# The Inverness "I"

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# Village welcomes new newsletter

# From The Editors

Inverness Village once again has a newsletter! As we feel Inverness is a great place to live, populated with wonderful people, it is our desire to keep everyone informed of events and to encourage stronger relationships within our community.

At the present time, we plan to publish the newsletter quarterly - in January, April, July/August and October. We believe this will give us an opportunity to review and preview events important to our residents.

The ultimate success of this endeavor will depend on the support of village residents in supplying information of interest to our neighbors. For the letter to be interesting, it must have NEWS. We encourage you to become a source as a reporter. We thank all who have offered to help. We will be in touch once we get organized following this first issue.

Please forward items of possible interest to our fellow residents by way of a note, e-mail message or phone call. See "How To Reach Us" on page 6.

# From the Village President

On behalf of the entire Inverness Council I welcome the rebirth of an Inverness newsletter. It is expected that it will serve as a very useful vehicle for keeping all residents informed of upcoming events and as a means of communicating items of interest. The Council welcomes any suggestions you care to make and I will ensure they get prompt and thoughtful consideration.

The recent "blizzard" may require a future assessment to make up the actual cost of snow removal versus the 2009 budgeted amount. THIS HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED BY COUNCIL and if enacted will be due with the April quarterly fee. A communication will be forthcoming in the near future.

There is nothing new to report on the Winfield Hall dialogue beyond that which was discussed at the recent village meeting. More data will be available for the April newsletter.

Please feel free to volunteer for a village committee that piques your interest. Your individual energy and expertise would be most welcome.

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The Inverness Village open meeting was held November 30<sup>th</sup> in Winfield Hall. There were approximately 40 residents in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by the village president following a half-hour social gathering. The minutes of previous meetings were approved. A review of the financial situation was presented by **Tom Delaney**, treasurer.

Jeff Bevan reported that a new contractor is being engaged to handle the Carpenter Bee and other extermination problems. This is welcomed by those not satisfied with previous efforts. The Social committee reported on the upcoming Christmas party. Carol Ellis and Barbara Colby were named as Greeters of newcomers to the village.

When the meeting was opened to the floor, **Ken Knuth** made a motion that the budgeted \$9894 increase in the Master Association (MA) fee not be paid, with the money going to village reserves instead. This motion apparently followed from unhappiness with the MA handling of the Winfield Hall replacement proposal and a concern about the adequacy of the village reserve fund. This motion prompted a spirited discussion.

Ken Knuth, Jack Gaskill and others expressed their dissatisfaction with the lack of transparency in MA discussions and actions. Boyd Mackleer spoke at some length on governance by the MA, and he pointed out the undesirable implications for each homeowner of not paying the assessment. Boyd credited Ken and others with bringing the subject of a Winfield Hall replacement to a vote of village residents. As a result, Inverness was the first village to do so, and set an example for other villages. Boyd stressed that he would abide by the Sept 29th Village vote and oppose replacement of Winfield Hall.

A subsequent vote defeated the motion to withhold the increase. The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

#### 2010 Village Fees

We trust you have all received notice of the fees for Inverness Village for the coming year, and hopefully have paid the first installment. The change in quarterly fees represents a 0.43 percent increase over 2009.

An informal survey shows that our \$5 per quarter fee increase is significantly less than that of many other villages. Inverness fees are believed to be about average for all villages.

#### Save The Dam Update

As you may know, there was the threat this summer that the picturesque Hershey's Mill dam would be demolished. Thanks to a vigorous effort by the residents of Hershey's Mill Estates, (located across Greenhill Road), and others, this has been delayed. The town is awaiting input on alternatives as a basis for further discussions with Harrisburg. It is hoped that either an affordable alternative can be found or the dam can be reclassified to a lower threat level with no further action required.

# by Doris Harry (#714)

On November 21, we had our 13th Inverness Ladies Luncheon at the HMGC. I would like to thank the women who attended and thank you for your support. We had 46 reservations, of which 43 attended.

The ladies looked lovely and really spent on our "fifty-fifty" chances. We paid out three places this year (after expenses).

My thanks, also, to **Rita Cordivari** for all of her help through the years. The lovely centerpieces were the original idea and work of **Trudi Roderick** and were given away as door prizes. **Pat Teets** helped Rita deliver the flyers which is a big job.

Again, thank you to all who work for this occasion and all who attend.

See you next November.

#### Decorations

The new figures on Chandler Drive and candy canes in the tree enhance our entrance. The attractive Christmas decorations were accomplished under the able direction of **Trudi Roderick** assisted by committee members **Bettie Smith**, **Pat Teets**, **Nancy Hutchinson**, **Sam Malandra** and **Bruce Erb**. **Carl Teets** and **David Cordivari** put the Santa sleigh and deer together. **Well done!** 



#### Holiday Party Great Success.

We hope you were among those present on December 12th because it was one terrific holiday party! Winfield Hall was very festive and there was a lot of intermingling and vibrant conversation. The music was overwhelmed by the voices of all the socializing. That is proof of a successful event!

Great hors d'oeuvres and champagne punch as well as fruit punch were plentiful and enjoyed by all. The lucky winner of the door prize, a gift certificate to the GeneraL Warren Inne, was **Betty Ann McArdle,** and a very happy **Winnie Vaules** won the 50/50. Many other prizes were awarded.

Congratulations and a thank you go to the able leadership of **Joanne O'Connor**, chair of the Social Committee and the many hardworking members. The village is indeed fortunate to benefit from their efforts, and they should take pride in their accomplishment.

You'll want to make a point not to miss future village social events.

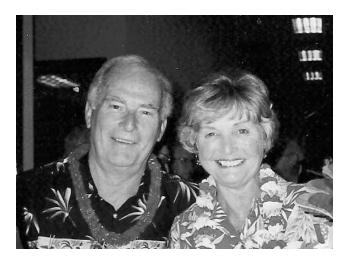
#### **Directory Updates**

Jane & Charles Auer 484-266-0144	726
Becky & Bob Bell 484-887-8317	717
Marge & John Brolly 610-738-6984	777
John & Judy Klanderman 610-436-5447	773

#### Getting To Know You

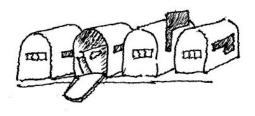
John and Marge Brolly moved to 777 Inverness from Philadelphia, where John was a real estate broker and Marge was a legal secretary and homemaker. They chose Hershey's Mill to be near their five daughters and ten grandchildren (soon to be eleven).

The Brollys spend part of the year in their Florida home at The Villages. They enjoy swimming, biking, reading, cooking, and attending the theater. John is an experienced recreational sailor and is interested in meeting residents with a similar interest. Marge loves "fun" card games and board games. She hopes to join or start a group which shares her interests. CE



# Lost and Found

A cheese spreader was left at the Holiday Party. Contact Joanne O'Connor at 610-918-3241.



#### Getting To Know You



**Charles and Jane Auer** are in the process of having unit 726 updated to their standards. They will be joining his son Scott and daughter-in-law Virginia as residents of our village following the sale of their present home. They were attracted here from Dorset Road in Devon to enjoy the comforts of condo living and the friendship of many friends who live here and new acquaintances.

Charles is a retired engineer who worked for Exxon. His interests include Scuba diving, biking and fishing. Jane is a portrait painter, house builder and realtor. In addition to her artistic endeavors, she enjoys sewing and bridge.

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This newsletter is a direct result of energy and expertise meeting a need. A sincere thank you to George and Barbara Colby for volunteering to take on this task on a quarterly basis.

BRING ON THE SPRING!

Boyd K Mackleer 698 610-692-6315



#### Getting To Know You

"The overall beauty and charm of the community" are the factors that encouraged **Becky and Bob Bell** to move from Chesterbrook to Hershey's Mill in November. They searched throughout the area until they found just what they were looking for here. Originally the Bells were long-time residents of Wallingford and Swarthmore.



Before they retired, Becky was in the pharmaceutical industry and Bob was in sales. They now enjoy traveling, and have visited Australia, New Zealand and Poland, which they toured extensively while visiting their daughter-in-law's family. Bob plans to play golf here, while Becky is looking for some bridge partners. Rumor has it that Bob is a fine singer, so perhaps we will see him in a performance at Hershey's Mill. Getting To Know You

John and Judy Klanderman moved into 773 in November from Bradford Square in West Chester. John is a professor emeritus at Rowan University, whose specialty is school psychology. He retired but has been called back on a part time basis. Judy is an artist who works in pastels, watercolors and other mediums. John is an accomplished bassoonist.

They were attracted here by the prospect of one-level living, interesting community activities and social gatherings.



Their interests include travel, both US and abroad, bike riding, and social bridge. Judy enjoys gardening, and John model railroading. BC



As pets are an important part of many households in our village, we would like to begin featuring pets and their owners in future issues. What we have in mind is a short description of the pet's name, age and unique qualities. When feasible we will include a photo of the pet with or without its owner, as you wish.



We anticipate beginning this feature in our April issue and continuing in future issues in the order that names are submitted. The first photos will be taken in late March.

To facilitate this, we ask you to leave your and your pets' names with us. (See "How To Reach Us" in this issue.)

# **Replacement Windows**

A question was raised at the village meeting as to a source for replacement windows. **Bill McFarland** (610) 469 9888 has done extensive work in Hershey's Mill.

Nancy Hutchinson (610) 430 7871 helpfully reports she has used another source for glass replacement with very good results. Call her if you would like the information.

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# How To Reach Us

Please forward any item you think might be of interest to village residents, any comments or suggestions, or other items via:

**Drop Box:** The first mailbox on 697 Garage is designated for Newsletter items and comments.

E-Mail: InvernessI@hotmail.com

**Phone:** Leave message at: (610) 701 - 7084 (Colby)