

The Inverness "I"

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Fabulous Fall!

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As your editors prepared this issue, it became obvious that one particular theme recurs; Inverness was a vibrant and social community.

As one reads **John Lewis's** reflections of the early HM development and then enjoys **Bettie Smith's** and **Maryjane Hahn's** reminiscences of the enthusiasm of the early settlers in Inverness, the wonderful spirit of those days comes through.

Now, in this issue, we see several offerings for nourishing and enhancing our village spirit. The ice cream social held Sept 16 was a wonderful gathering of an informal nature as a kickoff to the fall season.

The **Ladies Luncheon** at the club is always a much anticipated and well attended success. Don't miss it! (Details inside)

The village **Christmas party** is already scheduled for Saturday, December 11. Mark your calendars.

The Village owes **Boyd** a big "Thank You" and congratulations for leading a successful effort for the Winfield Hall Option A. **Well Done, Boyd!**

From the Village President

The vote on Winfield Hall was taken on September 9, 2010, with all 23 villages voting. The results are as follows:

OPTION A: 14 VOTES

(ASHTON, BRIGHTON, CHATHAM, DEVONSHIRE, EATON, FRANKLIN, HLN, INVERNESS, JEFFERSON, OAKMONT, QUAKER, VASSAR. YARDLEY, WESTBROOK)

OPTION D: 0 VOTES

OPTION E: 8 VOTES

(GLENWOOD, MERRIFIELD, PRINCETON, ROBYNWOOD, SPRINGTON, TROON, ULSTER, ZEPHYR)

ABSTAIN: 1 KENNETT

This was a difficult process, to say the least. However, the 14 votes for Option A were two more than needed to pass, and significantly represented 1195 dwellings in Hershey's Mill or a 69.5% of the 1720 total, while the votes for Option E represented 384 dwellings or 22.3%, and the abstention 141 dwellings or 8.2%. Most villages had a vote within the village to inform the President of their feelings. Hopefully we can all close ranks and move forward for the betterment of the Community.

President's letter continued on page 2. with important information.

Landscape Committee Notes

by **Judy Keller Amand**

Mary Jane Hahn wants to remind everyone that watering hoses used by most residents should be removed for storage before the end of October. **Michael Neale**, Hershey's Mill Landscape, adds that all the annuals planted by homeowners should be pulled from the mulched beds before the end of October. Both actions make it more efficient for the landscape crew to clean up and rake leaves from the beds in November.

Liz Ziegenfus adds that it is very detrimental to all our perennial plants to be entering the cold weather conditions of winter from the dry conditions we have been experiencing in late summer. Small shrubs as well as smaller plants should be watered throughout these drought times.

Remember all requests for landscaping action should be submitted to **Jeff Bevan**, Hershey's Mill Management, on the same *Request for Action* form used to request maintenance issues. All requests are reviewed by the Landscape Committee and discussed with Michael Neale before the action can be approved.

Village Committee members are:

Liz Ziegenfus (#708), Co-chair extraordinaire; **Mary Jane Hahn** (#700), Committee Member, Advisor, Historian; **Rosalind Baker** (#779), Committee Member, Fresh eyes, ears and nose (welcome); **Judy Keller Amand** (#721), Co-chair



President's Letter continued:

I would like to call attention of all residents of the potential telephone scams in progress as reported on page 11.

REMEMBER IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO TRUE - IT'S NOT!

Please be attentive to your water hoses and outside water spigots and turn them off and empty and roll up hoses for the winter.

The Village budget process is in full swing as we go to press. Your Finance Committee comprised of Joe Proctor [Chair], Tom Delaney, Bill Henderson and Jim McArdle will make recommendations to your council prior to the final decision. The budget will be presented on December 7, 2010, in Winfield Hall and will go into effect January 1, 2011.

BOYD MACKLEER [#698]

ARTS & CRAFTS AROUND INVERNESS VILLAGE

We have learned that there may be many skilled artists and craftspeople here in Inverness Village, and we are beginning a **new feature** to highlight our many talents. This series begins on the **following page**.

Where Are You ?

We would like to let all share the pleasure of seeing your creations. If you, or anyone you know, is active, please give us a name.

Featured Artist - Janet Emanuel



Janet has lived in the area since 1974 and has been a resident of our Village (#704) since January 2003. She has always enjoyed art and won a city-wide award in Patterson, NJ, for her first oil painting at age 9. Janet began studying in a classic manner, starting with charcoal cast drawings, when she was a teenager. She chose not to major in the arts in college, but eventually attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

Janet has taken various workshops in Arizona, Colorado, Wisconsin, and Maryland in order to experience different landscapes and to study with different artists. She also enjoys painting portraits. Janet calls herself an impressionist and enjoys oil painting "en plein air." Janet had a one-artist show at the East Goshen Township Building in October 2009.

Janet's oil paintings demonstrate her eye for color and for subject matter. Since she believes that the eye always does better than the camera for capturing color, she paints directly from the subject matter and only uses photos to confirm architectural detail when finishing the work in her studio. Many of her oil paintings reflect local scenes.

Becky Bell
Photos by Bob Bell

Artist's Statement

"I find painting therapeutic. When I focus on composition, value, and color, there is no room in my brain for the problems of the day. While I primarily paint for myself, I hope my work gives pleasure to those who view it. I do not get the opportunity to paint as often as I would like. I hope that when I eventually retire that will change. I am looking forward to a trip this October with a couple of days in Paris so I can visit some museums." JE

Editor's comments follow: All paintings are oil on canvas. The painting Janet is holding in the top left photo is "Sullivan House Garden" 20 x 24 in.



This carefully executed lifelike portrait is titled "Kathy with a straw hat" and is 18 x 24 inches.

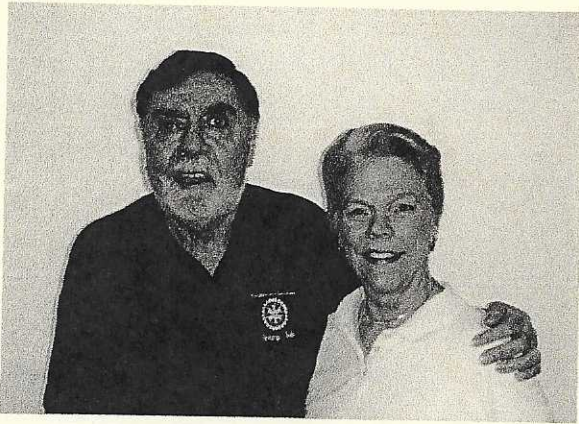


The beauty of the western United States is faithfully rendered in this painting "Sedona Arizona," 22 x 28 in.



Janet is obviously equally adept at portraiture, landscape and still life painting. "Man with turban," 30 x 36 in.

Getting to Know You



Returning to Hershey's Mill after a six year absence, **Frank and Marney Roia** moved into #705 in June. Originally, the Roias lived in Jefferson from 1994 until 2004, then moved to Thompson, PA. Their selection of Hershey's Mill was due in part to friends **Wilbur and Judy Amand**, and to **Tom Delaney**, the first estate attorney with whom Marney worked.

Frank is retired from his position as Vice President of Student Affairs and full professor of biology at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science. Marney, meanwhile, is still working as a registered investment advisor.

In their free time, the Roias enjoy traveling and the theatre. They have traveled throughout Europe and South America. Frank is especially interested in movies and in collecting stamps. He specializes in Portuguese stamps, as they reflect his Portuguese heritage. Marney can be seen walking Arnold, their Scottie, often in the company of Wilbur Amand and his Scottie, MacGregor. Frank and Marney also have a cat named Tigger, who often watches the walkers from the Roia's patio doors.

CE

Getting To Know You



Sarah (Sally) Whetstone-McSweeney (#753) became an Inverness Village resident on May 1. She previously made her home in Malvern but found that Hershey's Mill held a good deal of attraction for her due to resident friends, an opportunity to do a bit of gardening, and particularly the open spaces.

Sally is a nurse and an aqua aerobics instructor at the Main Line Y. Her interests include reading, music, and visiting her children which means trips to Prague and Hong Kong.

Frequently, you can spot her walking her two dogs: Dutton, a golden retriever, and Felix, a West Highland Terrier.

BC

Hershey's Mill Dam Update

Estimates to repair or remove the dam came in around \$ 400,000. Consequently the town is considering a proposal from abutters to buy the dam. The dam property will go out for public bids with replies due on October 5th. Stay tuned!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL IS A SPECIAL TREAT !

Fifty Inverness Village neighbors enjoyed bountiful servings of ice cream with toppings of their choice at the September 16th Ice Cream Social. Although the event was originally planned to be held behind unit # 773 it was moved to Winfield Hall due to rain, but this did not dampen the spirit or the enjoyment of the event.

The ice cream was served by **Judy Klanderman, Carol Ellis, and Marge Brolly, co-chairs** of the event, who were all decked out in fancy headdress. The servings were most generous, and all were free to select the toppings of their choice.



As you can see, everyone had one most enjoyable evening of dessert, conversation, and an opportunity to meet and greet both old and new friends. We salute the co-chairs and the many others who contributed to making this a very memorable event.

Special thanks go to Sam and Jennie Malandra, Joanne O'Connor, Barbara Colby, John Klanderman, John Brolly, Jim Ellis, Shirley Long, Laura Proctor, Betty Ann McArdle, and all others who helped make this a memorable event.



MEMORY LANE-INVERNESS VILLAGE

Boyd Mackleer put us in touch with **John Lewis** of Ashton Village, who is an original resident of Hershey's Mill and a nearby observer of the construction/development of Inverness Village.

John reports that at the onset of construction of Inverness, dirt was piled high as they prepared for construction. John and two friends were inspired to do an Iwo Jima-type flag raising on top of the pile as shown in his photos below.



Phase I of the village was houses 739-774, as was captured in this photo by Maryjane Hahn. Phase II was 775-781 and 692-700; the Magnificent Seven followed. Phase II was actually cleared well before construction, for this part of the Village had been the garden area for Hershey Mill residents. GC



Having discovered these photos, we were inspired to seek out memories of original Inverness residents. Two trips down memory lane follow.



Bettie Smith (#781) recalls moving in during December 1986. At that time, the age restriction for residency was 45. It was a very social time. The first Christmas party was held at Sullivan House at which time the Village was only about one-quarter occupied. (The upper end had not been built.) Due to the first-year free club membership, residents frequently socialized there. Equally frequently, they entertained in their homes and particularly at holiday time, one had to schedule a party early to get on the calendar.

Village governance was conducted by HM for the first year, and there was an HM Newsletter that encompassed news from each village.

Bettie writes, "It was a good time -- the best of times. Everyone knew everyone and there was a true sense of camaraderie." BC

"Memory Lane" continued on next page.

Down Memory Lane - continued



Maryjane Hahn (#700) and her late husband, **Skip**, were original owners in Inverness and watched the village grow. Weekly, they visited their prospective home as it rose from foundation to framing to finished.



On one visit, they found the lower level of their

home had been turned into a cantina named Chico's. "Evidently, the workmen used this spot for their breaks and for their lunch," said Maryjane.



Maryjane and Skip moved into their home in January 1987. New neighbors

followed at a regular pace throughout the ensuing months. The early months were "dirty and noisy," according to Maryjane. "The dirt turned to mud in the spring. But Wooldridge put in good-sized plant material," she re-

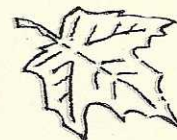
called. "However, the trees were generally small. It was the strangest thing - we never heard any birds. It wasn't until a couple of years later that we could walk and see nests in these small trees."

To welcome the Inverness villagers, Wooldridge held a Christmas party for new homeowners in December 1986. According to Maryjane, "There were presents and champagne. A lovely party. It was very nice to meet some of our new neighbors."

"Wooldridge was exceptional as a builder," said Maryjane. "They were interested in giving the best home for the money. They wanted to make everyone happy."

"We were told there would be a continuing care facility here, so people signed up thinking they would be here forever," explained Maryjane. "Most of the newcomers were in their fifties and sixties."

Early Inverness was a very social village. Maryjane describes the Village then as "party, party, party. Everyone was new at the same time, and we wanted to get to know our new neighbors. Several widows would regularly get together and host a party for the neighbors around them. There were many cocktail parties and get-togethers in the first years of Inverness." According to Maryjane, today several present and former residents meet regularly for dinner at the golf club. CE



PETS RULE

By Wilbur B. Amand, VMD
(and, of course, MacGregor)



Jack, the Wilson's Dog



I hope that all of you have had a wonderful summer and that your pets have survived what has been very hot and often humid weather conditions. Autumn, with its cool, crisp chill, is on its way.

In this issue of the newsletter, I would like to call your attention to your pet's eye health. Giving your pet regular home eye exams will help keep you alert to any tearing, cloudiness, or inflammation (reddening) that may indicate a health problem. These exams may help keep your pet's vision sharp and a twinkle in those eyes.

The following are some signs that something may be wrong with one or both of your pet's eyes:

1. Mucus discharge and crusty material
2. Excessive tearing and staining of the fur around the eyes
3. Red or white eyelid linings
4. Closed eye(s)
5. Cloudiness or change in eye color
6. Unequal pupil sizes

Just a couple words of caution:

1. When cleaning your pet's eyes with a damp cotton ball, be careful not to touch the eyeball itself as you do not want to scratch the cornea
2. For long-haired breeds, carefully trim the hair around the eyes to keep his vision clear and prevent hairs from poking and scratching the cornea
3. Make sure to protect your pet's eyes before bathing him or applying ointments or flea-control formulas
4. When driving with your pet, be sure to keep the windows only partially open and keep the pet's head **INSIDE** the vehicle - dust and other debris can injure the eye and wind can dry the pet's eyes, causing irritation and infection

More information in the next newsletter. In the meantime, enjoy your pet while keeping him/her safe and healthy.

Jack, a four-year-old Pomeranian, who lives with **Ray and Louella Wilson** (#747), can be seen around the village, usually in the early morning, pulling Ray on his scooter. Ray describes Jack as "dynamic, very protective, and very, very smart - brilliant." Jack has a pleasant disposition and is friendly to everyone. According to Ray, when Jack goes to Petsmart for his grooming, the groomers rush to see who will care for him.

A rescue from the SPCA, Jack shows his hunting instinct when he goes on point before a squirrel. Ray, who researched the breed, explained that the Pomeranian developed from the German Spitz in an area of eastern Germany and northern Poland, known originally as Pomerania. The early Pomeranians were much larger and were used as herding dogs. The breed has been very popular over the years with the royal families in England and in Europe. Queen Victoria was especially fond of Pomeranians and owned several over the years. CE

Around The Village

Lorna Binder (#755) suggested reminding residents of the CareShares program offered to Hershey's Mill residents.

CareShares is a resident/volunteer group of people who will drive those in need to local appointments, do minor household repairs or give assistance in basic financial needs, such as balancing a checkbook.

To request service or inquire as to whether your need falls within the purview of the CareShares service, call 610-430-8830. This is an answering machine but you will receive a call back.

Marge and John Brolly (#777) became hosts to an avian family when they mounted a planter on their garage. They soon discovered a sparrow had laid five eggs from which four hatchlings emerged. One unfortunately failed flight school, but the other three survived. They were affectionally named for the Pep Boys, Manny, Moe and Jack, before they departed for destinations unknown.

Directory Update

Sally Whetstone-McSweeney
(#753) 484-266-0862

Please note: The phone number given in various directories for **Becky and Bob Bell** is incorrect. Please use: 484-887-8317

A Call To Inverness Ladies

by **Doris Harry** (#714)

Our **Ladies Luncheon** will be held in November as usual, so please keep this day marked on your calendar. We have had wonderful attendance - since 1995 - and hope to keep it up. Looking forward to seeing the "originals," "not-so-new," and the "brand new" girls of our village.

Of course, I have always had the help of **Rita Cordivari** (#776), **Trudy Roderick** (#701), **Pat Teets** (#775), and **Roz Baker** (#779). Much appreciated!!

A flyer will be distributed with all the details - date, time, menu, etc. - at a later date. Please mark **Saturday, November 13th** on your calendar for this most important day.

E-Mail List

We are setting up an E-mail list for infrequent use in disseminating time critical info between newsletters.

If you have e-mail, and did not receive our recent e-mail, please send an e-mail to InvernessI@hotmail.com so we can add you to the list.

In Memoriam

Bob Dawson

July 7, 2010

A Gift to the Village

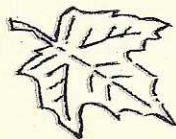
Register for Genuardi's Refunds

It is a great deal!

Genuardi's gives a percentage of their register tapes to Inverness Village on behalf of those residents who have registered either at the customer service desk or on-line. It must be stipulated that the money is to go to Inverness Village Homeowner's Association. These funds are returned to the Village through our HOA. In order to keep the refunds coming, one must register annually.

It can be a sizable amount of money for Village purposes, so please enroll.

Registration can be done on-line at www.escrip.com. Under Sign Up, put in Inverness Village for the search. This will bring up our account, so click on that. Enter personal info, and on the next screen select Genuardi's card, and enter your card number.



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Your editors, **Barbara Colby** and **George Colby** at the ice cream social, busy collecting input for future newsletters.

Photos by Jim Ellis

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MARC FRASER, HERSHEY'S MILL SECURITY

Dear Village Presidents, Councils, and Property Managers,

Sept 14, 2010

In August 2010, my "From The Main Gate" article in the Channel 20 TV Guide warned residents of mail and telephone solicitations offering residents large sums of money in exchange for a more modest fee that the solicitor explains is used to "free up" the cash to assist in the transfer of the goods. These scammers are usually relentless, and their primary aim is to defraud the victim of as much money as possible.

During the last month, I have received numerous phone calls from Hershey's Mill residents, stating (some fearfully) that they are being victimized by this type of scam. Here are a few different examples of the attempted fraud:

1. A resident received a check in the mail, stating that she should deposit the check; and more money would be coming her way. (Obviously, there was a half-convincing story behind why she should deposit the check.) Due to the "From The Main Gate" article, this resident turned the check over to the police for evidence. Had she deposited the check, the criminals behind this attempted mail fraud would have been able to trace her bank account numbers.
2. Another resident received a phone call stating that she had won one million dollars. After a few phone calls, the perpetrator of the fraud attempted to arrange a meeting at the resident's house, in order to drive her to her bank to deposit the money. The police were called, but the perpetrator failed to show up. The police were waiting for him had he indeed entered Hershey's Mill.
3. A third resident experienced an incident similar to that of #2. The perpetrator called repeatedly (4 times in 20 minutes) to attempt to arrange a meeting to drop off a large sum of money. The resident called Security, followed by the police. The man never showed up to deliver the promised money.
4. A fourth resident received a phone call from a man with a Jamaican accent, stating that he was going to give her one million dollars and cars. After speaking with the man numerous times, the resident believed him. The man called the resident at least once per day, making promises he did not intend on keeping.....and asking for money to help the process along. By the time I was informed of the situation, the resident had written checks and wired thousands of dollars to people and cities around the country. The day I spoke with the resident regarding the scam, the man attempted to call her 22 times in the morning alone (after she had decided to begin ignoring his calls). I reported the incident to the police, and I advised her to change her phone number if the constant calling became too much for her.

Here are some of the tactics taken by the criminals:

1. **CALL REPEATEDLY:** If armed with a convincing story, the criminal can sometimes convince the victim that they really are entitled to their "prize"; and the criminal's persistence is a testament to the fact that this must be true.
2. **PREY ON THE ELDERLY:** They assume that the elderly are (1) lonely, (2) not familiar with current trends in technology (or fraud), (3) live alone, and (4) buckle easier under intense pressure, (5) cannot think clearly.
3. **BEFRIEND THE VICTIM:** The criminal makes the victim think that they are trying to help. If you reference incident #4 above, you will see that the perpetrator actually spoke with the resident every day for 60 days. *By the time I had heard about the situation, it was extremely difficult to convince the resident that this was a scam.* By the end, the resident was actually calling to speak with the perpetrator. A good scammer can make a victim think that they are one of their only true friends.

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4. CALL FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY: The police have no way of catching anyone involved in these operations unless the criminal himself is within the United States. However, even this is a long shot unless the criminal is actually within the jurisdiction of the local police department. In short, the ***police are very limited in how they can respond to these situations***.....other than taking a statement and any evidence that may have been mailed.

5. USE AN ASSUMED NAME: Sometimes, the criminal does not give the victim enough credit. For instance, in one of the incidents above, the criminal stated that his name was Anderson Cooper. It is not uncommon for the criminal to use the name of a popular culture icon. Also, these people rarely ever show up to collect or transfer any money, as they know they are safe unless they actually show up in person.....usually an unnecessary risk.

6. LIE: Once these criminals think they have gained the victim's trust, they will use any lie possible to attempt to bilk the resident out of their money. These people have asked for wire transfers and checks in the amount of anywhere between \$500 and \$5,000; and they usually say they need the money in order to assist in the transfer of the victim's much more extravagant gift(s). In one incident above, the perpetrator offered to pay for the resident's cab far to the bank to make the transfer.....He said he would tack the cost of the cab fare to the \$1,000,000 already being sent to the resident.

I'm sure we have all received, at some point, those scam e-mails with a subject header reading something along the lines of, "Nigerian Prince Needs Your Help - Please Take Money." Usually, we chuckle, mark the e-mail as spam, and delete it.

The scary part of this situation is that there are people in Hershey's Mill who believe these criminals! Worse yet, these criminals seem to have found a way to target Hershey's Mill residents, as I have received numerous complaints (similar to the incidents above) within the last couple of weeks. While *you* may understand that this is a scam, your neighbors may be losing thousands of dollars.

What can be done?

1. If you have caller ID, do not answer the phone if the call is coming from an area code you do not recognize.
2. If for some reason you realize that you ARE talking with a scammer, tell them that you are calling the police and hang up *immediately*. If the person attempts to call back, **DO NOT ANSWER THE PHONE**. The more time you spend talking to this person, the more frequently they are going to call back.
3. Call the police in order to lodge a complaint. Again, there is not much that the police can do; but it is possible that information you give them could assist them somewhere down the road. If you do have caller ID, please be sure to give them the phone number from which the perpetrator called.

I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO FIND A WAY TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ALONG TO YOUR RESIDENTS. THIS IS A PROBLEM THAT IS AFFECTING HERSHEY'S MILL **RIGHT NOW!**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 610-431-4006 or e-mail at MARCRFRASER@YAHOO.COM

Thank you. **Marc Fraser**, Director of Security - Hershey's Mill