



Yardley Village News

December 2013

Message from the President

'Tis the season to be jolly – but alas, someone has to be the “Grinch”. I had the opportunity to peek at the Naughty & Nice list for 2013 and was very disappointed. It appears that there has been a significant increase on the naughty side of the ledger. While I doubt that an improvement will have much effect on this year’s rewards, I thought it would be worthwhile if we considered some areas where a little extra effort would be welcomed and rewarding to all.

First and foremost is the issue of speeding, not only in the Mill, but more importantly within Yardley Village. The installations of speed bumps are not only expensive but annoying and seem to be effective only at the specific location of the speed bump. There have been attempts to have Hershey’s Mill Security monitor speeders but there are no viable methods of enforcement available. The installation of an electronic speed monitor seems to have some effect in the area they are stationed but they are also expensive devices to spread around sufficiently. There appears to be very little specific action that can be taken by the Master Association to control this except to appeal to the common sense and consideration of our residents. A continual reminder of the problem may help keep us aware of our responsibility. Please pass this message on to your cleaning people and anyone else who visits you on a continual basis.

The second issue that seems to need a constant reminder is the responsibility that our dog owners have to be everyone’s best friend and to pick up after man’s best friend. While not presenting quite the same potential danger as speeding, a lack of attention to this detail, could result in a sticky wicket among other things that I’ll leave to your imagination. Generally, dog owners are responsible people and recognize these responsibilities; however, sometimes, I think, the cold weather must create a negative impact on their normal reactions. So bundle up, keep warm, always carry a plastic bag and mind your doggie’s business.

Yardley Village is composed of 138 homeowners. Over a period of time, I expect that all of them will experience a problem in their house that will require the assistance of outside help.

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If the Homeowner Association is responsible for remediation of the problem involved, the homeowner's first step should be to notify our managing agent, CSK Management.

Generally, if the source of the problem can be clearly identified, the CSK office will issue a work order to attend to the problem; if however, the source of the problem cannot be clearly identified, CSK will request that one of the appropriate Village committee members investigate the issue and determine the proper type of contractor to attend to the problem. It should be recognized, that this process is necessary in order to control Operating Expenses that would be increased significantly if various contractors are retained before knowing the source of the problem.

While I realize that every homeowner believes that their problem is the only relevant one at that time, there is, in fact, the possibility that there are others with the same belief. All of the problems, will in fact, be handled as soon as appropriate resources are identified and available. As with most things, in life, what is usually necessary is patience, understanding and most important civility - unless there is a fire or flood in which case please notify Security and run.

In line with the above, I want to point out that Yardley Village is dependent to a large extent on the voluntary participation of its residents in a number of important committees. All of these committees require the continual addition of new volunteers to replace current members as they become less than available for the necessary work effort. Please consider taking a pro-active part in building and maintaining a first rate community by volunteering for one of these committees. If you are not sure which one could use your help please call or email me and I will be glad to offer some suggestions.

Remember that the CY 2014 Budget meeting for Yardley Village will be held at the Community Center at 7 PM on Wednesday, December 11, 2013. And to all those I will not meet personally, have a wonderful

Holiday Season and let's keep the Grinch from ruining a Merry Christmas.

*Joe Ciasullo,
Council President*

Architecture Committee

No report this month.

Tony Bruno, Chairman

Landscape Committee

While checking your holiday list, and if you have not yet had a chance, do try to use the remaining moderate, dry days to finish clearing away annuals and cutting back perennials that have been added to planting beds. You control the small plantings that have been added to these beds and therefore, you control which plantings you want to remain in that area or which plantings you want to remove. These small plantings and trimmings can be disposed of with the weekly trash pickups. This action on your part will help to facilitate a more through leaf removal for the second and final clean-up in December.

A special thank you to those homeowners who have already gotten their area ready for this clean-up consisting of raking, blowing, and/or mulching and the removal of leaves and fallen limbs.

Future issue: When snow and/or ice are forecast, please remove flower pots, door mats, benches, etc. from your stoop, walking path or area between garages. This will help to control potential damage and also facilitate a thorough clean up of your access areas. Harsh weather conditions and limited light make snow/ice clean-up more challenging for the workers.

Important notice: Any homeowner having a weather related landscape need should call CSK directly and CSK will issue a work order, to Hershey's Mill Landscape, to evaluate the

need. Contractual issues will automatically be taken care of and the cost of any additional items will be sent to CSK for recommendation by landscape committee and approval by council. Following this procedure will result in a more direct response for your issues rather than going through landscape committee first.

Modifications to your landscaping around your home in mulched areas that involve merely having a dead, diseased, or too large a planting removed and replaced with a smaller, more suitable planting, do not need committee approval. HML always notifies landscape committee when a change has been requested of them and further paperwork is not required.

Modifications that involve new plantings in an area previously without planting or mulch, do still require landscape committee review, council approval and committee sending the approved modification request to CSK for filing.

On behalf of the Landscape committee, we extend our wishes that your December Holidays be filled with Good Health, Laughter, and Happy Times with Family and Friends.

*Mary Ellen Marra,
Landscape Chair*

Maintenance Committee

No report this month.

Jim DiCarlo, Maintenance Committee Co-Chair

Social Committee

The Social Committee is hoping to see many of you at one of our most popular events..... The Holiday Brunch. The Club is beautifully and festively decorated and Chef Muir presents a very lovely Brunch with many delicious options. It is a great venue for new neighbors to meet and provides those of us

who have been here for eons with an opportunity to become better acquainted with those whom we do not see often.

The Social Committee is planning a Cocktail Party in the spring followed by dinner or just a Cocktail Party..... Decision has not been made as yet.

A few years ago several of us had gone on a trip to New York City sponsored by Hershey's Mill Travel Agency, a branch of Perkiomen Travel Agency, and had a perfectly delightful time. We toured New York by land and sea! The Committee is considering sponsoring a similar trip to Washington D.C. If you have any thoughts or suggestions about this considered plan please contact Janet Day or Joane McNamara or any Social Committee members listed on the back of the Newsletter. At a recent Yardley Ladies Luncheon there was much enthusiasm expressed about considering this trip. Obviously, the best time to go would be in the spring when the Cherry blossoms are in bloom.

Happy Holidays to all.

*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 on Monday, December 2nd.

Look forward to seeing you all.

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

Jim Swalm

Yardley and Zephyr Ladies Luncheon

Ship Inn

693 East Lincoln Highway
Exton, PA 19341

Monday, January 13th, 12:00
P.M.

They have given us a private room.

Please pay by cash.

Please respond to Linda Inverso by
January 6th.

email linverso653@gmail.com
or phone 484-887-0137

They ask that we pay by cash since they are
issuing individual checks. If you have any
questions, don't hesitate to email or call me.

Thanks, Linda Inverso

Neighborhood News

Yardley Ladies Bridge Club

Attention "Newcomers" and "Oldtimers." Did
you know?? The ladies from Yardley Village
meet for BRIDGE every other Thursday at
10:00 a.m. This is a fun group with all levels
of playing bridge. So, if you play bridge and
want to catch up on neighborhood events
and have lots of fun, call Marge Sohaney at
610-738-8506.

Lee Gamma

Goshen Farmer's Market

The Goshen Farmer's Market is back at East
Goshen Park with lots of produce and other
items. Hours are 3-7 p.m. on Thursdays.

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Send your data and suggestions in an email to
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