



# Yardley Village News



January 2021

## Message from the President

I hope all had a safe and happy Christmas, as circumstances have permitted. It seems like a suitable end of an extremely challenging year to have a Christmas day power outage. As mentioned in my previous newsletter, we have endured an unacceptable number of outages, six or seven by my count, this year.

I pressured the board to address this with PECO. Hershey’s Mill was built with ALL electric service lines underground to preclude outages from affecting our homes. Unfortunately, the Mill is fed power from several sources of the “grid” since the villages were constructed over a long period of time and as sections were completed, they would connect to the easiest section of the grid.

The Board was able to bring PECO to the table for resolution. PECO agreed to install three transfer switches that would enable them to re-route power to areas affected by outages and minimize outage disruptions. PECO has apparently started on this project but regrettably have installed only the first switch in the project. We are in discussions with PECO to accelerate the completion of these planned additions, especially with winter being significantly more devastating for homeowners needing heat. I will keep all informed on our progress on this.

## Snow Removal

This past storm was a particularly difficult one for all snow removal contractors in the Mill. The heavy snow, followed by sleet, rain and freezing temperatures, made their task a significantly challenging one. Covid19 played its part with the ability to get sufficient manpower to do hand clearing and was a problem.

Our village fared better than most although a few homes were not cleared until evening. I received some complaints that the snow removal wasn’t completed satisfactorily at their homes. The contractor went through getting everyone plowed out as quickly as possible, but due to limited manpower, wasn’t able to do final clearing as they progressed and had to come back to finish. Thank you for your patience.

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## **Community Center Expansion**

The board is working toward getting the Architect started on this project the beginning of the year. The Architect is charged with developing layouts, with our input, and renderings for the proposed project. These will be reviewed by the Township and priced by possible contractors, for presentation to the residents before we proceed further. The project is proposed to be entirely paid for through the CIF fund (funded by property sales) with no increase in dues/assessments.

We are entertaining the use of solar panels for electricity and geo-thermal for heating and air conditioning that could pay for themselves over a period of time and then save us significant operating funds after that.

The Board feels this is an important project that will enhance community interaction as well as our property values. We have negotiated the architectural fees so if we do not proceed beyond the initial phase, the costs will be minimal. The Board feels it is worth the effort and minimal costs to entertain this project.

## **Speed Limit Signs**

The speed limit signs seem to be having an effect on speeding through the village. Thanks to Roger Fleming for moving the signs and replacing them after the snow removal.

## **Seasonal Decorations**

Thank you to our decoration committee that decorated our entrances and street signs for the holidays! It adds a cheery thought to a challenging time for all of us. I received a note from Betty Ann Sapp, our Decorations Chair, saying she regretfully has to step down from this

position. We therefore must find someone to take over her role. She said she will help the new chair get started. Our Village runs on the efforts of volunteers and continually needs residents to volunteer for numerous tasks to help keep our village one of the best in the Mill. There are a number of volunteers that help in this effort and it is a great way to meet your neighbors, especially for new residents. Please consider the possibility for assuming this position. There is plenty of support for the new chair and we want to continue to have our entrances decorated and welcoming to visitors.

## **Thoughts**

Remember to leave you garage lights on to help light the village. Contact the Architectural Committee if you are planning any exterior alterations to your unit.

Be safe, wear your masks when you venture out and social distance. The vaccine gives us a glimmer of hope that we can return to some measure of normalcy this summer!

*George Earle  
Yardley Village President*

## **Architecture Committee**

No report this month.

*Tony Bruno, Chairman*

## **Landscape Committee**

No report this month.

*Paul Woodruff,  
Landscape Chair*

## **Maintenance Committee**

No report this month.

*Jim DiCarlo,  
Maintenance Committee Co-Chair*

## **Social Committee**

As a result of the generosity of Yardley Village friends and neighbors we were able to donate:

65 hats (some beautifully hand knitted)

118 pairs of gloves and mittens

76 pairs of socks

15 scarfs

2 earmuffs

Thanks to Jana Richey and Lynn Fleming, we donated 18 adorable and festive face masks for the children.

We would like to send a special thank you to Arlene and Bill Romano for sorting and delivering our donations.

The social committee looks forward to collecting again next year. Hint: The winter sales will be starting soon!

I am sure you all agree it was a heartwarming event.

*Nancy St. Laurent  
Jan Nolin  
Social Committee, Co-chairs*

## **Decorating Committee**

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday entrances in 2020. All too soon, it will be time to dismantle the reindeer for the season.

We are scheduling the work to be completed on **Saturday, January 9** at **10:00 am.**

Please consider volunteering a few minutes to help out.

As chairperson for this activity, I will be unable to organize the entrances for 2021 and I am hopeful that someone will be willing to take over. We really need a volunteer to take the lead, or we may not be able to decorate next year.

Please call me if you are interested in this opportunity.

*Betty Ann Sapp  
Decorating Committee*

## **Yardley Activity Corner**

### **Yardley Village ROMEO Club**

Unfortunately, eating at Nudy's now requires inside use, and under the current circumstances, it was decided to suspend the Romeo's club monthly breakfast for the immediate future. Hopefully, we will all get our vaccines and get back on the old schedule soon. Good Luck and hope to see you all there again.

\*Retired Old Men Eating Out

*Jim DiCarlo*

### **Yardley/Zephyr Ladies Luncheon**

Luncheons are on hold

## **Neighbor News**

### **Obituaries**

Alison Naylor-Fant (nee Carswell), age 74 of West Chester, PA passed away on December 23, 2020. She was the beloved wife of Thomas D. Fant. Alison was born on July 25, 1946 in Philadelphia, PA to the late Calvin Naylor

and Jean Carswell. She was a graduate of Swarthmore High School and Penn State University. Alison was a longtime employee of Nationwide Insurance Company, where she was a Compliance Officer. She is survived by her husband, Thomas D. Fant; her step-children Thomas D. Fant, Jr. and Terry V. Fant; Grandali of Jake, Wyatt, and Samuel. Services and interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Brandywine Valley SPCA at <https://bvspca.org/>  
[www.maugergivnish.com](http://www.maugergivnish.com)

### ***Letters to the Editor***

Please submit questions or comments to Lgamma1937@aol.com.

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Carol Jones Werley, 79, of West Chester PA who passed away on Monday September 7th, 2020. She was the beloved wife of the late Carl Werley.

# **Yardley Village Council and Committee Members**

## **Yardley Village Council**

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