

The Inverness "I"

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Welcome



From The Editors

We reflect on our goals this January as we start our **third** year. We undertook this adventure, with the encouragement and support of our Associate Editors, **Carol and Jim Ellis**, because we all agreed that life in Inverness would be even more pleasant if we all got to know each other better. Along with the activities of an active and energetic Social Committee, we feel major strides have been made toward a friendlier, more interactive community. May it get even better!

We encourage all our neighbors to be "Inverness Boosters." We have much of which to be proud. Newsletters like ours are springing up in other villages, our Ice Cream Social has been duplicated in Jefferson and non-residents attend our games and events. Spread the word that this is the best place in Hershey's Mill to live, as indeed it is. We are special and we want everyone to know - including prospective buyers.

As we look ahead to 2012, a social calendar of events is being formulated and the newsletter has some exciting upcoming material.

2012 New Year Resolution: Share your talents. Get involved. Support the Village!

Barbara & George Colby

From the Village President

Once again, to reiterate, thank you for your interest, questions, and involvement in the affairs of Inverness Village throughout 2011. To have the pulse of the community makes decision making much easier for the entire council.

Thanks to the Decorations Committee for the attractiveness of the entrance and the main thoroughfare of the Village for the holiday season. Trudi Roderick is the Chairperson of the Committee but due to a medical issue her place was taken by Jim McArdle. The other members of the committee were Sam Malandra, Pat Teets, John Klanderman, Dave Baker, Tom Delaney and Betty Ann McArdle.

Joe Proctor, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and his committee members- Tom Delaney, Dick Joyce, Jim McArdle, and Al Nichols- deserve credit for their fine work on the 2012 village budget.

The Capital Reserve Study done by The Falcon Group is still being studied and will be discussed at the Village meeting in May 2012. Hopefully, the work on the Community Center will be completed by then. The Community Center was closed for use on December 26, 2011.

Council has contracted with B&G Landscape to remove all the bollards in the village as a part of the long-term landscape plan.

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THANK YOU !!!!!

As the close of the year draws near, we reflect on the many contributors to both this newsletter and Inverness Village. Our dedicated associate editors, **Carol and Jim Ellis**, along with **Boyd Mackleer, Wilbur Amand, Joe Proctor** and others whose inputs have appeared in this publication deserve kudos.

The **Village Council** and the various committees put in untold (and rarely spoken of) hours to ensure a quality of life for the residents. **They deserve a round of applause and a personal thank you when you see them.**

As we enter the New Year, we can be confident that the village is in good hands.

Around The Village

Great Decorations! We salute **Cliff Long** (#702) for his beautiful garage flowers this summer. He set a high standard with his wonderful display.



From the Village President (cont.)

The snow removal contract is again in the capable hands of Kilmac Construction with no increase in fees for the 2012 season.

Several items are necessary to mention to remind us all of certain rules and regulations of Village life.

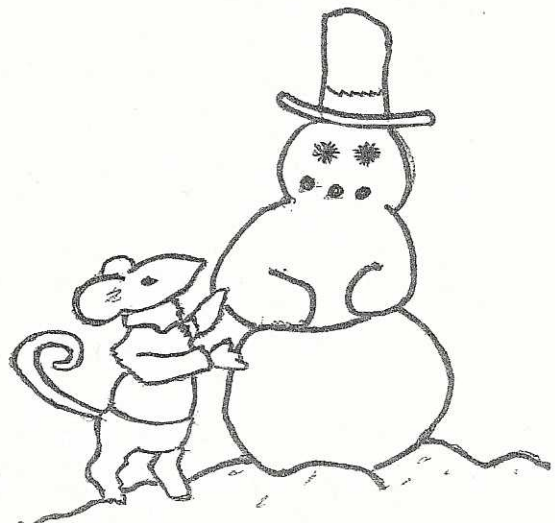
A. Section G-Motor Vehicles #3--requires use of your garage for your first car and the parking areas for other cars. **OUTDOOR PARKING SPACES ARE NOT ASSIGNED.**

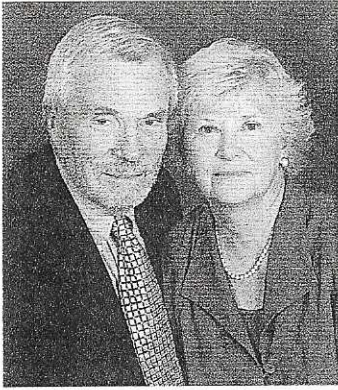
Garage doors should be kept closed.

B. Section 1-Pets #3 and #5--**SOLID PET WASTE MUST BE PICKED UP IMMEDIATELY AND ALL DOMESTIC PETS MUST BE ON A HAND HELD LEASH AT ALL TIMES. NO DOGS MAY BE TIED ON A LEASH OR CHAIN OUTSIDE IN THE VILLAGE.**

Enjoy the winter season wherever you may be and be safe.

Boyd Mackleer (#698)



Neighbor Profile

Boyd and Judy Mackleer (#698) have always lived interesting and active lives. Judy grew up in Poland, Ohio, and later moved to New Jersey and Kingston, Jamaica,

before settling in East Goshen in 1976.

"Living in Jamaica was one of the best experiences in my life," explained Judy. "It was so very different. We were living in a third world country. My children went to school with children from 34 different countries. It's where I volunteered at the University of West Indies Hospital and learned to play golf."

After returning to the United States and raising her three children, Judy worked as the office manager for an ear, nose, and throat practice. Today she still manages a building for the head of the practice.

Boyd, a native of Glenside, PA, is a 1963 graduate of Drexel University with a degree in business administration and a major in finance. Over the years he has held an amazing variety of positions, including a summer job collecting garbage, running a TV camera for WFIL Channel 6, and being a copy boy for the Vince Leonard news show at Channel 3 in Philadelphia. His professional career led him to employment with the National Drug Co., Lederle Laboratories, and Roche Laboratories. He retired in 1995, but was a consultant for Schering-Plough in 1996.

Judy moved to Brighton Village in 1985, while Boyd moved into Brighton in 1990, when they married. They subsequently moved to Inverness in April 1998. They

love the HM lifestyle and are avid golfers. Judy is the Mixed Golf Events Chairperson and on the Golf Committee at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club.

Their love of golf has taken them to Scotland several times to play the golf courses there - St. Andrews among them, as well as different courses in the States. They both love traveling and have been to several countries in Europe, to the Caribbean, Canada, and throughout the United States. In fact, Boyd has been to all 49 states but not Alaska. As a young college graduate, he traveled as a field representative for his college fraternity, Sigma Pi, to 37 states within six months.

Judy is a gardener and raises flowers and vegetables. She plays Bridge and Mah-Jongg and loves to read, a hobby she shares with Boyd, along with an interest in Philadelphia sports teams.

As a deacon at the First Presbyterian Church in West Chester, Judy is involved in many church activities. She commented that "My church and my family are my main interests and are very important in my life. I am blessed."

Boyd, too, is active at First Presbyterian, where he was a trustee and elder. Presently, as Village president, Boyd is also a member of the Master Association.

Boyd and Judy will celebrate their 22nd wedding anniversary in 2012. Their blended family consists of Boyd's daughter and Judy's two daughters and son plus 8 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Boyd summed up his feelings when he said, "I am blessed to have the pleasure of being a surrogate father and grandfather for such wonderful young people and children - great grandchildren."

Carol Ellis

DEAR GRAMPS

Editor's note: Dear Gramps is a new feature intended to be reminiscent of "Dear Abby" but will focus on issues typical of, or unique to, senior citizens.

The following are examples of issues this column will explore. We encourage our INVERNESS "I" readers to anonymously submit issues or concerns for "Gramps" to address, and to feel free to disagree with his responses.

Our DEAR GRAMPS consultant is an Inverness resident with profound psychological insight!

Grandkids Won't Write!

Dear Gramps: Despite my best efforts to be a friendly, in-touch Grandmother, I seldom get a response to my letters, phone messages or e-mails from my grandchildren. How do I convince them that it may be worthwhile to keep me in the loop?

Answer: You are certainly not alone with this predicament. If your grandchildren are all preadolescents, you may want to speak to their parents or to the whole family as either a group or individually, if possible, and simply let them know how much it means to you to get a response from each one of them. If the grandkids are quite young, you will need their parents' help. After all, it is a parent's job to teach children to write or e-mail letters, not yours!

However, if you want to teach all of them to stay in the loop, simply tell them that if they do not send an acknowledgement for a birthday or other

contacts, they are out of the loop, and you will only respond in the future to those that have responded to you. Particularly with gifts, **MONEY TALKS!**

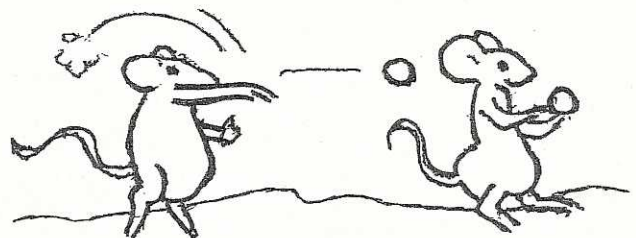
In the end, I can only advise you to not let too much of **your** happiness depend on your relationship with them, as it is really far easier to enjoy your own life as it is, rather than try to reform a younger generation!

Fewer Christmas Cards?

Dear Gramps: In view of the escalating costs of cards and postage, I would like to cut down my Christmas/Holiday card list. How do I tell people I am doing this in a way that will not imply that I no longer care about them?

Answer: It certainly is legitimate to reduce the number of Christmas cards that you send out as time marches on! I would suggest that you just send out the cards you want to at Christmas and let the "chips fall where they may." However, for the first Christmas that you do this, you may want to send a short thank you note or postcard to each person that sends you a card (that you did not send to), explaining your dilemma. I am sure that most people will more than understand.

Also, it could be a significant saving if you send Christmas postcards. I wish you the best!



On Saturday, November 5, the 16th annual Inverness Ladies Luncheon was held at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club. Approximately 50 ladies attended and were very enthusiastic about the entire event. The social hour was a wonderful example of this in that there was a great deal of intermingling for conversation and at the table seatings as well. Many remarked that it was great to chat with unfamiliar neighbors.

The room was decorated beautifully with special fall color table linens and artfully designed table decorations by Trudi Roderick.

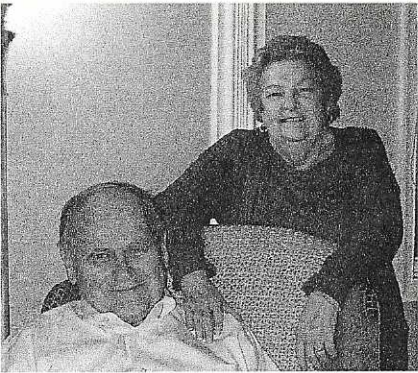
Doris Harry (#714) is the chair of this event and she was ably assisted by **Rita Cordivari** (#776), **Trudi Roderick** (#701), **Roz Baker** (#779), **Pat Teets** (#775).

The committee asked specifically that thanks go out to all the ladies who supported the luncheon with their attendance. On behalf of the Village, it seems that a bouquet of plaudits should go forth to the committee for their contribution to the Village in arranging this lovely event!



Neighbor Profile

Upon being in the company of **Alma and Tom Delaney** (#767), one is immediately impressed with their enthusiasm for life in Hershey's Mill. They enjoy and brighten the environment with all their activities.



They both grew up in Delaware County, Alma in Holmes, PA, and Tom in Aldan, PA. Tom had graduated, and Alma was a senior in high school when they met through

a blind date. Following a four-year courtship, they married.

Tom had been hired by a bank following his graduation, and Alma likewise took a position with the Metropolitan Insurance Company which she pursued until marriage.

Tom heeded the bank's advice to pursue a college degree and enrolled in the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania night school program which allowed him to continue with the bank. Following his Associates Degree, he transferred to St Joseph's University from which he received a BS in Accounting.

Meanwhile, Alma was busy at home, as three of their five sons were born during this eight year period. We all know that raising active boys can be a full-time job!

Following his degree, Tom was promoted to Trust Officer, and was advised that a law degree would be important to his future with the bank. With that in mind, he enrolled at Temple University law school, for an additional four years of night school.

Tom continued with the bank for a total of seventeen years, becoming a vice president. Realizing that he was not in line for the presidency, he joined the law firm of Haws and Burke of Ardmore. After twenty-one years there, Tom left to start a new law practice. The firm is now Delaney and Scott, named for the two principals. The firm focuses in tax, estate, probate and similar matters. We are aware that Tom has been very helpful to several Inverness residents.

As their sons became older, Alma worked for five years at the Cardinal Krol Center for special need adults, and later worked as office manager for the fledgling law firm.

In 1997 they moved into Inverness from their home in Drexel Hill. Alma soon joined in the task of reviving the struggling newcomers group (now called the Social Club) for five years. She joined the HM Players theater group for the 2000 production, and she and Janet Emanuel have sung in each succeeding show. Both Tom and Alma appeared in Channel 20 TV productions.

As officers, Tom has served as Inverness Village Treasurer for six terms, and Alma as president of the HM Branch of the Paoli Hospital Auxiliary for two years. She is also an active member of the Inverness Social Committee.

Their favorite vacation activity is embarking on a cruise, which they have done 19 times to date. Cruises have taken them to Alaska, China, the Mediterranean, the Amazon River, Africa, the South Seas and many other destinations. They have also visited many places in land travels, including London, Ireland, and Germany.

Alma and Tom are blessed with twelve grandchildren and a great grandchild. All sons and families live in this area, the farthest away being in State College.

George Colby

Princess, or Princess Butterfly, arrived at the home of **Sam** and **Jennie Malandra** (#692) in the summer and changed their lives. An adorable small gray, white, and tan mixed breed, she is six years old.



Princess first came to the attention of Sam and Jennie when Jennie's niece was working at an animal shelter where she met Princess Butterfly. "She was so sweet my niece thought we would be a good match. And we are," explained Jennie.

Although Sam can be seen walking Princess several times a day, Princess has focused her love and attention on Jennie. She has become Jennie's "shadow" who follows her everywhere. "Her favorite spot is on my lap, and she won't let me stop petting her," said Jennie. "She even sleeps under my bed."

However, Princess's loving nature disappears when she thinks Jennie is threatened. The "great protector" will bark and hiss when anyone comes to the door or close to Jennie. But the barking stops when Jennie says to her, "It's Ok!"

A lucky chance encounter brought Princess to Sam and Jennie and enriched their lives. And for Princess, she now has a loving forever home.

Carol Ellis - photo: Jim Ellis

Art Show and Sale

The previously featured art show and sale by **Judy Antonelli Klanderman** and **Jane Phelan Auer** felt like a village event by those who attended. The response by the village residents and Hershey's Mill at large was very significant. The show was labeled a great success by all who had the pleasure of seeing the lovely work by these very gifted women.

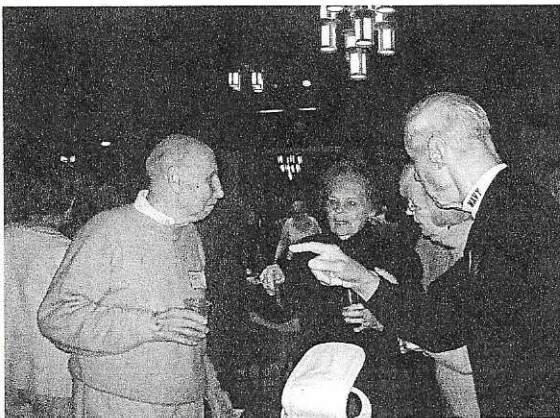
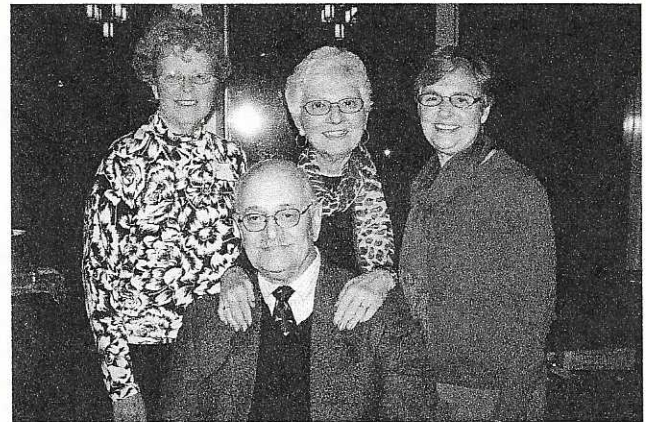
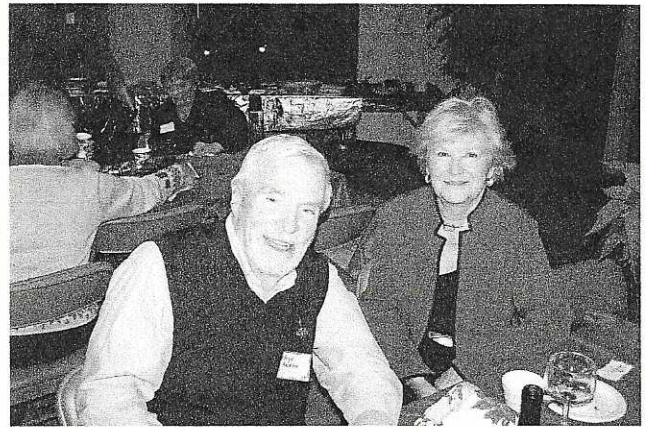
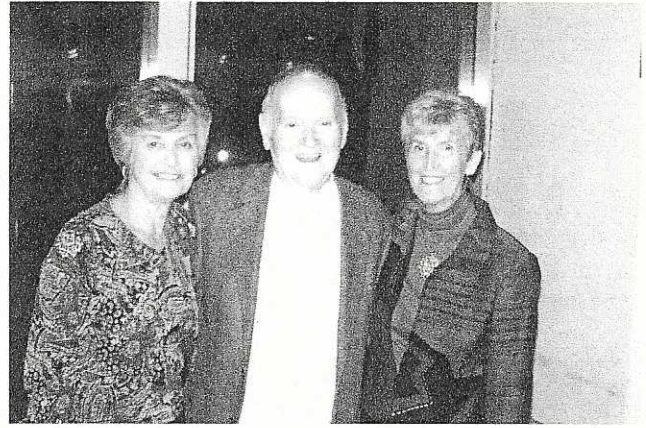
Bunco

Another successful Bunco night was held in October and it obviously will be held many more times due to popular demand. It is such an easy game and is a great way to get the village residents to circulate and get to know each other "at play." At each event, we see more and more new attendees, so word is out. I am sure we all await eagerly as to when the next game will be held.



Wonderful Holiday Party

Sixty-eight of our residents enjoyed a happy and spirited dinner and entertainment in the Community Center on December 10th. The hall was beautifully decorated with red table cloths and seasonal center-pieces. A delicious dinner arranged by the Social Committee, under the direction of **Judy Klanderman**, was served. **Jim Backes**, a resident of Inverness played the grand piano for the evening and set a wonderful background for lively conversation. We commend all who contributed to making this a most memorable Holiday Party. Excellently done, indeed!!!



(We hope to publish the recipe for the delicious potato dish by **Marge Brolly** in the April issue.)

Neighbor Profile

In this issue one might say we have a two for one. We first introduce **Jean DiMeo** (#709) and then we share



some bio on her son, Paul, whom many of you would recognize from his nine years of television appearances on Extreme Makeover.

Jean grew up in CA and met her late husband Jack when they were college students there. After marriage, work and starting a family with 3 children, they came to the Philly area which was Jack's roots. He started in his family's business and in later years, until retirement, he worked for the IRS. They settled in Media where two more children were born, and Jean joined the staff at the court house when their youngest child was in the early teens.

There was a brief transition from their original home in Media to a smaller home prior to coming to HM. Jack was an active and accomplished member of the art group as well as the HM Players. Jean frequents the pool and enjoys reading, cooking and baking. She formerly was a member of the landscape committee.

Their interests as a couple were traveling to Europe and in the US as well as many trips to a home they had owned in Saint Maarten.

In talking with Jean, the warmth and closeness of her family is very obvious, and three of them live in relative

proximity. Two sons reside on the West Coast. At the time of this interview, Jean was anticipating a trip to CA to visit Paul for the Thanksgiving holiday.

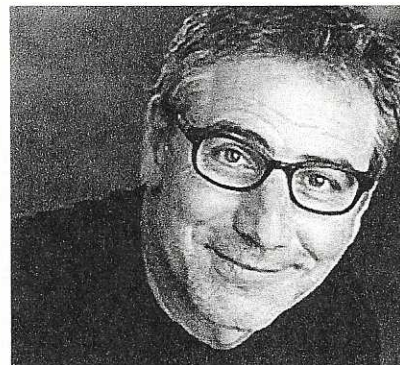
Paul grew up in Media and went to Point Park College in Pittsburgh to study Theater Arts.

After 17 years in New York, he went to LA and was in the first episode of Extreme Makeover and has been with them ever since, for a total of 9 years.

One of the recent houses built by the show was selected by Glenn Close who was on site for the filming. Michelle Obama was also on a program for the construction of a new home for a serviceman, and Paul remarked that he found her extremely approachable.

Jean has visited several of the sites where they were working/filming. She commented that the people shown from the towns where construction is in progress have taken their personal vacation time, and it is so impressive to watch all those hands working at once for such a great cause.

Paul and his wife, Kelly, who is a graphic artist, live in Los Angeles in a home originally built for Tom Mix. Jean hears from Paul frequently, and



he visits several times a year. You may want to keep a watch out to spot a celebrity in our midst!

Barbara Colby

A Blog From The Village Imp!

Most should have received copies of relevant By Laws and Covenants during the purchase of their home. And may never have read them! Since much of our lives are controlled in accordance with these documents, this may not be a wise non-decision! Incidentally, copies of the relevant documents are available at the library in Winfield Hall/Community Center.

Overall Hershey's Mill Management:

The top level of governance of Hershey's Mill is provided by the Master Association. This body is composed of the presidents of each village. The smaller villages of Heatherton, Lincoln, and Newbury are managed by a single village council with a single president, so there are a total of 23 presidents who make up the Master Association. This group looks after common areas and improvements and has the authority to assess villages for money to do these works (and these assessments end up as a budget item in each Village's budget).

These are significant responsibilities; for perspective, assuming an average value of residences in HM of \$200,000 and there are 1730 homes, they look after assets worth in excess \$35,000,000- not mentioning a sewage treatment plant and other miscellaneous this and that. And the \$200,000 value is, hopefully, low.

Note, however, residents as individuals have no direct authority to express themselves (except in village elections). This became very evident during the discussion about replacing Winfield Hall with more imposing facilities. Some felt this effort misunderstood the appeal of Hershey's Mill- which, after all, had resulted in current residents moving to HM in the first place! So a grass roots movement sprang up to influence events.

There remains a feeling that means for residents to exert more direct influence on future major projects should be available. Efforts continue by some Hershey's Mill residents to investigate modifying the governance structure. However, a proper balance is difficult to achieve and, after all, the residents were heard through their individual presidents voting for upgrading the existing structure. And there is some feeling the existing system (Councils, Master Association) has served well for 30 years. Currently, however, the documents mentioned above are the law in these parts!

Meanwhile, there are opportunities to influence decisions through various village and MA volunteer opportunities within the current system. The MA also uses resident experts in insurance (a large responsibility), and a resident committee to assist in the revamping of Winfield Hall. The sewage plant uses residents to oversee its operations, as well as one employee!

So residents can serve their neighbors by participating in the activities required to keep HM going!

Joe Proctor (#784)

(Brief Bio on next page)

PETS RULE

**WILBUR B. AMAND, VMD
(and of course MACGREGOR)**

Joseph H. Proctor (in his own words)

I was born in 1925, raised in South-west Philadelphia and educated in the public schools in that city. I share that background with other Invernessers, namely Harry and Joan Bully, Betty Smith, and Harry Majeski.

I served in the Army from 1944 to 1946 in the ETO, almost getting caught by "the you know who" in the Bulge but survived, returning to attend Drexel Institute of Technology (later University) as a Mechanical Engineer. Met Laura (a Penn nurse) at a Penn/Drexel CA dance in 1946 and married in 1948.

I was employed by the then Lukens Steel Company for 22 years, last as marketing manager, and then decided to go on my own (it is untrue nobody else would have me) since 1972 to the current date. Have just decided to retire and am considering concentrating on blogging in the Inverness "I." We'll see!

We turned out to be pretty good on reproduction, having five under five (including 8-pound each twins, all of whom turned out pretty well!) Also have 4 granddaughters, some of whom have brightened up things here by visiting, wearing bikinis.

We have lived in Chester County, Georgia, and Wilmington, moving to Hershey's Mill in 1994 (we like it here!). I understand Laura has just picked up my option, as of December 18, our 63rd anniversary.

And we hope to be with you all here in Inverness for many years.

Like many of us, our pets are living longer lives. However, with longevity, pets may also develop certain cancers. Veterinarians say that cancer is the most common killer of dogs and cats and that almost half of our pets will develop some form of cancer in their lifetime. Included among the more common signs of cancer observed in our pets are:

- Weight loss
- Loss of appetite
- Abnormal swellings that persist or continue to grow
- Sores that do not heal
- Difficulty eating or swallowing
- Hesitation to exercise or loss of stamina
- Persistent lameness or stiffness
- Difficulty breathing, urinating or defecating

When a pet gets cancer, owners often think there is nothing that can be done. However, there are a number of options, including chemotherapy, surgery, and radiation which may be used alone or in combination. And newer treatments are being developed all of the time. Before commencing any form of cancer therapy, the owner must consider the type of cancer, the overall condition of the pet, and the cost of the treatment(s). When faced with a pet that has cancer, it is important to have a detailed discussion with your veterinarian in order to come to the best decision as how to proceed. Often pets handle cancer treatments much better than humans and may have fewer side effects.

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Pets Rule (continued from page 11)

One of the best ways to detect cancer early is to be sure to take your pet to your veterinarian for their annual wellness exams. These exams are much more than simple vaccinations. The main value of such annual exams is to identify disease or illness at the earliest stage possible. For senior pets (7 years and older) a health visit is recommended at least once (and for cats twice) a year.

I hope that all of you and your pets have a very happy and healthful New Year.

Village Council Members

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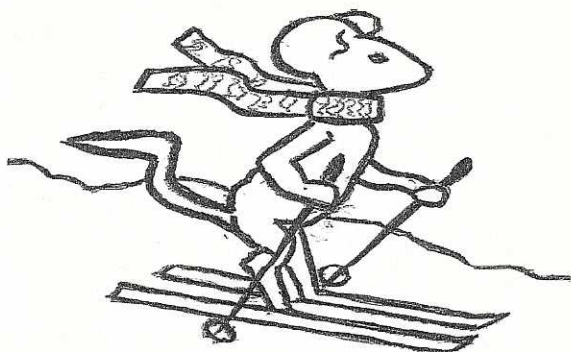
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Directory Update

Please ADD New Neighbors:

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Please make a correction:

Judy Nestel (#786) 601-436-4676

In Memoriam

Ruth Bressi

September 28, 2011

Joan Jackson

October 31, 2011

William Pettijohn

November 21, 2011

Our sincere condolences
to their families.