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From The Editors

The transition from summer into fall brings many changes. Temperatures moderate, we see our neighbors return from trips or time at the shore, and the leaves fall. This often leads to a time of reflection, both about events in the world at large, and about our life right here in Inverness Village.

Anyone who follows the news realizes that we have many things for which to be thankful. Our beautiful village is both high and dry, and well maintained. Thanks to the arrival of a new management company we can be assured that our needs will be well attended.

We are fortunate that units for sale are moving quickly, which is testimony both to our desirable location and our reputation as a very friendly place to live. As a result, we are welcoming new neighbors, and are desirous of seeing them become integrated into the social life of our community.

To our new neighbors we say a hearty "Welcome." We believe you will find that our reputation for friendliness is well deserved. To strengthen ties with neighbors, we encourage you to take full advantage of the Inverness social events listed herein.

In interviewing new arrivals we realize the diversity of backgrounds and experiences they represent. It is this diversity that provides an opportunity to broaden our understanding of how different many lives are from our own. One hardly needs to plan a trip to Epcot to be exposed to the cultures of other areas or countries when we have neighbors who have lived elsewhere. We only need to get to know them better.

As editors we request that when you see a new resident moving in, give us a call. We like to make certain they are warmly greeted.

George Colby

From The Village President

As of September 15, 2017, the new alarm system has been installed in 36 homes. The only problem so far has been residents not returning calls from West Chester Security to set up an appointment for installation. It is necessary for each resident or owner to follow through with this process to ensure that the Village has coverage for emergencies. It is required that the installer enter the home to do the work and have access to all bedrooms to install the new smoke alarms.

The dryer vent cleaning should be completed for the entire village. If your home has not been done, please call Boyd Mackleer.

The Village has more than several delinquent homes with regards to quarterly payments not being made. It is necessary to respond with the October payment to get your account to zero due.

The finance committee will be meeting soon to set the new quarterly fee. The committee is comprised of Tom Delaney (#767), Al Nichols (#706) and Jim McArdle (#703). The new fee will go into effect on January 1, 2018.

The next open village meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 7, 2017** at 7:30 PM. Refreshments will be served starting at 7:00 PM.

The walking path continuation from the 17th green to the village of Zephyr Glen past the golf club house parking lot is approved and will begin soon.

Work has begun on the masonry walls on Route 352 from the East Gate to Inverness. This will replace the present fencing.

The changeover to Verizon is ahead of schedule in the Hershey's Mill Community. Inverness is projected to begin by September 22. The path designs are complete for the Village.

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From The Village President *(cont'd from pg. 1)*

CSK Management is now the Inverness managing agent. Please refer to the recent mailing from CSK for phone numbers and explanation of their policies.

As the holiday season approaches, residents are reminded that decorations may not be placed in the common area unless approved by Village Council. Note that you should be aware that items placed on your stoop, on or near walkways, and by garages may impede normal landscape maintenance and winter storm cleanup. As noted in the Inverness Rules & Regulations, outdoor holiday decorations in the common area are limited to lights on existing shrubbery/bushes. Light bulbs should all be of the same color (white) and shall be tastefully arranged. Extra bright lights are not permitted.

Please be respectful to your neighbors and all Inverness Village residents by adhering to the above rules.

Boyd Mackleer

Around the Village

In conversation with residents, it has been requested that we mention situations in which we residents could improve our neighborliness.

With homes changing hands, there are a fair number of contractors working in the Village. When there are contractor vehicles, it is courteous to ensure that the parking space of each of one's neighbors remains dedicated and open for the resident's car. While we do not have dedicated, numbered spaces, the Village residents abide by a code of consideration of others.

Another issue which vocalized from time to time is the rate of speed at which some travel in the Village. It can be a situation where residents backing out of their garages do so with great trepidation.

There is one request: put yourself in the other person's shoes and be a good neighbor!

Barbara Colby

Landscape Reminder:

All perennials need to be cut back, and all annuals need to be removed from flower beds, by October 31.

Rules and Regulations:

Anyone who has not received their new Rules and Regulations book, please contact Wilbur Amand.

Viewing the Eclipse

On the afternoon of August 21, the swimmers, sunbathers and bridge players at the pool periodically took breaks from their activities to observe the moon moving in front of the sun. Even though our area was only at 75% of totality, we enjoyed a wonderful experience viewing the eclipse. A number of people had NASA eclipse glasses and readily shared them with others. Another great neighborly experience from living in "The Mill."

The next total solar eclipse visible from North America will be April 8, 2024. Totality will be closer to us, as it will include Erie, PA, and Cleveland, OH.

Mary Lou Perry



L to R: Mary Lou Perry, Barbara Poole, and Marge & John Brolly observe the eclipse with their NASA eclipse glasses

Getting to Know You



New resident **Ruth Ann Jayko (#785)** is certainly someone who has had an active life. She was the youngest of seven children born in Shreveport, Louisiana, and, at the age of 11, the family moved to a farm in Lafayette. After graduating from University of Southwestern Louisiana, Ruth Ann accepted a position with IBM in New York City. This move was momentous in that it led to an upwardly mobile career spanning various positions with IBM. At work she met her husband who also went on to become a lifetime IBM employee.

Like many in the IBM workforce, the Jaykos moved to other areas of the country as the promotions required it. They were particularly fond of Binghamton, New York, where their son was born and, while there, they purchased a camper on Lake Timberline which she still visits and renews friendships.

After retiring from IBM, Ruth Ann decided she wanted to go into nursing and went to nursing school. She became a registered nurse and worked in that field in Binghamton.

Eventually, she and her husband moved to Sebastian, Florida, where they had friends. Although they were supposedly retired, Ruth Ann worked at the Melbourne hospital. Upon her husband's death in 2014, their son, a resident of Malvern, prevailed upon his mom to move near him, and thus, we are now lucky to have this lovely lady as a resident of Inverness.

Barbara Colby

Getting to Know You



Lee and Maria Shiffer (#787) are already quite well assimilated into Hershey's Mill. Some of their friends and neighbors from Drexel Hill preceded them here.

Interestingly, Maria was born in Havana, Cuba, and her family, after Fidel Castro came to power, moved to Pittsburgh for a brief time. They then relocated to Havertown. After high school, Maria attended junior college in Washington, D.C.

Lee grew up in Upper Darby and graduated from Penn State after which he was employed at Liberty Mutual Insurance in Bala Cynwyd. He and Maria met at work and eventually settled in Drexel Hill where they raised two boys. Lee continued to work in the insurance business and eventually retired from CIGNA in 2006.

Maria's work life encompassed working at the Don Guanella Center for the mentally challenged and CK Center from which she retired in 2004.

Lee and Maria both enjoy reading and can frequently be seen at the pool in season.

Barbara Colby



SUMMER LADIES LUNCHEON

The summer Ladies Luncheon, hosted by the Inverness Social Committee, was a joyous affair as 25 ladies dined at McKenzie's Brew House in Malvern.

The weather was beautiful, which added to the festivities. After a brief social time in the Oak Room, the ladies seated themselves at two

long tables and ordered from the menu. Popular choices were the small cobb salad, the crabcake sliders, and individual pizzas.

McKenzie's excellent waitstaff delivered individual checks when, after almost two hours, the luncheon ended.

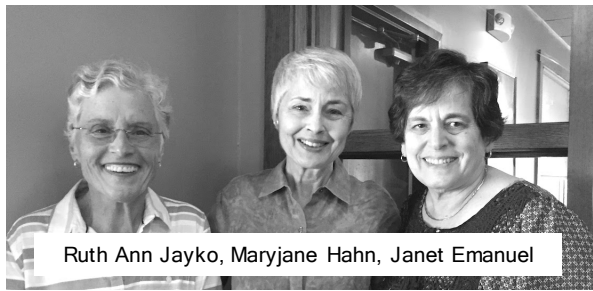
Carol Ellis



Jane Auer, Carol Ellis, Maggi O'Malley



Lydia Voigt, Marilyn Foley, Eileen Isselmann, Dodie Galbusera



Ruth Ann Jayko, Maryjane Hahn, Janet Emanuel



Winnie Spoons, Mary Renshaw, Ann Latoff



Dorrie Ritchie, Brooke Hamilton, Betty Jane Rodgers



Amory Stedman, Brooke Hamilton, Marge Brolly



Pat Aubry, Theresa Carrone, Sue Kelleher



Kathy Pietra, Maria Shiffer, Mary Lou Perry

INVERNESS BOCCE AND SOCIAL NIGHT - SEPTEMBER 22

Perfect weather, congenial neighbors, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and friendly bocce games -- these were all the ingredients we needed for a very enjoyable evening at the first Inverness Bocce and Social night. Thirty Village residents came out to enjoy the fun, meet new neighbors, and socialize. Several people played bocce for the first time, and were enthusiastic about the game. Thanks to Joe and Theresa Carrone for making this event happen!

Mary Lou Perry

Photography by Phil Hamilton



TREE MANAGEMENT IN INVERNESS VILLAGE

Many of the trees in Inverness Village were part of the original Village design to help fill areas devoid of greenery, provide shade around the homes and add to the real estate value of the homes (see The Inverness "I", July 2017, pages 10-11). The mature trees today add to the luscious green scenery that greets homeowners and visitors as we all enter Inverness Drive. Many of us purchased our homes in Hershey's Mill because of the careful landscaping.

The Inverness Village Landscape Committee monitors trees, shrubs, turf and landscape design and proposes work not covered in our contract with Hershey's Mill Landscape, to Village Council. We individually walk the community, receive requests from homeowners and do an annual Spring Walkthrough with the Managing Agent and a representative from Hershey's Mill Landscape, to propose work. The Landscape Committee has an annual budget of \$30,000, \$15,000 for tree work and \$15,000 for other green issues.



Why some trees need to be removed:

Decline - Large older trees start to dramatically thin out in foliage and produce many dead limbs. Dead limbs can be pruned out, at cost, but at some point the decline precedes removal. Many of the smaller ornamental trees, crabapple, cherries, etc., are now past their life span, showing reduced bloom, unsightly foliage and dead branches.

Encroachment - Many trees were planted behind or next to houses to provide shade. The trees are removed when they have overgrown the area, have roots that have lifted the ground around walking and mowing areas, produce huge areas of dirt that should be grass, and pruning does not improve the area.

Disease - Some of the oak trees are suffering from a bacterial infection that is causing die back. Dead branches may show up on one side of the tree or at scattered points, top or sides. We are exploring treatment for the disease, but treatment is costly and probably stopgap.



Crowding - In more open areas, trees (like firs) were planted in groups of three (traditional landscape design). As these trees have aged and overgrown into each other and over lawns, an unsightly, tangled landscape area is the result. If removing only one of these trees results in two trees with foliage on only one side of each, we need to remove all three trees.

All of these conditions are counter to resident safety and real estate value.

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Tree Management in Inverness Village (cont'd)

Budgeting our work:

The total Landscape Budget of \$30,000 for a Village of 97 dwellings means that we each contribute about \$309.00+ of our total annual Inverness Village HOA payments to landscape work. That cannot mean that \$309.00 should be used to meet the landscape needs of each resident. Tree removal is costly - generally between \$500.00 and \$2000.00+. The cost depends, basically, on the size of the tree, the difficulty of access to the tree, and whether the work includes stump and/or surface root removal. Taking down one tree for \$1200.00, costs the equivalent of the annual payments from four residents. Essentially, we all share in the ownership and maintenance of the landscape.



This is the fifth year that The Landscape Committee has been working to gradually reduce the trees that in the last 30+ years have overgrown areas of the Village. Our task is not to remove healthy, mature trees. We concentrate on trees that are in decline, are encroaching on dwellings, are diseased or crowded.

The ultimate goal of this Landscape Committee is to preserve and even increase the real estate value of our homes through thoughtful, design landscaping.

Judy Amand Maryjane Hahn Rosalind Baker Barbara Poole

Inverness Annual Ladies Luncheon

Saturday, October 28, is the date of the fall highlight, the annual Inverness Village Ladies Luncheon at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club.

The Village continues to acquire a number of new residents, and this is a great opportunity to meet our new neighbors and renew acquaintanceship with others.

Roz Baker (#779) is the chair and members of her committee are Terry Marran, Dorrie Ritchie, Jini Pettijohn and Shirley Joyce.



Flyers with further information and a reservation form will be distributed shortly.

See you there!

Recipe – Sand Tarts: A Family Tradition

"I got this recipe 60 years ago from a co-worker and have made them almost every year since," **Shirley Joyce.**

Prep time: 1/2 hour
Cooking time: 10-15 minutes

- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 lb. butter
- 4 cups flour
- 1 tsp. vanilla



Cream butter, add sugar, eggs (one at a time), and flour. Cream well until smooth. Let stand overnight in refrigerator. Roll thin with rolling pin. Cut with cookie cutters. (Cut and decorate for Christmas!). Bake in 350 degree oven for 10 to 15 minutes. Watch – they burn quickly.

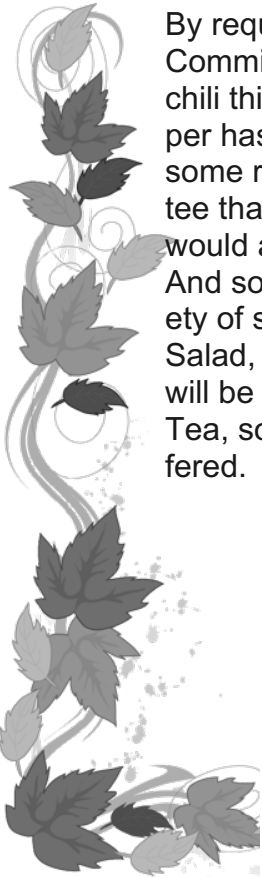
Inverness Social Committee

Thanks to our energetic social committee, the Village has a number of events each year where we have the opportunity to socialize and meet our neighbors. Here is the group in a working session.



L to R: Dorrie Ritchie, Brooke Hamilton, Betty Jane Rodgers, Marge Brolly, Carol Ellis, Eileen Isselmann, Judy Klanderma, Barbara Colby, Alma Delaney, Theresa Carrone, Marilyn Foley.
Not present: Pat Aubry, Amory Stedman, Kathy Threlkeld

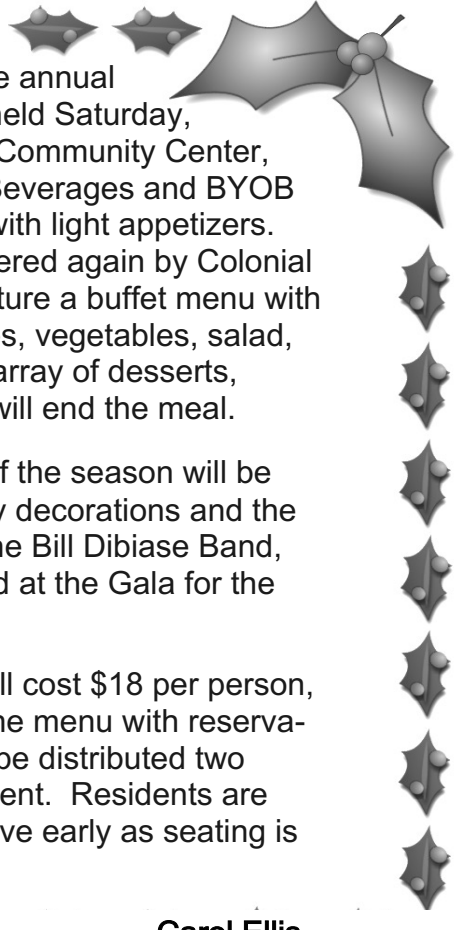
CHILI AND SOUP SUPPER



By request, the Inverness Social Committee will offer soup as well as chili this year. The annual Chili Supper has been a great success, but some residents have told the committee that they do not eat chili and would attend if we would offer soup. And so, this year there will be a variety of soups and a variety of chilis. Salad, corn bread, and crusty bread will be included, as well as dessert. Tea, soft drinks and coffee will be offered. BYOB is encouraged.

The Chili and Soup Supper will be held at the Community Center on Friday, October 20, from 5:30 to 7:30. The cost will be \$10 per person, and fliers will be distributed two weeks before the event for residents to sign up. The Social Committee looks forward to a great turnout.

HOLIDAY GALA



Save the date for the annual Holiday Gala to be held Saturday, December 9, at the Community Center, from 5:30 to 8:30. Beverages and BYOB will begin the meal with light appetizers. The Gala will be catered again by Colonial Markets and will feature a buffet menu with a selection of entrées, vegetables, salad, rolls and butter. An array of desserts, served with coffee, will end the meal.

The festive feeling of the season will be enhanced by holiday decorations and the delightful music of the Bill Dibiase Band, which has performed at the Gala for the past several years.

The Holiday Gala will cost \$18 per person, and fliers detailing the menu with reservation information will be distributed two weeks before the event. Residents are encouraged to reserve early as seating is limited.

Carol Ellis

NEW MANAGEMENT COMPANY

IMPRESSIVE! Is the first word that comes to mind when one meets our Village's new management team, **CSK Management, Inc.** There is an immediate sense of their efficiency. Key words they quoted to us were acknowledge, respond and follow-up.

CSK was formed by a husband and wife team in 1985 and operated in Center City as well as the suburbs. **Janet Burgess**, who is now the president and owner, had the opportunity to purchase the company in 2012 after having worked there for many years.

They have a significant presence in Hershey's Mill as they manage sixteen villages. Regarding Inverness, both **Janet** and **Caroline DeCray**, Community Manager, will oversee our affairs.

From our conversation with Janet and Caroline, it is obvious that procedures will be streamlined. They spoke of calling, e-mailing or Faxing requests for service. They use a robo/automatic call system to inform the residents of important announcements such as general maintenance that will affect the whole village or snow storm preparation alerts. It is obvious that they intend to keep us well informed of happenings in Inverness Village.

CSK sent out a mailing on August 15 telling of their staff and their office hours as well as Emergency Contact Info. It bears repeating:

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9-4 and Friday 9-3 with 24 Hour Emergency Contact covered by a live person.

While describing them as impressive and efficient, it is important to convey, upon meeting other members of the team as well, that they all are warm and caring and eager to engage with Inverness Village! It might be said - so are we!

Barbara Colby



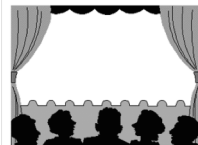
CSK staff members we met at their office. Other members were off site at that time.

Front row, L to R: Janet Burgess, President, Caroline DeCray, Association Manager

Back row, L to R: Marie Swift, Administrative Assistant, Tracey Demey, Accounts Receivable.

New Theater in West Chester

I recently spent a delightful evening attending a performance by *The Summer Club* at the **Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center** in West Chester. *The Summer Club* is a talented and entertaining group of singers backed by an incredible 17-piece live Big Band.



The theater, with 327 seats, opened in January 2017, in the former West Chester National Guard Armory building. The Armory, built in 1916 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, had been vacant since 2013. **Uptown!** promotes cultural, economic and civic life experience through live theater, music, dance, speeches, and other events.

In the short time since its opening, Uptown! has received some impressive awards:

- 1) Named "**Best New Theater 2017**" by Main Line Today magazine
- 2) Received **Preservation PA's Public Impact Award** for its transformation of the National Guard Armory.
- 3) Will be receiving the **Bricks and Mortar Award** from The West Chester Downtown Foundation, which recognizes projects that help preserve West Chester's historic character.

For information on events at the theater, visit: uptownwestchester.org

(If you go, I recommend sitting in the back tiered rows).

Mary Lou Perry

PETS, WILD BIRDS, AND MORE

Wilbur B. Amand, VMD

ONE WORLD/ONE HEALTH/ONE MEDICINE: Working to attain optimal health for people, animals and the environment. Did you know that because of their expertise, veterinarians play critical roles in the health of animals, humans, and even the environment? But these roles are often overlooked or unrecognized. Nonetheless, veterinary medicine is the only profession that routinely operates at the interface of these three components of One Health. As the human population continues to increase and expand across our world, the interconnection of people, animals, and our environment becomes more significant and impactful. When properly implemented, it will help protect and save untold millions of lives in our present and future generations.

HONEY BEES AND VETERINARY MEDICINE: Honey bees are classified as livestock/food-producing animals by the federal government because products from apiculture enter the human food chain, including honey, propolis, pollen, and royal jelly. Honey bees weren't on veterinarians' radars until January 1, 2017, when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a final Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) rule that classifies honey bees as livestock and places them under the provisions of the VFD. As a result of that rule and changes in the FDA's policy on medically important antimicrobials, honey bees now fall into the veterinarians' purview, and veterinarians need to know about their care. The rule applies equally to hobbyists and commercial beekeeping enterprises.

Honey bees may develop a variety of diseases, including bacterial diseases which may respond to antibiotic treatment. A beekeeper should contact a veterinarian and develop a legally defined relationship called the Veterinary Client Patient Relationship (VCPR). The veterinarian needs to conduct an exam to ensure they are familiar with the keeping of the bees and that there is a need for antibiotics. The veterinarian can then write a prescription or VFD order.

EMERGENCY/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: The recent events with hurricanes Harvey and Irma are reminders of the need to make disaster/evacuation plans that include our pets. A pet evacuation kit should include: 1) food, water, and medication that will last for at least 7 days, 2) a first aid kit not unlike one you would use for yourself, 3) items to help maintain sanitation, 4) important pet documents including identification papers, medical records, pet's photo, and an emergency contact list, 5) travel supplies, and 6) comfort items such as favorite toys and treats as well as a blanket or familiar bedding.

BIRD BOX VOLUNTEERS IN HERSHEY'S MILL: Did you know that there are over 100 bird nest boxes in Hershey's Mill? In order to get a handle on what species of birds are using the boxes,



Bruce Foreacre discusses bird nest boxes on his annual spring nature walk.

Bruce Foreacre from HMLD and I decided to gather a group of volunteers that would monitor the boxes and record their observations on a statistics sheet. Ten volunteers from throughout HM were assigned approximately 10 boxes each to monitor every 5-7 days from June through August. We will analyze the observer's information over the fall/winter

and report their findings in a future issue of the Inverness "I".

In a visit to the Meadow at Longwood Gardens, I noted a nest box design that I refer to as a Green Garden Roof box design. The design adds a roof that is planted with various species of sedum. The effect of the design is to help lower the interior temperature of the box by as much as 8 degrees Fahrenheit. Phil Hamilton, an Inverness neighbor, using the design specifications provided by Longwood, has built several of these new boxes which we hope to evaluate over the next year. More information on this later.

HOW THE WORLD WORKS

by George Colby

Getting Your Own Way

One can gain a better perspective on the confusing goings-on in our world today by drawing analogies to everyday operations. Take, for example, operating style of the present administration relative to the last one. The former could be compared to that of a professor, and the current to that of a businessman.



Consider the operating style of a real estate developer. If he wants to build a fifty-story building in an area zoned for a thirty-story limit, he does not go to the approving authorities with a plan for a fifty-story building. Not at all. Instead he goes in with a plan for a hundred-story building, and will imply that he will push hard for approval. An unspoken threat of a law suit will also be made apparent. The authority will feel both overwhelmed that anyone would be so presumptuous, and a little bullied at the same time.

To avoid a huge conflict, the authority will back down and offer a compromise of a seventy-story building. The developer will appear reluctant to accept these terms, while smiling inwardly knowing that he has won. He now has approval for twenty more stories than he wanted in the first place.

Do we see any parallels in DC today?

Beware of the News

These days it is difficult to know what to believe. We have more information sources than we have time to watch, listen to, or read, and yet there is so little worthwhile news. The news we do get is regurgitated over and over by all the TV stations almost simultaneously, and yet we do not know whether we can believe it or not. All you can believe is that the reporting is heavily slanted to encourage **fear**.

It is important to realize the nature of the news business. Media are focused on the size of the viewing, listening, or reading audience, because the all-important advertising income is based on audience size. Therefore, the primary aim is to build and hold the audience. This is done by instilling fear. **Fear** keeps you listening to or reading the news.

Don't live in Fear. Tune out, turn off, read less. **Important events unfold slowly**. Just check in occasionally and you will rest easier all the time.

How To Be A Talk Show Star

The talk-show business has grown from a few conservative loud talkers on the radio to a plethora of shows on many TV news and radio channels. These shows now span the range from conservative to liberal, but the most popular are those at either end of the spectrum.



Anyone can succeed in this business; no special talent is required. The road to success proceeds as follows:

1. Identify your audience and its built-in biases. Slant your talk to reinforce them.
2. Have guests who will give opinions that support the biases.
3. Encourage the audience to speculate by mentioning tidbits of news they can imagine are leading to something bad.

Do these things and soon people will be quoting things you did not actually say. Then you have succeeded in the business.

Upcoming Events - Hershey's Mill

Health Fair

Wednesday, October 4, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
HM Community Center

Inverness Chili and Soup Supper

Friday, October 20, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
HM Community Center

HM Open Community Day

Sunday, October 22, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
For prospective buyers

Inverness Ladies Luncheon

Saturday, October 28
HM Golf Club

Hershey's Mill Singers Concert

Saturday, December 2, 7:30 PM
Sunday, December 3, 3:00 PM
SS Peter and Paul Church, Boot Road

Tree of Stars and Hershey's Mill Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 3, 6:30 PM
HM Community Center
Sponsored by the Paoli Hospital Auxiliary

Inverness Village Open Meeting

Thursday, December 7
Refreshments at 7:00 PM
Business Meeting 7:30 PM
HM Community Center

Inverness Holiday Gala

Saturday, December 9, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
HM Community Center

Local Area Events of Interest

West Chester Autumn Gallery Walk

Friday, October 6, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Downtown West Chester
More than 20 artists display their work at galleries, shops, banks, and restaurants

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Saturday, October 14, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Government Services Center
601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA
For details on what is accepted, visit:
www.eastgothen.org

Immaculata Symphony Fall Concert

Saturday, November 4, 7:30 PM
Immaculata University

Inverness Directory Updates

Please welcome our new residents:

Bev and Tim Filler - # 736

Email: bvfiller@yahoo.com
TFiller324@comcast.net

In Memoriam

Harry Bulley (#770)

July 21, 2017

*Our sincere condolences to Joan
and her family.*

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Local websites of interest:

www.eastgothen.org
www.downtownwestchester.com