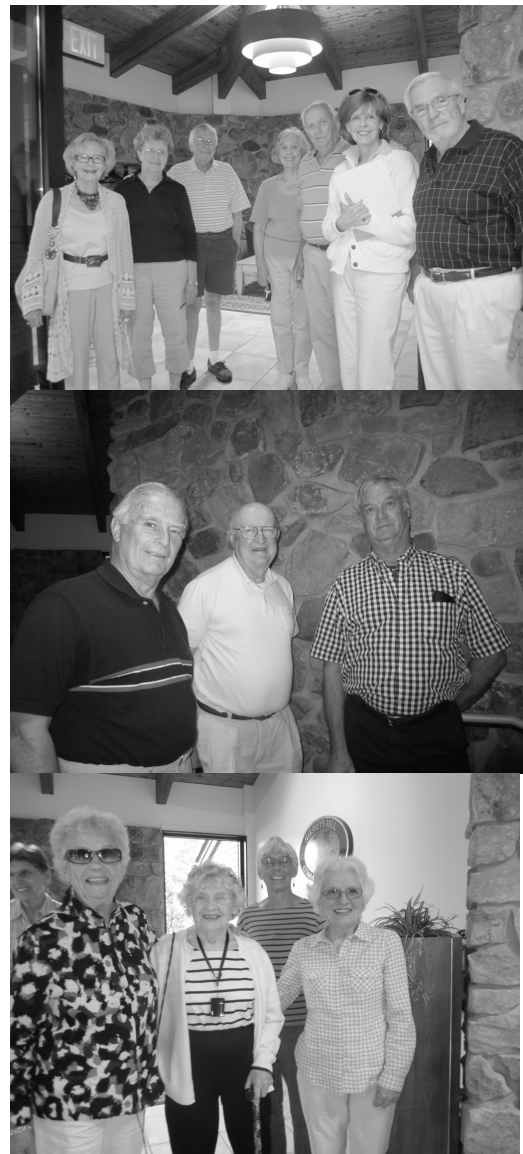
Boyd Mackleer, **Janet Emanuel**, and **Wilbur Amand** were elected to serve on the Council for the next two years.

Newest Council Member



Wilbur B. Amand VMD

Photos from the Village Meeting



Photos by **Mary Lou Perry**

DEAR GRAMPS:

Editor's Note: GRAMPS would very much appreciate your feedback, and hearing about how you are handling these important generational issues. Please send it to the editors at #696. Thanks.

Tired Of Texting At Meal Time

"What approach do you recommend to get grandchildren to stop texting when talking with you, or when eating? They are either completely unaware that older adults consider this a real insult, or they just don't care!"

Tired

Dear Tired:

You are certainly not alone in watching faces "glued" to a phone screen. This is a generational issue that seemed to creep up on us before we had a clue to know what to do about it! I can only make the following three suggestions:

1. Talk to your grandchildren and let them know how isolated it makes you feel.
2. Set ground rules such as no phones while you are eating or talking to them.

(or you might have a "phone basket" where they have to put their phone when they come or during meals, etc.)

3. Ask their parents to help you and support you. This is important because often *without their help, your grandkids may well choose the immediate gratification* of the phone screen over the long range value of cultivating a relationship with their grandparent(s)!

WE SHALL OVERCOME!

GRAMPS

Do Any Grandkids Say Thanks?

"What can we do to get grandchildren to at least say "Thank You" for both holiday and special gifts? While expecting a written "Thank You" note may be too much to hope for, we would at least like to get a meaningful verbal thanks."

Feeling Unappreciated

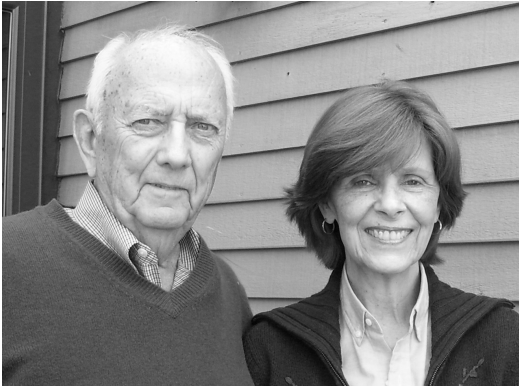
Dear Unappreciated....

Learning to say THANK YOU is a taught or imitated skill. So tell your grandkids that you expect a THANK YOU when you do something for them or when you give them a gift. You also have the right to tell them that if they do not thank you for a birthday or holiday gift, *they will not receive one in the future. In other words: NO THANKS NO GIFT!!*

Again, parental support and help will make your job much easier!

GRAMPS

Getting To Know You



Philip and Brooke Hamilton (#720) are another wonderful addition to our new resident list. What was Phoenixville's loss is Hershey's Mill gain.

Philip is a dual career person in that he was an entrepreneur and owned a company that made computerized industrial systems. He eventually sold it, and embarked on ownership of a photo laboratory in Wayne.

Photography is part of Brooke's life story in that she did animal photography while a docent for 18 years at the Philadelphia Zoo. She is a professional animal photographer and charter member of the AFZ (America's First Zoo) Camera Club as well as having her photographs published in magazines, calendars and books. Employing their common interest in photography, Brooke and Philip are still active in their business of small event photography.

When asked what brought them to Hershey's Mill, they responded that they have friends here, loved the beautiful natural environment, and considered it to be a great value.

Philip is a golfer and Brooke is active in tennis. Also, they are former boat owners, love anything related to water, and are frequent visitors to Chincoteague.

Barbara Colby

Getting To Know You



We give a hearty welcome to **Paul Morris (#758)** who moved in last November following five months of renovations and upgrades.

Paul pursued a BS in Archeology at the University of Pennsylvania, during which he participated in digs at various National Parks and other sites. Later on, to support further studies, he accepted a position in an x-ray lab. His archeology background proved beneficial, and his skill led to a career change, facilitated by obtaining a Master's degree in Health Administration at U. Penn.

Paul is employed at Chester County hospital in radiology information systems. In this capacity he performs many functions to assist the hospital radiologists.

Paul and his Philadelphia-native wife were living in Jenkintown, and both working, prior to her untimely death in 2008. Eventually, he decided to move closer to his work and he began a search in this area. Although initially unfamiliar with Hershey's Mill, he finally discovered it to be a good value and an attractive place to live.

His comfortable home is the setting for an extensive collection of Longaberger hand-made baskets, as well as collections of tin-types, coins and clay pipes. He has a lot to show to visitors.

With his outgoing nature, Paul has found a friendly reception in Inverness Village, and we join in welcoming him.

George Colby

Fun and Games

The way to get the most enjoyment from life in Inverness Village is to participate in opportunities to get together with fellow residents. We are fortunate to have an active, hard working Social Committee who plan and put on a variety of events during the year.

The planned events for the remainder of the year are listed here. Mark your own personal calendars so you will not miss these most enjoyable events. Come and have fun!!

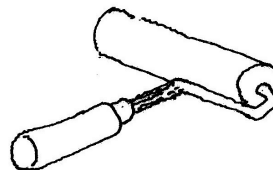
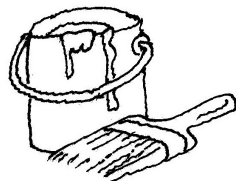
Social Committee Calendar

July 18	Bunco 6:30 - 9 PM
August 23	Ice Cream Social 7 PM
September 19	Wine & Cheese 5 PM
October 25	Chili Supper 5 PM
December 7	Holiday Gala 5 PM
January 29	Bunco 6:30 - 9 PM

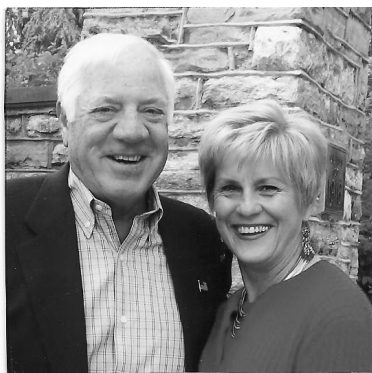
New Sherwin Williams Paint Colors For Inverness Village

Courtesy of Dan Egan

<u>Used On</u>	<u>Brand Name</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Color Name</u>
Siding	Duration Satin	6073	Perfect Greige
Window Trim	Duration Satin	6075	Garret Grey
Garage Doors and Trim	Duration Satin	6074	Spalding Grey
Red Front Doors	Duration Gloss	496	Town & Country Red



Even a short conversation with **Marilyn and Larry Higgins (#759)**



reveals an active couple with a strong marital bond who readily adapted to living in many locations. Their life story is an example of accepting and maximizing every situation.

They both grew up on Long Island. Following graduation from high school Marilyn majored in business at Annhurst College and Larry in Business and English at St Bona-venture University. They graduated in 1961 and married that July.

Larry was accepted into the Navy flight program at Pensacola Florida and commissioned an ensign. The move south was Marilyn's first experience with a major change of environment, which proved beneficial in future moves.

In 1962 Marilyn returned to Long Island for the birth of their daughter. Also that year, Larry was at sea during the Cuban missile crisis. The following year they relocated to Bayonne, New Jersey, to be near his duty post, and two sons were born while there.

Larry completed his naval service in 1966 and began his corporate career with Johnson and Johnson, rising to the position of Director of Operations, overseeing facilities in the US and abroad. They purchased a home in East Brunswick, NJ,

and their third son was born there. Later, as their children grew older, Marilyn was employed as the Assistant to the Dean of Women's Studies at Rutgers University. The family summered on Long Island and golf proficiency developed.

In 1980 Larry was recruited to leave J&J for employment in New York city, and the family relocated to Long Island. In the following eight years, he held Senior Vice President positions with Cosmair, Parfums Stern, and Gryphon Management. These positions involved responsibility for manufacturing operations both in the US and abroad, necessitating frequent travel.

In 1988 Larry became President/CEO of Esselte Pendaflex Canada to restructure this \$80 million company, and they moved to Mississauga, Ontario, for a four-year period. Having accomplished his mission there, Larry joined Revlon Inc., as Senior Vice President for International Operations and they lived in Wales, Great Britain, for the next two years. From there he took a one-year consulting assignment in Saudi Arabia, another interesting living experience.

Returning from the Middle East, they moved back to this area and into Hershey's Mill as Larry became a Corporate Vice President for West Pharmaceutical in Lionville. In the early 2000's a new opportunity took them to Tampa where they purchased a home which they frequent in the winter.

Marilyn served for several years as House Chair for the HM Golf Club, and Larry served as a member of the Inverness Village Council. They both are active golfers here and in Florida. Marilyn enjoys playing bridge wherever they are. The accomplishments of their children and ten grandchildren bring immeasurable pleasure to them.

George Colby

Village Reserve Fund Projections
 (6/1/2012 - 10/1/2013)
 Data supplied by **Boyd Mackleer**

(The Reserve Fund is maintained to cover modest unplanned village expenses. Major expenses are covered by Special Assessments.)

Reserves (as of 6/1)	\$ 158,459
Income to Reserves	
From fees (to 10/1/2013)	166,389
Special Assessment	232,800
TOTAL RESERVE INCOME	557,648
Expenses from reserves	
Wood and water pit	57,000
Painting	277,084
TOTAL RESERVE EXPENSES	334,084
TOTAL RESERVES (on 10/1/2013)	223,564

(**Note:** Due to timing of income and expenses, the Reserve Fund is projected to have a lowest amount of approximately \$39,000 on Dec 31, 2012, and will increase thereafter.)

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A Note on the Reserve Fund and Special Assessments

The following is based on a detailed discussion by **Joe Proctor** (#784) in the October 2011 newsletter. A copy can be made available on request.

Following a major depletion of the Village reserve fund over a decade ago, the Council adopted a policy of rebuilding a limited reserve fund in a manner which would keep quarterly fees in line with other villages, while gradually increasing the reserves. It was understood, however, that major expenses, such as painting, would require a Special Assessment.

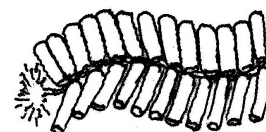
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A History of Inverness Special Assessments
 (1998 - present)

#1	Roof	\$ 2000
#2	Wood	2000
#3	Paving	2200
#4	Painting	2400

The total of \$8600 over this fourteen and one-half year span is the equivalent of \$49.50 per month, a reasonable amount for home maintenance.

Boyd Mackleer



**PETS RULE
WILBUR B. AMAND, VMD
(AND OF COURSE MACGREGOR)**

In past columns I have focused on dogs and cats, but there is another animal that is commonly considered a companion animal – the horse. Now I know that no one keeps a horse in Inverness, but some do own a horse or two that is kept at a nearby stable. One of the conditions that affect our house pets, obesity, can also plague the horse. Equine metabolic syndrome (EMS), which is also an endocrine/hormonal disorder, seems to have a genetic basis and leads to obesity. These horses have a history of gaining weight on limited calories. They have insulin resistance and elevated levels of insulin circulating in their blood system. And most importantly, these horses are prone to developing laminitis, a very serious and painful condition of the foot. Like the diabetes solution for obese people and our overweight pets, the three-pronged approach to EMS management is weight loss, dietary changes, and regular exercise.

You might also be interested in knowing that horses are at risk of infection with the West Nile Virus (WNV). Vaccination is the best way of providing optimal protection against this disease. Signs of WNV include stumbling, staggering, wobbling, weakness, muscle twitching and inability to stand. Affected horses have experienced a mortality rate of nearly 40%.

A somewhat new, serious, and often fatal infection in **cats** is Cytauxzoonosis (sometimes referred to as a "bobcat fever"). The disease is caused by a protozoal organism and is transmitted by the bite of a tick. It cannot be transmitted directly from cat to cat and the disease cannot be transmitted to nonfelid animals or humans. The cats at greatest risk of contracting cytauxzoonosis are outdoor cats living in the South Central and Southeastern US. Typical signs of the disease are a previously healthy cat that suddenly goes off food and acts lethargic. The cat may cry out as if in pain and develop signs of respiratory distress. Other signs include high fever, jaundice, enlarged liver and spleen, and sometimes central nervous system signs. Treatment may include a combination of an antimalarial drug and an antibiotic, tick bite prevention using products appropriate for cats and keeping cats indoors to minimize exposure.

Is your **dog** always thirsty? A few reasons why your dog (or cat) might be unusually thirsty include:

- Dehydration – weather, play/exercise, illness, infection.
- Illness – liver disease, diabetes, kidney disease, vomiting and diarrhea.
- Medication – some drugs such as anti-inflammatory drugs, heart failure drugs and seizure medications can lead to excessive thirst
- Diet – a total dry food diet and high sodium foods will usually increase water intake.

Keep an eye on your pet's water consumption by developing a water bowl routine. Refill your pet's water bowl at approximately the same time each day; fill the bowl to about the same level each time; and pay attention to how much you put in each day and how much is left. If you are concerned if your pet is drinking too much (or too little), give your veterinarian a call.

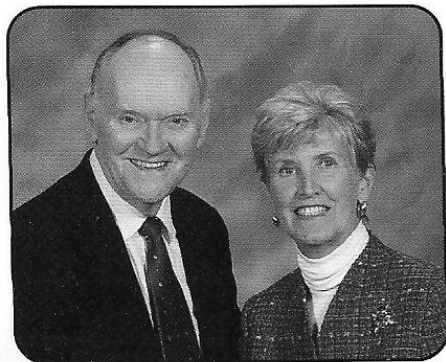
Finally, I would advise you not to feed any pet treats (especially chicken jerky) that are produced and imported from China. The Food and Drug Administration has received nearly 1000 complaints of dogs being sickened by treats produced in Chinese plants.

If you have pets other than dogs, cats, or horses (birds, reptiles, fish?), let me know and perhaps we can include information about them in a future column. In the meantime, enjoy the summer and keep your pets happy and healthy.

Neighbor Profile

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West Chester area natives, **Dick and Shirley Joyce** (#778) moved to Hershey's Mill ten years ago from West-



town, continuing their attachment to Chester County. Shirley's ties to West Chester are strong: Green Hill was named for Shirley's maiden name

(Green) by her grandfather, J. Howard Green. Her parents and another couple began the Gray Sunday School and Chapel on Ashbridge Rd. and Green Hill Rd., which is now known as Grace Bible Church.

Dick also grew up in West Chester. In 1953 he was drafted into the Army and spent 1 1/2 years stationed in Alaska. "Looking back, it was a wonderful experience," he recalled. "Banging mess kits against tent poles to scare the bears away in the morning, wading through snow waist deep, and coming face to face with the biggest bull moose God ever put on the face of the earth."

Dick attended Villanova University and after graduation began a 35-year career with the United States General Accounting Office. His position entailed traveling throughout the mid-Atlantic region, auditing federal programs and defense contractors.

Shirley's career as a secretary was interrupted when Dick and she began to raise a family. She later returned to secretarial work when her children were older. Shirley retired in 1999 only to return to work two years later as a tips-taff for the Chester County Court Sys-

tem. "Tipstaff comes from the word 'tips-tav' or a person who used to carry a staff in court and tap on the floor when the judge entered," explained Shirley.

"In court I say, 'All rise. Oyez, oyez, oyez, the Court of Common Pleas of Chester County is now in session. The honorable Judge ... is presiding. God save the Commonwealth and this honorable court. You may be seated.' I sit next to the jury and take care of them. It's a very interesting job, and I have been at some very interesting trials. I am looking forward to my first murder trial in early August." Travel is one of the Joyce's favorite pastimes. They have been to every state except North Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa. They have taken extensive driving trips throughout the United States and into Canada and Mexico and they have vacationed in Florida the past 17 years. In 2002, they and their three children travelled to Ireland, which Shirley described as "fantastic."

This year Dick and Shirley will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary. They have a son and two daughters, four grandchildren, two step grandchildren, and are expecting a great grandchild in July. They enjoy attending their grandchildren's many activities.

Shirley is an enthusiastic game player. Dick is an avid reader and is especially interested in biographies and non-fiction. In their early years in Inverness, Dick was a talented woodworker. He built Adirondack chairs for each of their three children and a small one for his grandchild. Their travels, grandchildren, and many interests are keeping Dick and Shirley very busy in their semi-retirement.

Carol Ellis

GUESS WHO? (How well do you know your neighbors?)

MATCH THE INVERNESS NEIGHBOR WITH HIS OR HER DESCRIPTION

Terry Marran	_____	a. Korean War veteran
Pat Teets	_____	b. head of the landscape committee
Jim Backes	_____	c. contributes jokes to the <i>Inverness I</i>
Sam Malandra	_____	d. played the piano at the Inverness Christmas party
Judy Klanderaman	_____	e. mistress of bunco
Maryjane Hahn	_____	f. walks the sheltie Mandy
Ken Knuth	_____	g. artist known by another name
Marge Brolly	_____	h. maintains Inverness website
Judy Amand	_____	i. long-time Inverness volunteer maintenance guru
Trudi Roderick	_____	j. an original resident

(answers on Page 13)

Carol Ellis

Maintenance Note:

Sometimes it becomes frustrating to get a key from the house to open the garage door when one is already outside. One solution is to replace the key switch with a common doorbell switch. It's a proven technique.

No problem for a "do-it-yourselfer!"

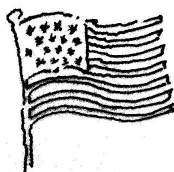
Ken Knuth (#729)

Letters To The Editor

Thank You!

"Thanks to my unknown Good Samaritan for placing my paper at the front door these weeks!!

Trudi Roderick (#701)





The fluffy and bouncy newcomer to Inverness is **Matty**, who belongs to **Jini Pettijohn** (#740). He is an adorable cream-colored poodle and cocker spaniel mix with

maybe a little wheaton terrier thrown in. At approximately fifteen months of age, he still has lots of puppy energy in him.

Matty was a stray, who was taken in by the Chester County SPCA and adopted by Jini in February. After seven or more visits to local shelters, Jini, who was encouraged in her search by her sister, had almost given up on finding a canine companion. However, one day her sister directed Jini to meet her at the Chester County SPCA at 12 o'clock when it opened. When they met at the shelter, Jini's sister quickly headed for the kennels with Jini following. There was a new dog, **Matty**. Immediately Jini knew he was the one, but another family was also looking at him. So Jini's sister stood watch while Jini went to ask to meet him. Their meeting resulted in Jini's happy adoption of **Matty**.

Soon after he came home with Jini, she enrolled him in an obedience class, and he graduated from "What a Good Dog," Manners I, in April.

Chasing squirrels, running, and playing are his favorite activities, in addition to taking walks with the other Inverness dogs. **Matty** is friendly and sociable and very happy in his new home.

Carol Ellis

Getting To Know You



Pat Phillips (#762) is the newest addition to our Village. In contrast to some, **Pat** is not familiar with the West Chester environs and is

meeting the challenge of acclimating herself and her two dogs (a lab and a shitzu) just beautifully.

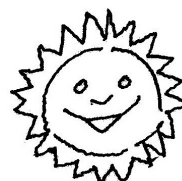
Having been a long-time resident of Williamstown, New Jersey, she moved here to be situated near her daughter and family which includes two granddaughters. She also is the proud grandmother of triplet granddaughters through her son's family.

While living in New Jersey, **Pat** and her late husband were school teachers until their retirement. She also was active as an officer in the ladies auxiliary of her hometown's fire company.

Her interests are reading, Scrabble, and puzzles. **Pat** and her late husband enjoyed travel in this country through Outdoor World and an occasional trip abroad.

Village neighbors have been wonderfully welcoming to her, and we know the remaining Village residents will enjoy making her acquaintance.

Barbara Colby



Village Council Members

President	Boyd Mackleer	#698
Secretary	Barbara Atmore	#710
Treasurer	Tom Delaney	#767
At Large	Janet Emanuel	#704
At Large	Wilbur Amand	#721

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New Neighbor Information

Work Requests

Requests for Village attention to maintenance or landscape needs should be made using the Inverness Village "Request For Action" form available from the Managing Agent's office.

Useful Web Sites

Inverness Village web site:
www.i-neighbors.org/19380/INVVLG
 (Maintained by Terry Marran)

Hershey's Mill web site:
www.hersheysmill.org

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Please forward letters and items of Village interest at any time.

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Quiz Answers

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In Memoriam

Donald G. Stauffer
 June 11, 2012

Our sincere condolences
 to his family.