



Yardley Village News



October 2012

Message from the President

Sometime in mid-October we should be able to see the warm red hue of what appears to be a very large moon. As with most things in the sky, the phenomenon of the Harvest Moon is simply the result of some very natural occurrences. The low hanging moon deceives the brain into thinking it's larger than one that is high in the sky. While the warm color of the Moon, shortly after it rises, is caused by light from the Moon passing through a greater amount of atmospheric particles than when the Moon is overhead. While all of this may be scientifically true, mid-October is still a beautiful and romantic time of the year and one that we can all recall in the fondest memories of our youth.

And then comes Halloween with its witches and goblins, born of superstition and the supernatural. This day originally marked the New Years Eve for the ancient pagan Celts and the beginning of the dark half of the year. Never was the mischievous element of the spirit world closer to the Celts than on this day. The traditions of Halloween which we celebrate in this country today were brought here by Irish and Scottish immigrants who lived these Celtic customs. They brought their spirit world of leprechauns, pookas, and banshees and they morphed into our goblins, boogie men and witches of today. Just make sure you load up on your stash of Geritol and Bengay for handouts because the word is that some young whipper snappers from Zephyr will be invading Yardley for "tricks or treats".

Speaking of mid-October, we expect that Xtreme will have completed rehab of 76 of the village chimney caps, including the worst of the caps, all of the exhaust vents and replacement of the PVC vent pipe rubber collar and flange, where necessary. The remaining 76 chimney caps will be scheduled for

rehab by Xtreme during the spring of 2013. As I previously stated in the July Newsletter, due to the cost associated with the number of chimney cap units involved, it was decided to split the total chimney cap rehab between the two calendar years. This would give council the ability to determine the actual positive balance of the operating budget for 2012 and plan for the remaining expense in 2013.

The alarm testing and cleaning project by Jarman Electric continues as scheduled. It is expected that this will be completed by the end of this week. Remember that access to your home will be required to conduct this service. You were informed of your scheduled date by mail from CSK on August 15; please review your date and ensure that you or someone else will be available to allow entry at that time or contact CSK otherwise.

Arrangements are currently being planned to distribute, to all Yardley Village residents, a rewritten Declaration of Covenants and Easements of Yardley Village and By Laws. Both of these documents were originally "hand-me-downs" prepared by KHovnanian for any and all of their developments. The need for a rewrite was recognized, and conducted over an extended period of time and reviewed by legal counsel. Council has not

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attempted to change any material aspects of the original documents but only to relate all the items contained in them to Yardley Village specifically and to extract items that were not pertinent to Yardley Village.

Also, included in the distribution will be copies of various pages that should be incorporated into your Village of Yardley Rules and Regulations notebook. These pages include corrections and modifications to the existing R&R's.

Since a significant amount of paper is involved with the total distribution, the current plan is to notify all residents when sets of the above documents are available. At such time, all residents will be asked to pick up and sign off for receipt of these documents during a specific time, at a particular location within Yardley Village. Hopefully, this will allow for all residents to receive and sign for all of their material with the least amount of effort on any one particular group of people.

As you know, dryer vent cleaning was recently offered to be done for you at the exceptionally reasonable price of \$40 by Kevin Free. Council has been made aware of a number of potential fire hazards found during the cleaning process including unattached vent ducts causing lint falling near or upon gas hot water heaters. Council is considering the requirement for homeowners to conduct such cleaning or provide documentation that it has been completed in the recent past. This action will be reconsidered at the next Council meeting when all information is obtained regarding the number of homes that did not avail themselves of the above service.

While I continue to distribute the minutes of the monthly Hershey's Mill Board of Director meetings and the Hershey's Mill Master Association meetings, I do not do so with the Yardley Village Council meetings. For your information, the approved minutes for these meetings are being posted on a regular basis to the Yardley Village Website. This

website is available through the updated Hershey's Mill website at www.hersheysmill.org. Our Web Manager, Roger Fleming, provides this information on the site each month at no small effort on his part. So, I would ask you to avail yourself of this service and find out what the Yardley Council is secretly plotting.

Joe Ciasullo, Council President

Architecture Committee

No report this month.

Tony Bruno, Chairman

Landscape Committee

Signs of **Autumn** are all around us with crisp temperatures, slowly changing leaf color and a wide assortment of scarecrows, mums, pumpkins and more.

Many of us cannot resist the temptation to add a colorful mum or two to the outside of our homes. As you survey your area, please look for any landscape issues that need attention. Ivy growing on any stucco walls and/or growing under decks really needs to be removed to prevent damage to stucco which could allow for water penetration. Remember you need to assure that mailbox numbers are visible on both sides as required by the postal service. If you notice dead trees, broken branches or ivy growing on stucco, please notify CSK in order to initiate the process of removal where deemed necessary by HML. If your neighbor has moved out or is unable to move about, please help us stay aware of any landscape needs the property may require.

We need your participation to help maintain the quiet beauty of the village. Information on the First of two Fall Cleanup weeks will be posted in the November newsletter.

Mary Ellen Marra, Landscape Chair

Maintenance Committee

No report this month.

Ed Sweeney & Jim DiCarlo

Social Committee

No report this month.

Joane McNamara, Social Committee Co-Chair

Yardley Activity Corner

Yardley Village ROMEO Club

The *ROMEO Club* meets for breakfast the first Monday of the month except on Holidays.

Gentlemen:

Our next meeting will be in November

Look forward to seeing you all.

Same place-Nudy's.....9:00AM.

Gordon D and Jim Swalm

Yardley and Zephyr Ladies Luncheon

YARDLEY/ZEPHYR VILLAGE LADIES
LUNCHEON

Save the date

Monday November 12th

The November luncheon will be held at Casale (means farmhouse in Italian) in Newtown Square. Some of you will know it as the Newtown Grille or way back the Newtown Squire. It has been beautifully refurbished. We will be able to partake of their businessmen's special buffet for \$9.95 or you can order from the menu and we will be getting separate checks. More information will follow in an email later in the month. Come out and visit with your neighbors!!!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Neighborhood News

Hershey Mills new website:



Yardley Village Web Site

Send your data and suggestions in an email to
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