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# The Inverness "I"

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## From The Editors

Thanks to electronics, we have been able to keep our ears to the ground and formulate this newsletter even though we have been away. Your interest in Inverness Village provides our incentive to devote the effort the newsletter requires. Your feedback and cooperation are our reward.

In addition to two **Neighbor Profiles**, **Pet Care** and **Dear Gramps** columns, and a special feature on **Inverness Volunteers**, we believe you will find many other items which bear on life here. We encourage everyone to take an interest in the several topics under discussion both at the Master Association and local levels, as in some degree they affect us all.

The petition circulated this winter relative to the Hershey's Mill sports operations led to a meeting of interested parties with the President of the Master Association. A summary of the MA minutes is given on Page 5, along with information on how to read the complete version online. It is in everyone's interest to keep informed of present and future plans for the Mill.

Although the social activities are typically slow in the winter, a very successful **Village Bunco** party was held in January as described on Page 4. You will also find the spring **Social Committee schedule** there, as well as information on the **Hershey's Mill House Tour**. These items are worth noting on your calendar!

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## From the Village President

The next open meeting will be **Thursday, May 16th, 2013**. Two Council seats will be voted on for 2013 - 2015. Incumbents **Barbara Atmore** and **Tom Delaney** will be candidates for re-election. There will be a village-wide mailing with instructions for any other residents to submit if they wish to be candidates for Council. Please try to attend the meeting to vote and be updated on Village happenings.

The Landscape Committee will be adding a new member (**Phil Hamilton**) for the walk-thru in the spring (date pending). Phil will be joining Chair **Judy Amand, Roz Baker, Mary Jane Hahn, Mike Neal** and **Jeff Bevan**. The purpose is to determine what needs to be done following the winter.

**Mary Lou Perry** has volunteered to oversee the Village Directory with accurate data and any changes necessary in contact information forthcoming. She plans to contact residents to update their contact information. Many thanks Mary Lou.

The final \$800 installment for the painting and wood replacement has been met by the vast majority of the Village. Thank you for your timeliness.

The snow removal costs thru February seem normal which is a good sign. We were concerned over ice and required several salting applications even without a heavy snow. The fear is over residents falling, so we err on the safe side.

### Editors Letter (continued)

Several important items were discussed at the **January Village Open Meeting**, and they are summarized in an extended report on Page 3. We especially recommend this to those who were not at the meeting. The **Letter To The Editor** on Page 5 comments on possible further distribution of the Promotional Brochure mentioned in the meeting. The **Talk InThe Neighborhood** column on Page 12 summarizes comments made informally to the editors since the last issue.

As always, our intent is to provide information we think you will find useful and entertaining. Your comments help to focus our further efforts.

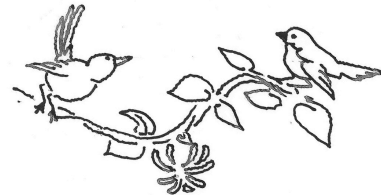
**Barbara and George Colby**

### President's Letter (Continued)

The Master Association's Marketing Advisory Group (MAG) has been active getting ready for some spring events including advertising in the Philadelphia Inquirer, several magazines, and an Open House event in the community. Real estate activity has been strong with limited houses available.

The contact phone number for Hershey's Mill Management is 484-883-8373. Please call them to report any problem or to get a form to request action.

**Boyd Mackleer**



### **Spring Cleaning - Helping Hands All Around**

Do you want spring to come shiny and clear through the windows?  
Do you need HELP cleaning the windows?

We are aware of a highly recommended window cleaner who needs HELP.  
He needs more work.

This could be a win/win situation! Rewards all around. Please call **Judy Mackleer** at 610-692-6315.

**Late News Bulletin:** We have just learned that **Dan Egan**, who was the friendly, helpful foreman for the painting of the Village, is suffering from a combination of diseases which now leave him unable to work and support his wife and three children. His friends are organizing a fund raiser for him. If you wish to show support and appreciation, checks may be sent to "Friends of Danny Egan" 8013 West Chester Pike, Upper Darby PA 19082.

## Village Meeting

The winter Village open meeting was held on January 10th with Council members **Boyd Mackleer**, **Wilbur Amand**, and **Janet Emanuel** present and about twenty homes represented. The poor attendance is perhaps attributed to the late date for the meeting, which is usually held in November or early December. Unfortunately, those not in attendance missed a lively and informative meeting.

The Treasurer's report was given by **Jeff Bevan** in the absence of **Tom Delaney**. President **Boyd Mackleer** reported on a walking trail study underway by the Master Association, as well as efforts to publicize the advantages of Hershey's Mill as a place to live. A show of hands indicated essentially unanimous support for expanded walking trails.

Boyd complimented the decorating committee, now under the direction of **Roz Baker**, and thanked **Joe Proctor** for his service on the Finance Committee. **Tom Delaney** will assume the Finance chairmanship. Boyd commented on his approach to snow removal, and said that the Master Association (MA) is investigating problems with the Verizon phone service, with the possibility of combined FIOS phone, internet and TV service in the future. The MA is also working on replacement for the present gate clicker system, due to ongoing issues. Boyd also said that gutters, roofs and chimney caps will be inspected this spring to determine repair/replacement schedules.

Several residents complained at length about the lack of communication about tree removal and the undesirability of unilateral actions by the landscape

committee without notification to abutters. Jeff Bevan noted the need for improved communication to residents concerning work to be done, and promised improvements in that area.

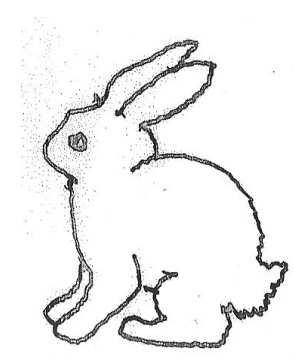
Jeff Bevan gave the Managing Agent's report, and noted that the painting project has been finished with the exception of minor problems with some mail boxes. The cooperation of the residents was noted and appreciated. In response to a question, Jeff Bevan described the workings of his office, where Ed Griffin handles financial matters, Colleen does customer service, and Stacy processes action requests.

Under committee reports, **Dave Baker** was acknowledged as the new head of the Maintenance Committee. **Judy Klanderman**, Social Committee co-chair, told of the Bunco game scheduled for January 24th. As they were not represented at the meeting, there were no reports from the landscape or architecture committees.

**Janet Emanuel** gave the only council member report with an overview of the updating of the Rules and Regulations, and pointed out significant changes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

**George Colby**





If you have a few minutes, **Lydia Voigt** (#713) can tell you some entertaining stories of people she met along the way while running her own business.

Lydia was born in Uniontown, PA, a coal mining town near Pittsburgh. Upon graduating from high school, she proceeded to earn her bachelor's degree from Stephens College in MO and returned home to accept a position in personnel at the Joseph Horne department store.

Shortly thereafter she met Jack, who had graduated from Cornell and was working for a foundry supply company. They married and soon started a family with the arrival of a daughter Ellie. Their home then became Buffalo, New York, for six and a half years. Lydia always had said that was the one place she did not want to live but she adjusted quickly. Their son Louis (Wink) was born, and the family made great friends and all participated in many winter sports. Lydia joined the Junior League. Also, Jack's family had long owned a home on Lake Almic north of Toronto where they frequented and the family still visits. Many memories and photos are great testimony to family fun there.

Jack took a position with Kaiser Aluminum, and they were on their way to live outside of Detroit in Birmingham, MI.

Within two years Jack was transferred by Kaiser to Dallas, TX, for another two years where a son John was born and then Jack was transferred to Philadelphia. Lydia was thrilled to be back in PA, so they put down roots in Wayne. As the children were in their mid-teens or older, Lydia worked at Salter's ski shop in Eagle Village for 12 years.

Lydia wanted a change and decided to start her own business. Fortuitously, a gentleman with whom she was discussing advertising suggested she look into Devon Manor as a possible opportunity to launch a business which she did in 1989. She still is active in it. *Errands-Run* is the name of the business and its "product" is "A Time Saving Service." As you might guess, she drives people to appointments, does dog walking, personal shopping, vacation plant care, etc.

She and Jack moved to Hershey's Mill in 1998, and she became active in the HM Singers and the HM Players. She also served as a member of the Inverness Landscape Committee. Jack retired in the early '90s and continued to be involved part-time in Philadelphia business. Jack passed away in October of 2010.

As you might assume, Lydia is a giving person and is much involved in charity and civic things wherever she is.

She is active in her church and volunteers at the Palm Tree shop in Paoli, which is affiliated with the Paoli Hospital Auxiliary. Lydia is in her 4th year of serving on the Board of Paoli Hospital and chairs the 2013 House Tour Committee of the Auxiliary's Hershey's Mill branch.

Lydia is widening her interests to resume golf and bocce and is an avid walker. You will enjoy being in her company.

**Barbara Colby**

## Master Association Minutes

It is always informative to hear what matters are under consideration by the Master Association (MA). Draft minutes of the monthly meetings are now being made available on-line in a timely fashion. For the benefit of those without ready access on-line, the following summary of the high points of recent meetings is presented.

As a result of the recent public debate about the HM Sports Group, the MA President, Harry Staller, and Ed McFalls met with the petitioners. (Ed. Note: Access for such a meeting has not been common in the past, but its usefulness is now being recognized.) As a result of this meeting, the need for improved communication between the MA and the residents has been recognized, and the Village Presidents have been encouraged to foster this.

Joe Bove reported on the HM marketing program, which will involve both the promotional brochure and ads in the Inquirer and elsewhere, as well as other measures to publicize and "sell" Hershey's Mill as a great place to live.

Priscilla Burt reported on the progress of the Walking Trails Committee and said that possible routes had been identified by flags. She is awaiting feedback from the Villages effected.

Various other issues relating to security and traffic control were also discussed.

The several Hershey's Mill web sites can be a bit difficult to navigate, but the following web address will take you directly to the meeting minutes:

<http://hersheysmill.org/the-mill/master-association/>

**George Colby**

### Letter To the Editor

During the recent Village meeting, Boyd mentioned the Master Association initiative to promote the unique joys of living in Hershey's Mill and the decision to fund this activity. I believe this should be applauded for several reasons: the basic brochure (and its content) confirms the recent decision to build on what we have (including the rehab and renaming of Winfield Hall) and is comforting to those who supported that position. Since we all voted (with the purchase of homes here), it is no surprise that many felt this way.

The current Channel 20 booklet described the promotional activity in some detail, including mention of the brochure intended for distribution through real estate offices.

Which suggests that the MA plan of promotion could also include any and all residents, thus providing about 2000 motivated home owners, all of whom have friends and relatives who may be future real estate prospects. Village Councils could include mention of this program in their meetings motivating residents in their own interest as well as to the common good.

Sooner or later we all will benefit from stronger home prices!

**Joe Proctor (#784)**

### Bunco Party on January 24th.



We had a great time at Bunco with 31 people attending. Guests came from Ashton, Brighton, and Ulster Villages, along with five from Kennett. Everyone really seemed to enjoy the night.

We guess they were desperate to get out and play as it was a good night to stay home and cuddle up with a good book. We had seven bunco winners - walking away with \$7.00 apiece, one winner taking home \$5.00 and 2 losers happy with their \$4.00 prize. The picture shows 7 of the 10 prize winners.

It was great to see Bunco newcomers Boyd and Judy Mackleer and those from other villages.

Reporting: **Marge Brolly & Mary Lou Perry.**

Photo: **Mary Lou**

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### 2013 Hershey's Mill Home Tour

The 13th annual Hershey's Mill Home Tour will be held on **Thursday, May 9th.** We are proud to have six beautiful homes this year. They are in Ashton, Inverness (Stedman's #708), Springton, Robynwood, Quaker and Yardley. The Community Center will be host to several vendors, a raffle of 6 fabulous baskets, and refreshments. The Center will be open from 10:00 until 4:00 so come and enjoy. Tickets will go on sale at the Community Center on the following dates from 11:00 to 1:00: April 16, 17, 18; April 23, 24, 25, April 30, May 1, and May 2. Also, tickets will be on sale at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club on Friday April 19, Friday April 26 and Friday, May 3, from 4:30 until 6:30. Our committee hopes that we will have a wonderful attendance and make this the best Home Tour ever!!!!

**Lydia Voigt**  
Home Tour Chair

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### **Social Committee News**

A Bunco party will be held on **Thursday, April 25th** at the Community Center. The committee will be planning other events in the near future. Stay tuned for announcements!

## INVERNESS VOLUNTEERS

We are certain there are many of our neighbors who perform valuable volunteer work either in Hershey's Mill or in the community. Here are a few of them. Please let us know of others, so we may feature them in future issues.

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Hershey's Mill library volunteers **Becky Bell** and **Joan Bulley** (r.), and Trudy Roderick (not shown) maintain our extensive library collection and handle circulation details at least once a week. They shelve books, help visitors select books, and then check them out. They are also involved in the library book sale.



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As a Critter Maker at the Brandywine River Museum, **Amory Stedman** creates Christmas ornaments and decorations from natural materials for sale at the Museum over the Christmas holidays. Each critter is handmade and unique. The proceeds from the sale of the critters are given to the Volunteers' Art Acquisition Fund. The 2012 proceeds amounted to over \$150,000.

Thorncroft Equestrian Center volunteer **Carol Ellis** helps disabled riders in equine therapy. Carol tacks the horses and serves as a side aide in therapy sessions one afternoon a week. Riders are military veterans, patients from Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital, and children with autism and vision limitations among others.



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INVERNESS VOLUNTEERS (Cont.)

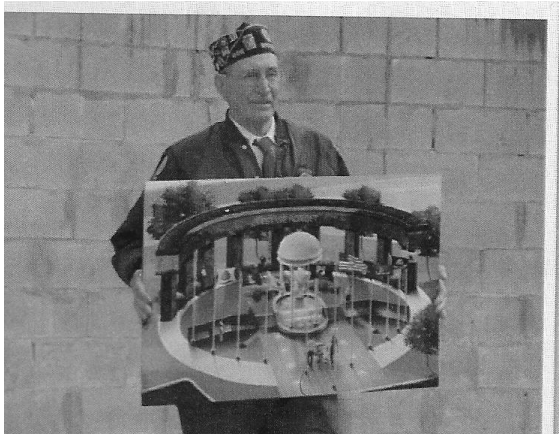


**John Klanderman**, is uniquely qualified for his volunteer role. John is a Stephen Minister associated with the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester. Stephen Ministers "walk" with a person going through some situational difficulty, such as divorce, bereavement, unemployment, etc. Fifty hours of training based on Christian principles prepare the volunteers, whose services are then arranged by contacting the church.

**Ginny Kettenring** volunteers at the Chester County Hospital in two capacities. On Wednesdays, she welcomes visitors to the family lounge, makes them comfortable, and takes calls from the operating rooms to inform families when the patient is in recovery. As a second volunteer duty, Ginny rocks babies in the intensive unit.



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**Sam Malandra**, as a member of the Marple Newtown Combined Veterans Alliance, performs honor guard duties at the funerals of military veterans. He attends many of the 250-300 veterans' funerals that are honored by the Alliance. He is presently involved with the World War II Memorial on West Chester Pike in Edgemont.

**Carol Ellis**

(Editors Note: We have interviewed several other generous volunteers and will feature their photos and descriptions of their involvements in upcoming issues. Suggestions of names of those not yet interviewed are encouraged, so we may adequately show the scope of our residents' activities.



**PETS RULE**  
**Wilbur B. Amand, VMD**  
**(and always, MacGregor)**

As I have mentioned in previous columns, it is important to pay close attention to the preventative medical care of your pet, whether it be a dog, cat, bird or other animal pet. One of the oldest infectious diseases of dogs is Canine Distemper (CD). The CD virus is a severe, highly contagious multisystemic virus of dogs and other carnivores worldwide (including African lions!). Although CD can be seen in dogs of any age, it is most often seen in young, unvaccinated puppies.

Clinical signs of CD vary but most often include fever, being off food, and depression. Several body systems are involved: – 1) Respiratory system – nasal discharge, runny eyes, coughing, and sneezing; 2) Gastrointestinal – vomiting and diarrhea; and 3) Neurological (encephalitis) – seizures, pacing, twitching, and paralysis, to name but a few.

Diagnosis may be difficult and must be differentiated from such diseases as “kennel” cough and parvovirus infection. There is no effective, specific antiviral therapy, so treatment tends to concentrate on controlling secondary bacterial symptoms. Prognosis is guarded, especially in those animals showing neurological signs.

So, the best way to prevent your dog from becoming infected with the canine distemper virus is to make sure that they are appropriately vaccinated. Have a discussion with your veterinarian about a proper vaccination program for your pet.

What about your cat? While cats are fairly good at self-maintenance, they do have some common diseases and health issues:

1. Vomiting – following ingestion of toxic or inedible objects; infection; urinary tract disease, or diabetes.
2. Feline Lower Urinary Tract Disease – actually a group of feline diseases with multiple causes. Symptoms include straining to urinate, bloody urine, urinating in unusual places, crying when urinating, vomiting, and depression.
3. External (fleas and ticks) and internal parasites (worms of various types)
4. Diarrhea – causes include hairballs, spoiled food, allergies, infection, liver disease, and cancer. Diarrhea lasting for more than 24 hours should be cause to take your cat to the veterinarian.
5. Eye problems – includes conjunctivitis (reddening of the eye), cataracts, glaucoma, trauma, viruses, inflammation, and retinal disease.

If your cat exhibits any of the above conditions, have your veterinarian examine your pet and advise on what treatment may be indicated.

Finally, we have just recently celebrated Valentine’s Day and Easter is ahead. Both of these celebrations are usually connected with CHOCOLATE. And this presents a potential toxic event for your dog. Chocolate is one of the most common causes of canine poisoning. No amount of chocolate is OK for your dog to consume. Dark chocolate and baker’s chocolate are the riskiest. The offending chemical compound in chocolate is called theobromine, which in dogs is more slowly metabolized than in humans. While small amounts of chocolate may cause vomiting and diarrhea in dogs, toxic amounts cause hyperactivity, tremors, high blood pressure, rapid heart rate, seizures, respiratory failure, and cardiac arrest. So it is best to keep chocolate away from your dog, and if it is accidentally ingested, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Let’s say goodbye to winter and enjoy a bright and colorful spring. Enjoy!!

## Neighbor Profile



As long-time and active residents of the section of Inverness Village known as "The Magnificent Seven," **Laura and Joe Proctor (#784)** continue to liven things up with their positive attitudes and interests in always trying to make this a great place to live.

They both grew up in Philly, Joe in the SW and Laura originally in the NE sections, though she later moved to the Museum area. Laura was accepted into, and graduated from, the Philadelphia High School for Girls. Joe graduated from Bartram High School, which was also attended by several other Inverness residents.

Graduating during World War II, Laura joined the Cadet Nursing Corps at The University of Pennsylvania, which provided a liberal arts education in addition to studies leading to an RN degree. This was a rigorous program with 13-hour study/work days for three years.

Joe, meantime, had graduated from high school and enrolled at Drexel but was drafted into the Army after three months. He served in Europe in the Signal Corps and recalls interesting incidents during the Battle of the Bulge. Following the end of the war, Joe reentered Drexel under the GI Bill and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Laura met Joe at dances attended by Drexel students, and they dated for two years before marrying upon Joe's graduation. He accepted a position with Lukens Steel in Coatesville, and Laura joined Coatesville Hospital as a pediatric nurse. During that time, they began dinner discussion groups with other Lukens-related families, establishing friendships which have endured to the present.

Five children were welcomed into the family over the next few years, including twins as a grand finale. As the children grew older, the family moved to Paoli in the interest of better schools. They subsequently occupied several different homes there as space needs changed.

Joe stayed at Lukens Steel for 22 years, working on materials for nuclear reactors, submarines, steam generators, and steel for the World Trade Center. He also traveled to Europe in connection with a consulting contract that Lukens had with an Italian electric company, trips which also included Laura on occasion.

Joe left Lukens to open his own manufacturer's representative agency in response to a business opportunity in Atlanta. After ten years, he was enticed back to DE as Sales Manager for Phoenix Steel but left after two years there to go independent again as a steel products broker. From 1974 to 2012, Joe and Laura worked together running the business until retiring.

They moved to Inverness Village in 1995. Joe served briefly as Village President, and as Finance Committee Chair after that. Laura is an accomplished artist who also enjoys bridge, exercise, and socializing. They have traveled many places in the US and Europe. Laura and Joe are approaching their 64th wedding anniversary. We wish them well!

**George Colby**

**DEAR GRAMPS: (John Klanderman Ph.D)**

**Dear Gramps**

I have become increasingly concerned with the frequent, almost addictive, use of social media by my grandkids. I try to warn them about the dangers of posting personal information on Facebook or similar sites, but they just tell me I'm old-fashioned! They won't listen long enough for me to explain why one needs to be very careful. I can tell they tune me out after my first sentence. I am very frustrated!

**Worried Grandma**

**Dear Worried Grandma**

Your concern is very real but, unfortunately, your grandkids do not view you as a credible source for advice on the matter! So let them read about the concerns of professional Facebook users. However, remember that you CAN LEAD A HORSE TO WATER BUT YOU CANNOT MAKE HIM DRINK! Try having them read the following (paraphrased) article, by Jackie Burrell, (About.com Guide) for a start. Good luck!

**Gramps**

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**Perils That Have Nothing to Do With Internet Predators:**

Posting on Facebook, MySpace and other social networks is a favorite pastime for teens and 20somethings - and they remain a great way for families to keep in touch - but recent headlines have yielded some caveats that have nothing to do with the usual "predators lurk everywhere" issues. Here are some Facebook dangers your college kid or young adult may never have thought about.

**Facebook and college admissions:** It's a bad idea to post dicey photos or racy prose on social networking sites, no matter how private teens may think they are. According to a 2008 Kaplan study, one in 10 college admissions officers routinely checks out college applicants' Facebook and MySpace pages. And some 38% of them found posts and pictures that reflected poorly on those prospective students. It wasn't even necessarily that they'd posted provocative or hard partying photos. In some cases, students had simply written disparagingly about the campuses they toured.

**Grad school and careers:** Business and medical school admissions officers surf social networking sites in even greater numbers than their undergrad brethren. So do prospective employers, none of whom are impressed by posts that holler "Par-tay! Woo hoo!"

**Fellow students:** It's not just admissions officers doing the surfing. Some upper classmen at the University of Redlands were so incensed by partying comments made by several incoming freshmen on the Redlands Facebook group site, they showed the posts to college officials. College administrators said they called the teens' parents a few weeks before school began to have a little talk.

**Courtroom consequences:** Unfortunate Facebook postings can have serious legal repercussions, too. One of the first things attorneys do with a new case is search online for information about plaintiffs, defendants and witnesses alike. In one Rhode Island case, a 20-year-old's drunk driving accident, which severely injured another youth, could have resulted in a relatively light stint at county jail or the considerably more severe state prison. But, as the prosecutor in the case quickly discovered, two weeks after the accident, while his victim was still in the hospital, the youth posted photos on Facebook of himself at a Halloween party, prancing around in a prisoner costume. He was sentenced to two years in state prison.

**Talk In The Neighborhood**

Many comments are made to us by residents who are hesitant to raise them at open meetings or to write them for publication. The implied hope is that the Editors will bring them forward. It is in this vein that we note the following comments and observations.

**Appreciation**

Our neighbors recognize that all positions of authority in the Village are filled by volunteers, and their considerable efforts are truly appreciated.

**Meeting Scheduling and Attendance:**

Following the recent meeting, several residents expressed a desire to have the Village Open Meetings in May and November, or early December at the latest, to allow the maximum participation. (note: May is now scheduled)

In view of the fact that the Village has only two open meetings a year, residents would also like to encourage attendance by all Council members, Committee Chairs, and residents. The discourse in an open forum often shows that there are others who share the same concerns, and it is most helpful if we all learn this first hand.

**FYI:** Janet Emanuel is a candidate for East Goshen Supervisor as Thom Clapper is retiring. Hershey's Mill has not been represented on the Board by a resident for some time.

**Village Council Members**

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Home #696

**Useful Web Sites**

**Inverness Village web site:**  
[www.i-neighbors.org/19380/INVVLG](http://www.i-neighbors.org/19380/INVVLG)

