



Yardley Village News



February 2013

Message from the President

Isn't it nice that the constant barrage of extravagance and excess, associated with the Super Bowl, has finally come to an end for another year? New heights of insanity were achieved this year in New Orleans. For instance, the five letters in the Super Bowl XLVII logo, that stand 30 feet high and more than 100 feet wide, came by barge on the Mississippi river to New Orleans and were greeted by thousands of cheering fans. Their arrival was set to music, a light show and a major fireworks display. A police escort then shepherded the famed numerals to their home in New Orleans' Woldenberg Park.I couldn't make this stuff up. I wonder if the Romans ever dreamed that their numerals would ever be so important.

It was reported before the game, by the National Chicken Council, that Americans will eat 1.2 billion chicken wings on Super Bowl Sunday. They never corroborated that this actually occurred, but the reported number isn't as astonishing to me as the fact that there is a "National Chicken Council".

While CBS Sports started local network coverage at 11 AM, I managed to overcome the temptation of tuning in to the plethora of Super Bowl nonsense until game time at 6:30. I must admit that I do enjoy watching the commercials and the game wasn't bad either. But watching the half time show hurt my eyes and ears - and whatever happened to marching bands? Oh, by the way, the Ravens won.

Some of you may have noticed in the minutes of the Master Association meetings that one of the recommendations by a group of Hershey's Mill

residents was to install sidewalks at various locations on Chandler Drive. It may come as a surprise to many us, but there is a dearth of sidewalks east of Mill Drive all the way around the Mill until Eaton Village. A committee was formed by the Master Association to consider the feasibility and desirability of installing walking paths in these areas.

In recent days, orange flags have been installed – beginning around the North Gate, extending along Glenwood, picking up again in the recreation area, traversing Ashton, extending the entire length of Brighton, passing Devonshire and then passing the golf clubhouse to connect to an existing path to Zephyr.

The flags are intended to assist the committee in its review of the possibilities, and to allow presidents of the affected villages (Glenwood, Princeton, Ashton, Brighton, and Devonshire) to get reaction and feedback from their residents about proposed routing of such a path. This potential path is only in

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the discussion phase. There are no funds available at this time to pursue such a program. If the Master Association ultimately concluded that this or any other path is worth pursuing, the funding would ultimately come from the New Initiative Fund already in the Master Association budget, but there will not be funds available from this source until at least in 2014 and beyond.

There have a number of inquiries from residents about a letter they received from PECO regarding tree trimming service work that would be performed at their property. Unfortunately, any tree trimming service required within Yardley Village or Hershey's Mill is the responsibility of the Yardley Home Owner Association or the Master Association at its members' expense. The letter that we received from PECO most likely referred to work that would occur on Greenhill Road and/or Boot Road. In fact, I believe that the actual work involved may already have been completed since I awoke to chainsaws running at 8 am on Wednesday, January 30th. However, I don't think that we should be too disappointed since I doubt that we would be happy with having the village tree trimming accomplished by PECO's contractor Asplundh. Their objective in trimming is assuring that no trees or branches will interfere with the electric lines and sometimes they can be brutal in achieving this objective. Aesthetics does not come into the picture.

Both CSK Management and Council continue to review the vendor proposals that have been received to accomplish exterior stucco moisture probing of village homes in CY 2013. Council has discussed the various methods of selecting a reasonable sample of homes that would provide sufficient security to the total of the village residents or if necessary provide sufficient evidence to present to the K. Hovnanian Company.

After much discussion, it was felt that there were significant problems connected with any of the methods of selecting a suitable sample to

accomplish the requirements and also meet the satisfaction of all the village residents. The resulting approach that was selected was to offer all village residents the ability to have the stucco probe done on all exterior walls of their respective houses. This would be offered at their expense but with a portion of the expense to be subsidized by the Homeowners Association through the existing budgeted funds.

As soon as an acceptable contractor is selected and a price determined for interior and exterior units, Council will provide the offer information to each homeowner for their consideration. Based on the response, a determination will be made as to the size and acceptability of the sample and a final subsidy amount will be established. This approach may in fact require a number of iterations before an acceptable sample size and distribution is reached but the approach should satisfy all residents of equal treatment and consideration. More on this will follow as final details are established.

Now let's all get back into our snuggie blankets and wait until spring which, according to Punxsutawney Phil, isn't very far away.

Joe Ciasullo, Council President

Architecture Committee

No report this month.

Tony Bruno, Chairman

Landscape Committee

No report this month.

Mary Ellen Marra, Landscape Chair

Maintenance Committee

No report this month.

Ed Sweeney & Jim DiCarlo

Social Committee

At this time the Social Committee has only planned the two most popular events for the coming year: The Summer Fling party in June and the Holiday Brunch to be held at the Club on December 8, 2013.

We are pleased to welcome two additional members to our committee: Jana Richey and Edwina Brennan. Including Jean Duncan and Judy Smeltzer that is four new members since this time last year. We will meet again in early Spring and, at that time, we will solicit some new ideas and assistance for other interesting programs. We plan to send out a survey sometime in March or April to keep our collective finger on the pulse of the community to see what kinds of programs will appeal. I was looking over the events that this committee has sponsored during the last ten years and it is rather staggering to see all that was accomplished. Next month, if there is room in this Newsletter, I will publish it.

Edwina Brennan, a Yardley resident and an artist, is having a show, *Abstract Adventures*, at The 3rd Street Gallery, 59 N. Second Street in Philadelphia, February 27 – March 30. Gallery hours are Wednesday – Sunday 12-5 P.M. Opening Reception is Sunday, March 3, 1-5 p.m. Snow Date: March 10th, 1-5 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

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 March

Look forward to seeing you all.

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

Gordon D and Jim Swalm

Yardley and Zephyr Ladies Luncheon

YARDLEY/ZEPHYR LADIES LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2013

12:00 NOON

REDHOUND GRILLE

126 PAOLI PIKE

PAOLI, PA 19301

484-318-8047

www.redhoundgrille.com

They will provide separate checks.

DIRECTIONS

Go out the north gate and turn right onto Greenhill Road. Turn right at the dead end (Route 352). Follow to the first traffic light which is Paoli Pike and turn left. Redhound Grille is approximately 4 miles on your right.

RSVP to Yvonne Ward

ydward@verizon.net

610-431-4318

Please notify anyone who does not have e-mail.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Yardley Village Web Site

Send your data and suggestions in an email to webmaster@yardleyvillage.com

Letters to the Editor

Esther Chu of 1658 Yardley Court says that the winds of November blew a big plastic pumpkin into her yard. She left it out for a few days to see if someone would claim it but when no one claimed it and the weather worsened she put it in her garage. So if you're missing a plastic pumpkin, please call Esther at 610-738-8209.

Lee Gamma

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