
The Inverness "I"

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From the Editors

Walking around the Village, one can't help noticing how our neighbors have beautified their homes and their yards. Garages are decorated with colorful baskets of petunias, with decorated containers of begonias and salvia, and with pretty watering cans filled with flowers.

Many houses have attractive plantings of hosta in all of its variety - from the green to the blue to the variegated green and white or green and yellow. Some of the hostas are enormous, growing up to over four feet across.

In front of the hostas and flowering bushes, residents have planted annuals to add color to the fronts of their homes. Red, purple, yellow and white impatiens, blue Russian sage, yellow and orange marigolds, and begonias of every color brighten their yards.

Decks and patios have pots and hanging baskets of impatiens, geraniums, and petunias, while some have containers of vegetables, especially tomatoes. Other neighbors grow herbs, such as mint, basil, lavender, and parsley in large pots. It is a treat to walk behind our homes and enjoy the beautiful gardens growing on the decks and patios which provide wonderful natural settings for sitting out on summer evenings.

Perennials have begun to bloom around homes: astilbe, black-eyed Susans, daisies, daylilies, lambs' ear, cat mint, coral bells, dianthus, and the colorful knock-out rose, a recent addition. Some homes look like English gardens with their varied perennials intermixed with annuals, such as impatiens and begonias. Often residents place their indoor plants – amaryllis, ferns, gardenias – outside for the summer, like going to camp.

The shepherd's crook has become very popular as a way to display hanging baskets. Neighbors use both the shorter crook and the taller

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From the Village President

The new wireless smoke alarm system is completed. The Village Council would like to thank all residents for their cooperation in this process.

The Verizon FiOS transition also is completed. Each home should have TV, internet, and phone if they signed up.

Real estate continues to move along in a strong market in Hershey's Mill. 146 homes sold in 2017 and 65 homes have sold through May in 2018.

The start of the Wood Shop expansion has been delayed by the need for PECO to identify some of its cables in the area as either primaries or secondaries and the voltage of each. Hopefully, as you read this, the extension of the walking trail across the top of Brighton and across Ashton along Chandler Drive will be accomplished.

The replacement of the deteriorated wood shingles on the perimeter walls is scheduled for July and August.

Recently the Hershey's Mill Homeowners Association Finance Committee and Board of Directors sent out a letter to all residents via e-mail. The letter is a request for feedback to assist in creating a long range plan for future projects. Please send any ideas you may have to Ed McFalls (e-mail: mcfallse@aol.com or US Mail: 1389 Boot Road, West Chester PA 19380.)

Please forward your ideas for improving Hershey's Mill by July 16 so they can be passed on to the Master Association and be turned from a "vision" to a reality. No idea is too small or too big. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Boyd Mackleer

Editor's Note: The HMHOA letter was distributed by Terry Marran to all on her e-mail list. The letter is reprinted on the last page of this newsletter for anyone who did not receive it.

From the Editors (cont'd from pg. 1)

crook with baskets of multi-colored petunias, begonias, and lobelia. The crooks are often placed near the front door or by the walk into a home as are large ceramic pots of many decorative designs and colors. They, too, are filled with colorful annuals.



Inverness is fortunate to have neighbors who help us maintain the natural beauty of our Village. Our landscape committee – **Judy Amand, Maryjane Hahn, Roz Baker, and Barbara Poole** – walks the village with our management team and Mike Neale of Hershey's Mill Landscaping to locate areas that need attention. **Dave Baker** places the commemorative American flags around the entrance to the Village. Dave also paints and cares for our welcoming bench, which is placed on the island as one enters Inverness. Walkers often rest there when they stroll the Village or walk their dogs or (cat).

While we have added our personal touches to our yards, decks, and patios, we have greatly enhanced the beauty of our Village. We have brought color and life to the Village and have made strolling Inverness a delight.

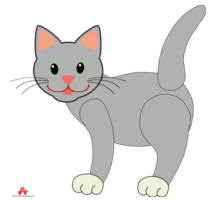
Carol Ellis

Village Greeter

Mary Lou Perry (#712) is now assuming the role of the Village Greeter after many years of service by Barbara Colby. Mary Lou will continue as editor of the Village directory and as staff member of the newsletter. Her many contributions to Inverness Village are greatly appreciated.

Pet Behavior

There are two stray cats in the Village who appear not to be feral creatures as they have collars and identifying tags. **Residents are reminded that the Rules and Regulations specify that all domestic pets must be on a leash when outside.**



In the interest of neighborliness, **pet owners are requested to restrain their animals from approaching too close to homes and plantings**, as scents left only encourage other pets to do likewise. This also is covered in the

Rules and Regs, and residents are encouraged to review them again.

Wilbur Amand, Village Council Member and resident veterinarian, who has favored us with many columns about pets, can be consulted with any questions about the village rules.

Hershey's Mill Bocce

Our own Joe Carrone, assisted by his wife, Tre, and their able team, continues to run the Hershey's Mill Sports Group (HMSG) bocce tournament this year. Under their skilled leadership, the tournament has grown in popularity, and this year there are about 60 teams competing. On opening night, two Inverness teams faced off against each other: Lydia Voigt and Joanne O'Connor vs Dodie Galbusera and Mary Lou Perry. While Lydia and Joanne were the victors, a lot of fun was had by all, including some spectators!



L to R: Lydia Voigt, Dodie Galbusera, Mary Lou Perry, Joanne O'Connor

Village Meeting Recap

Editor's note: The following is drawn from notes taken by the undersigned at the meeting. It is not an official minutes, but is presented for the information of those not attending, or any who had trouble hearing the proceedings.

The annual Inverness Village election meeting was held on May 8 in the Community Center. Following the social gathering, the meeting was called to order by **Boyd Mackleer** at 7:27 PM with a moment of silent remembrance for those who had passed away during the past year.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the amended addition of a signature. **Janet Burgess**, Managing Agent, then called for a vote of approval for the uncontested candidates (**Boyd Mackleer, Janet Emanuel, and Wilbur Amand**) for reelection to the Council.

In the President's report, Boyd covered both Master Association plans and village efforts. The work on continuation of the walking trail from Inverness toward Hershey's Mill drive is scheduled to start this month. Also, necessary repairs to wood fencing around the outside of the Mill will proceed at a cost of \$45,000.

Boyd reported that new pool rules will ban children on Fridays, beginning after Memorial Day. He said that the expansion of the Wood Shop had been approved by the Master Association at a cost not to exceed \$ 195,000. Of this amount, \$55,500 will come from Wood Shop reserves, \$79,000 from the MA CIF, and \$60,000 from a loan to be repaid through Wood Shop fundraising. This work is expected to start by early June.

The way the Master Association spends money was described. The Board of Directors has a cap of \$25,000 on expenditures, so any amount above that limit must be approved by the full Master Association.

Turning to Village news, Boyd noted that only 6 units still need new alarm systems, and that 91

units either have or are scheduled for the FIOS installations. One unit has opted to remain with Comcast. The snow assessment of \$200 per unit was discussed as necessary to cover costs over the original budget amount. This payment is due by October 1.

Verizon is scheduled to come back through the Village and patch up the bare spots. Residents were encouraged to be sure to water the patches to ensure successful growth.

Dave Baker was identified as the possessor of touch up paint for the Village. Anyone wanting to do such touch up should contact Dave, who also noted that any needs for light bulbs should be brought to his attention.



Tom Delaney gave the Treasurer's report, noting the inadequacy of the snow budget in view of this year's storms. He stated that the Capital Reserve fund is at \$285,000. This money is used for wood replacement, and will be drawn upon to fund future painting or other needs.

Wilbur Amand asked that anyone without a copy of the Village Rules and Regulations binder contact him. He said that the pest contractor, Moyers, had been through the Village this week treating for carpenter bees and ants. The carpenter bee treatment takes up to 10 days to be effective. Anyone seeing carpenter bee holes in wood siding should call CSK, the managing agent, to request further treatment.

Janet Emanuel reported on East Goshen Township items. She said the playground rework in the Park was nearly completed. She encouraged everyone to attend the Community Day events on June 30. Janet said that work on the Paoli Pike trail was proceeding. She also talked about the Sunoco and Adelphi pipelines. Neighbors around the Hershey's Mill Dam are reportedly talking with the town to create a park-like area there.

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Village Meeting Recap (cont'd from pg. 3)

Under committee reports, **Judy Amand** spoke for the landscape committee, noting that the "walk-around" would take place on May 18. She encouraged residents to make needs known so they could be considered in light of the available budget.



Dave Baker said that from meetings with maintenance chairs from other villages it was obvious that the Inverness alarm system is way ahead of those of other villages.

Boyd recognized the contributors to the newsletter, and noted that we stand out in that regard. The Social Committee report was given by **Carol Ellis** who invited everyone's attention to the Ice Cream Social scheduled for June 13.

In the open question and comment period, **Marge Brolly** raised an objection to the new pool policy which will ban children from the pool on Fridays. She would prefer a different day if such a ban were to be imposed. Boyd responded that this had been a serious discussion as there had been calls for an adult-only day, and that Friday had been picked to accommodate working adults who might have Friday afternoons off. He said this change would be monitored to see if a further change was warranted.

Jim Aubry inquired if the Wood Shop renovation was to include meeting room space. Boyd said the expansion is being done to accommodate more members, as there currently is a waiting list. The possibility of including meeting space had been looked into but was found to be too expensive. He further noted that the members do furniture repair at a modest cost, and that the income goes into the Shop general fund.

Mary Lou Perry expressed dissatisfaction with the resulting black patch from sidewalk repairs,

which detracts significantly from the appearance of her entranceway. The response was that she could look into various remedies.

Janet Emanuel noted that the Hershey's Mill players will perform on June 21 - 23. It appears that **Jim McArdle** may have a major role.

Terry Marran asked if there should not be a definition of council member roles in the Inverness Rules and Regulations. She indicated this would help residents decide on whether or not to run for office. Boyd noted that there is a tendency for the same people to stay in office for extended periods, but said that anyone interested should feel free to run. He pointed out that the council member roles are determined by them following the annual election.

Barbara Graham reported seeing a gray striped tiger cat in the village. It has a collar and a small red tag, and is objectionable because it likes to dig, especially newly planted flowers. It was pointed out that all pets are to be on a leash when outside.

George Colby

Ladies Summer Luncheon

Mark your Calendars!

Monday, August, 13
12:00 Noon

Limoncello Ristorante
499 E. Uwchlan Ave.
Chester Springs

(More information will follow)

Marilyn Foley



Getting to Know You



A warm welcome to our new neighbors **Tim and Mary Widdowson (#752)**, who moved here from the Boothwyn section of Upper Chichester. When asked what brought them to Hershey's Mill, it was a familiar answer – their daughter moved to West Chester, and they wanted to be closer to her and their grandchildren. They considered buying a house, but were ultimately won over by the convenience and security of living in Hershey's Mill, as well as the beautiful landscaping surrounding us here.

Prior to retirement, Tim worked as a safety technician in the manufacturing area for Mars, Inc. Mary worked in secretarial and administrative assistant positions at various companies throughout her working career.

Tim and Mary have one daughter, Annie, who has blessed them with two grandsons, ages 2-1/2 and 5. From my conversation with the Widdowsons, I can tell that they are happiest when spending time with their grandsons. They care for the boys a couple of days a week while their daughter and her husband are working, and get tremendous joy from watching the boys learn and grow.

Tim enjoys an occasional game of golf or tennis, and has taken a garden plot in our community garden. Mary enjoys creative sewing and craft work, and has set up their basement to accommodate her hobby. They both enjoy walking and taking in the beauty surrounding them in Hershey's Mill.

Mary Lou Perry

Reflections from the Inverness Greeter

In May of 2007, **Barbara and George Colby** moved into Inverness, and in January of 2010 they published the first Inverness newsletter. At the same time, Barbara undertook the role of official greeter for our village. After many years in this capacity, Barbara has now passed the torch to me. I guess you could say I've been her understudy for the past couple of years, and hopefully I've absorbed the knowledge I need to carry on Barbara's excellent work. Barbara will remain involved as she will continue to assist me with greeting new residents – **thank you Barbara!**

The reality of living in a senior community is that we continually have people who leave us for one reason or another. Most people leave for health reasons, and rarely do we see someone leave because they are unhappy here. Sadly, in the past year, we have seen far too many leave us because they have passed on. We thank **Terry Marran**, our Village communicator, for keeping us advised of these happenings.

While we are sad to see former residents leave us for any reason, it brings us great joy to welcome new residents into our community. Our incoming residents bring new life and ideas to our Village. Inverness is often acknowledged as the friendliest village in Hershey's Mill – we sometimes have people move here from other villages for that reason! We invite our new residents to get involved and join in activities in Inverness and throughout the Mill.

Recently, houses 729, 761, and 785 have changed hands. As of this writing (mid-June), there is one house with a sale pending. Most houses in Inverness have been selling quickly, often within the first couple of weeks of listing.



Please keep an eye out for your new neighbors as they move in, and give them a warm welcome to Inverness.

Mary Lou Perry

Ice Cream Social

It was a lovely June night for an ice cream social as Inverness neighbors gathered in the Community Center to enjoy all-you-can eat ice cream sundaes. Choosing from the classic vanilla or chocolate or sampling mint chocolate chip, orange creamsicle, coffee chocolate chip, raspberry and mango sorbets and a favorite - salted caramel, ice cream lovers created sundaes with chocolate and caramel sauces, sliced strawberries, peanuts, wet walnuts, maraschino cherries, and whipped cream. Delicious vanilla cookies and pretzels accompanied their creations. A 50-50 was held and door prizes of the impatiens in the centerpieces were awarded.

Carol Ellis

Photography by Mary Lou Perry



The Social Committee, L to R: Pat Aubry, Marge Brolly, Carol Ellis, Tre Carrone, Eileen Isselmann, Barbara Colby, Brooke Hamilton, Marilyn Foley, BJ Rodgers, Kathy Threlkeld, Dorrie Ritchie, Judy Klanderan



Penny Zimmerman (new owner of #729) Maryjane Hahn



Bob and Cheryl Shelderfer - Tina and Joe Scaperotto



Tom and Kay Flynn - Pat Phillips - Maryann Henderson



Winnie Spoons-Mary Renshaw-Barbara & Chuck Atmore



Judy and Ron Pedrick - Jim and Marge Hill



Pat Aubry - Judy Klanderan - Shirley Joyce - Barbara and George Colby



Chuck and Jane Auer - Nancy and Dick Schwab - Bill Griffin - Jini Pettijohn

Neighbor Profile



Eileen and Ed Isselmann

Occasionally, we have chosen to present a more detailed profile of some of our more active residents. This time, **Eileen and Ed Isselmann** (#715) quickly came to mind. It was fun to learn more about this enthusiastic couple. We were greeted at the door by warm smiles, and we were off on our journey to learn about them.

They met in eighth grade in Lansdowne; Ed's family having moved from Harrisburg and Eileen's from West Philly. It was an immediate attraction and their friendship flourished. After high school, Ed attended West Chester University graduating with a bachelor's degree in history and an MS in Education. Eileen entered the business world working for the telephone company and smaller entities.

Eileen and Ed married and had six children, four boys and two girls, and lived in Drexel Hill for over thirty years. (Their family continues to live relatively close by so they enjoy their fourteen grandchildren.)

After being an at-home Mom, Eileen reentered the business world and had a career associated with the training department at Independence Blue Cross/Blue Shield, from which she retired.

These days we read about people expecting to have varied careers during their work life and Ed was ahead of his time. He taught high school in Philadelphia for 5 years and then went into the real estate business with his brother. As economic times became less favorable to home ownership, he shifted careers and

taught courses in real estate at Delaware Community College, as well as GED preparation.

Continuing in education, Ed accepted a position at Lincoln Technical Institute, a school with many campuses both nationally and locally. During his career there, Ed was Director of Education and also had a stint as campus president. He "retired" in June 2016.

Retirement lifestyle with Eileen and Ed shows them active in Inverness Village with Eileen on the Social Committee, and Ed organizing men's luncheons and contributing to the *Inverness "I."* They belong to the HMSG and participate in bocce, bowling, and shuffleboard, and now have one of the community gardens. Brief work opportunities continue to crop up for Ed, but they recently took a break from their busy retirement by taking a wonderful Disney cruise with some of their family.

Eileen and Ed are an example of a truly engaged and engaging couple.

Barbara Colby

Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center

In case you haven't discovered it yet, there is a new theater in West Chester which offers a variety of shows, music, comedy, and speakers. It resides in the renovated old Armory building on High Street and offers excellent productions at a reasonable cost.

The Resident Theater Company, which utilizes the theater for its performances, is offering three shows for their upcoming season: *Evita*, Oct. 12-28, 2018; *Lend Me a Tenor*, Dec. 14-30, 2018; and *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, Mar. 29 - Apr. 21, 2019. The theater offers a discount of 30% for ages 65 and older for the Saturday and Sunday matinees.

I've been to several performances at the theater and the acting was excellent. The theater is in walking distance to restaurants.

Check out their website for more information:
<http://uptownwestchester.org>

Mary Lou Perry

Hudson River Tourism - by Carol Ellis

The Hudson River Valley is a treasure of historic and cultural sites. The Valley is a pleasant drive of about five hours from Hershey's Mill, including stops along the way.

Before crossing the Hudson River when traveling north from Pennsylvania, one can first visit West Point Military Academy. To tour the Academy, visitors must purchase tickets for a guided bus tour at the visitor center. The tour circles the grounds, allowing visitors to leave the bus at various locations, including the beautiful chapel. Across from the visitor center is the Military Academy Museum which contains an extensive collection of American military history.



West Point Military Academy

A lovely place to spend the night is Bear Mountain State Park with its turn-of-the-century stone lodge, the Bear Mountain Inn. The park also offers lodging in several other facilities and gourmet dining in the lodge restaurant. The park has a zoo and a magnificent view of the surrounding mountains from the top of Bear Mountain Peak.



Bear Mountain Inn

After crossing the Hudson River at Poughkeepsie, one can traverse the Walkway over the Hudson, a 1¼ mile walking trail that crosses the river on the former railroad bridge built in 1889. The Walkway offers incredible views of the river and good exercise.

Heading north to Hyde Park, one passes the Culinary Institute of America, where students study the culinary arts. The Institute has four restaurants from which to choose for dinner: American Bounty, Caterina de Medici, Bocuse, and the Post Road Brew House. Lunch can be purchased at the Apple Pie Bakery Café. Students are the chefs and wait staff,

and visitors can see into the various kitchens as food is being prepared. It is fun to chat with the students who are all ages from 19 to one student we met who was 55. The restaurants have varied schedules, and reservations must be made several weeks in advance. The campus overlooking the Hudson River is quite spectacular and worth visiting even if not dining at the Institute.

Hyde Park offers both cultural and historic opportunities: the Roosevelt family home; the FDR Library and Museum; Eleanor Roosevelt's cottage, Val-Kil; FDR's planned retirement retreat, Top Cottage; and The Vanderbilt Mansion. The Roosevelt sites and the Vanderbilt Mansion are managed by the United States Park Service, so it's definitely worthwhile to have the Park Service Golden Age Pass for admission to these sites. Movies, which are very informative, are shown at both the FDR visitor center and Val-kil. Allow several hours at the Library for it has many interesting exhibits and interactive displays. Val-Kil can be visited by driving directly to it. Top Cottage is accessible by shuttle from



Franklin Delano Roosevelt Home

the visitor center. Also in Hyde Park is the Wilderstein Historic Site, the Victorian home of Daisy Suckley, FDR's cousin.

The Vanderbilt Mansion offers a guided tour of the opulent Gilded Age home of Frederick and Louise Vanderbilt. North from Hyde Park are numerous other mansions: Staatsburgh; Montgomery Place; Clermont, and the unique Moorish villa of artist Frederic Church, Olana. South of Hyde Park, one can visit the beautiful 19th century home and gardens of Boscobel and the home of Samuel F.B. Morse, Locust Grove.



FDR Library and Museum

A cruise on the Hudson River is always fun. There are several narrated cruise options which leave from the dock at Kingston, north of Hyde Park. Each cruise has a narration of the sights from the river, including the mansions and their grounds. Usually, refreshments can be purchased on board.

There are a few motels and several bed and breakfasts to choose from in the Hyde Park area. And when dining in Hyde Park, a visitor will find the Eveready Diner a real treat with its varied menu and delicious offerings from breakfast through dinner. It's always crowded.

Whether one's interest is history or art and architecture or scenic beauty, the Hudson River Valley is a destination that will satisfy everyone. Plan to spend several days visiting this beautiful area.

Laundromat Library League

The Laundromat Library League is a non-profit organization which places displays containing children's books in laundromats across the country. Children and parents can read the books in the laundromat and then take them home.

The League began almost four years ago and now has 112 sites in 12 states — even Arizona — and 64 in Pennsylvania. In addition to laundromats, the League places books in the waiting rooms at the West Chester Food Pantry and at the Children's Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.



Carol Ellis



Maryjane Hahn and Carol Ellis

As a non-profit organization, the League is constantly looking for children's books.

To donate in Inverness, please give books to Maryjane Hahn at 700 and Carol Ellis at 697.



Connecting to the Rest of the World

If you are not connected, you are missing out!

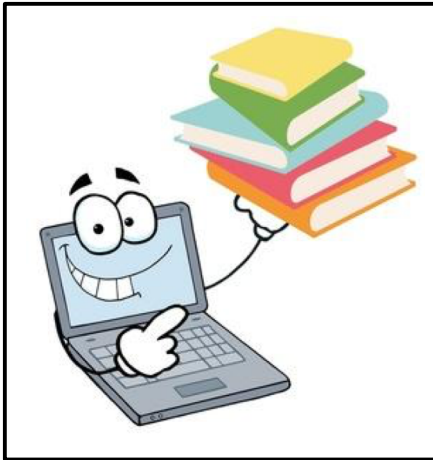
Why do so many seniors in America fear using computers? Or perhaps even better, why do so many fear using the internet? These questions have been tackled by many. Perhaps it is fear of the unknown or fear of technology ... the term for this is technophobia. Through our time, many have experienced similar fears and many have overcome them. We must all remember the famous quote from FDR ...
"The only thing we have to fear ... is fear itself."



Get your money's worth, get connected!

All one needs to connect to e-mail, Google, Amazon, Facebook or the many other social network sites is a device which can connect to the internet and a connection. Previously under Comcast, we had to pay Comcast or Verizon for the connection. This has changed now.

One of the great things about living at Hershey's Mill, and there are many, is that **now ALL residents have access to the internet through their Verizon FiOS connection.** Various devices can be used to interact with the internet, including PC's (personal computers), smart phones, iPads, and even watches. Each of these vary in their cost and level of difficulty and range of services. Many will use a device simply to email another individual, or groups of individuals, all at the same time – kind of like sending a telegram to multiple individuals with one push of a button. This is a fantastic way of trying to keep up with the kids and the grandkids. In addition to emailing, PC's and other devices are great for research ... no more printed dictionaries, encyclopedias or World Books. Shopping also becomes easier with these devices, as does reading great books from all over the world.



Since the infrastructure is already in everyone's home (the internet via FiOS), not using it would be like paying a phone bill every quarter and not buying a phone to use the service. Devices are very affordable, and I know there are many individuals in Inverness who would be willing to help their neighbor with the task of understanding what device is best for them and how to use it. Once you are "connected," I know you will be amazed by how fast and easy this can be.

Online now: e-books, dictionaries, encyclopedias, and shopping!

For information on computer use by seniors

I have attached a link (short-cut) to an article from the AARP Bulletin for your benefit.

<https://www.aarp.org/technology/innovations/info-08-2011/elderly-fear-of-technology.html>

Since you are reading this on a printed page, you will need to type this web site into a computer to read it, or better yet, ask a friend for help.

Ed Isselmann

Does Anyone Write Any More?

The evolution of customs over one's lifetime is a fascinating subject to contemplate. Consider the changes that have occurred in the past century.

Prior to World War II the majority of women were homemakers, seldom seen in public in anything other than dresses or skirts. That war prompted many women to take on jobs previously held by men, and their dress changed accordingly. Following the war, pants became acceptable dress and are now seen more often than not.

Men's clothing evolves more slowly, but a permanent change toward more casual dress is obvious. The late great baseballer Ted Williams was famous for never wearing a necktie, but eventually this change became common. Following the shedding of the tie came the growing acceptance of appearing in public without a suit or sport coat. Today one can go anywhere (yes, even to a funeral) without this apparel.

Along with the changes in dress, another custom disappeared. Somewhere along in the 60's we stopped teaching penmanship in schools. The result was that most in our children's, and following generations, only print, with the possible exception of their signature, which they were forced to learn. This has had some interesting consequences.

In the olden days of our youth, upon receipt of a gift, one was obliged to sit down and complete a handwritten note of thanks to the donor. Such notes were expected, and, if well composed, prized by the recipients. The handwriting was an art form.

As handwriting slowly became a lost art, it was initially replaced by the typewriter. This machine could produce clear, readable copy but lacked the personal touch that handwriting implied. You got the message, but no warm feeling along with it.

One casualty of this trend was, no doubt, Love Letters. Expressions of interest or desire, when reduced to machine prepared copy, lack the emotional content needed for an effective communication. A sense of intimacy has been lost.

The advent of the internet age has further changed our means of communicating. With the development of e-mail, we were able to get our message to the recipient almost instantly. This rapid transmission capability has had the effect of introducing a sense of urgency in our lives. An e-mail comes in and we feel we must reply to it. Hurry, hurry, hurry.



As a result, communication has evolved into shorter and shorter messages, using as few words as possible. Smart phones have hastened this trend. It is laborious to compose an e-mail on a phone, so we text. Messages get shorter and shorter, and demand instant replies.

Very soon we will have voice recognition capability sufficiently advanced that we won't write at all, just talk into our smart phone to send a brief message. Of course, one can always place a call, but calling implies more should be said, and who wants to give the time for that?

I would argue that we are losing important qualities of life. We are being rushed, we are not taking the time to make emotional connections, and we are losing that valued art form, the handwritten letter.

Memories are enhanced by stored personally written notes. If you want to some day be remembered by a loved one, take pen in hand and write.

George Colby

Upcoming Events - Hershey's Mill

Sports activities and refreshments

HM Sports Area
Wednesday, July 4
Time: 8:00 AM - Noon
\$5.00 donation

Concert - HM Golf Club parking lot

Sunday, July 8 (rain date July 15)
Band: Good Foot
Time: 7:00 PM

Inverness Ladies Luncheon

Monday, August 13
Limoncello's in Chester Springs
Time: Noon

Concert - HM Golf Club parking lot

Sunday, August 19 (rain date August 26)
Band: 22 Park Avenue
Time: 7:00 pm

Sports activities and refreshments

HM Sports Area
Monday, September 3
Time: 8:00 AM - Noon
\$5.00 donation

HM Library Used Book Sale

HM Community Center
Sat. Sept. 8 and Sun. Sept. 9
Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Note: Friends of the Library Preview Night,
Friday Sept. 7 (4 PM-6 PM)
See librarian to join Friends of the
Library (Donation of \$10.00 or more)

Local Area Events of Interest

East Goshen Farmer's Market

Thursdays, May 10 - Sept. 20, 3 PM - 7 PM
Location: East Goshen Park, East End

West Chester Borough

There are many events going on in
West Chester during the summer. Visit
their website for more information.

www.downtownwestchester.com

Undated Inverness Directory

We have several houses that have recently
changed hands. We will issue an updated
Directory within the next few weeks which will
include our new residents.

*The Inverness directory is maintained by
Mary Lou Perry. Please contact her if you have
any changes to your listing.*

perrym517@gmail.com

In Memoriam

Ruth Ann Jayko (#785)

April 21, 2018

John McNabb (#784)

April 22, 2018

Our sincere condolences to their families.

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www.hersheysmill.org

Go to the "Villages" tab and click on "Inverness"
Scroll down and you will see a link to previous is-
sues of the newsletter.

The online newsletter is now in full color.

Opportunity to Suggest Enhancements to Hershey's Mill

Dear Hershey's Mill Resident,

June 12, 2018

The HMHOA Finance Committee and Board of Directors are looking for your feedback on how we might develop a long range plan to improve our community and better meet the needs of our residents. Do you feel we are missing an amenity that if included would greatly enhance our community? Or is there an existing amenity that needs to be adapted to better meet our diverse needs?

You may recall that several years ago the HMHOA created a special fund called "Vision Quest." This is a fund that is dedicated solely to the creation of initiatives to improve our community. Listed below are just a few of the things funded by Vision Quest to date:

- The complete renovation of the Community Center completed in 2012.
- Walking trails extending from Devonshire to Inverness to better ensure the safety of our walkers.
- The renovation of the locker rooms and bathrooms at the pool providing a much improved space for those of our residents that enjoy the pool.
- The renovation of the Cove to meet all the needs for year round Village Meetings, club meetings, and social gatherings.
- Adding to the perimeter wall along Rt. 352

A few other initiatives that have been either approved or are under consideration are:

- Extending the walking trails from Brighton through Ashton
- Expanding the Wood Shop
- Adding more benches along paths and sports amenities
- Refurbishing the perimeter walls that encircle HM
- Adding an elevator in the Community Center to improve accessibility.

Vision Quest is funded in part from your monthly HOA assessment and also from the Capital Improvement Fees collected from each resale settlement. For this reason we are looking for your feedback to assist us in defining and ultimately prioritizing a long range plan for future projects. Please send any ideas you may have to Ed McFalls (email: mcfallse@aol.com or US Mail: 1389 E. Boot Road) by July 16, 2018 so they can be passed on to us and we can turn them from a "Vision" to a reality. No idea is too small or too big. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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