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Summer Is Here!

From The Editors

We send our very best wishes for a pleasant and restful summer to all residents of Inverness Village whether spending it here or elsewhere. May it treat us all kindly.

It is a joy to see the growing number of planters adorning the garages in the village. The profusion of flowers greatly enhances our environment, and we commend all who have extended themselves to brighten our surroundings.

In this issue we are introducing Profiles of established residents with a feature on the Magnificent Seven. We plan to feature other residents, either individually or in groups, in future issues. We encourage suggestions in this regard.

If you missed the village open meeting, we direct your attention to the report herein. As a result of the voting, it appears most residents are content to continue with the present board members in the belief that village views on Winfield Hall options and other matters will be adequately represented at the Master Association meetings.

We hope you enjoy the variety of items from our several contributors. Happy reading!

From the Village President

Congratulations to the 83% of homes which participated in the recent village election. This is a turnout which we can all be proud of. It is now time to close ranks and move forward toward making Inverness Village an even better place for all of us to reside.

The only approved color for canvas awnings has been changed to SUNBRELLA # 4796 due to the discontinuing of the previous color. Please submit any requests for a new awning to **Maynard Krug** (#746).

The debate over the merits of various options regarding Winfield Hall continues in the entire Hershey's Mill Community. We seem to have reached the period of individual village meetings to discuss these options and in many cases let the village President know how the villagers wish him or her to vote. The vote is scheduled for September 2, 2010 at the Presidents' monthly meeting. The vote will likely be close. Each village has one vote toward a total of 23 votes to be cast.

Please put all trash and garbage items including LANDSCAPING DEBRIS in plastic bags in the trash sheds. All recyclables go in the compartment marked with the triangle. The community is in the process of negotiating a new three-year trash removal contract to begin in

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2011. The Master Association Presidents will have three bids to consider and the vote will be in September or October.

ANOTHER IMPERATIVE is to keep your house phone connected even when you are away for an extended period. The recent fire in Princeton Village could have been a true catastrophe if not for the smoke alarm signal to Security.

Boyd Mackleer (#698)

Management Company Report

We will be performing dryer vent cleaning from the exterior of the homes later this year. Residents need not be home during this process. We will also be scheduling alarm inspections later this year. Residents will be notified via mail as to the exact schedule later in 2010.

Jeff Bevan

Hershey's Mill Management, LLC

Village Open Meeting

The June 9th meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by **Boyd Mackleer**, village president. Boyd introduced the members of the council and newcomers to the village who were present. **Tom Delaney** gave memorial tributes to **Ed Johnson** and **Jack Di Meo**.

Election of officers was one of the main items on the agenda, and this was the focus of considerable interest since the positions were contested, and the election had been preceded by a series of letters expressing concerns about the future of Winfield Hall and

presenting differing points of view.

Boyd noted that **Larry Higgins (#759)**, a candidate for reelection, was on travel and **Wilbur Amand (#721)**, a new candidate was attending a conference. The other new candidate, **Ray Wilson (#747)**, was introduced and spoke to the reasons he was withdrawing his candidacy.

Following the balloting, a treasurer's report was verbally presented by Tom Delaney. He described the snowfall excess cost over budget of \$22,000.

In the President's report, Boyd noted that the council was looking ahead for future painting and roof replacement needs.

The only committee report given was by **Joanne O'Connor** for the social committee. She encouraged people to sign up for the committee.

Boyd presented the present status of Master Association discussions regarding Winfield Hall. **Ken Knuth (#729)** expressed a desire for transparency of votes at the Master Association, and Boyd said he will try to get a roll call vote when the time comes. **Jack Gaskill (#768)** spoke of the fact that some other villages seem unaware of the ongoing discussions and their implications. Jack and Boyd both encouraged communication with residents of other villages.

Jeff Bevan announced the election results which indicated the re-election of the incumbents, **Larry Higgins**, **Boyd Mackleer**, and **Janet Emanuel (#704)**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Delicious Treats

The village open meeting in Winfield Hall was preceded by a social hour catered by the members of the Social Committee. Goodies were generously provided by **Jennie Malandra** (#692), **Marge Broly** (#777), and **Judy Klандerman** (#773). The social hour was coordinated by committee members **Carol Ellis** (#697) and **Barbara Colby** (#696).

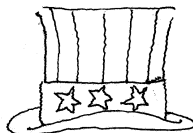
Condo Fee Comparisons

Using information made available by our managing agent, it is interesting to compare our condo fees to those of other villages. One must, however, be careful in doing so as different villages have various approaches to financing ongoing operations. Some villages believe in maintaining large cash reserves, while other villages depend on special assessments as needs develop.

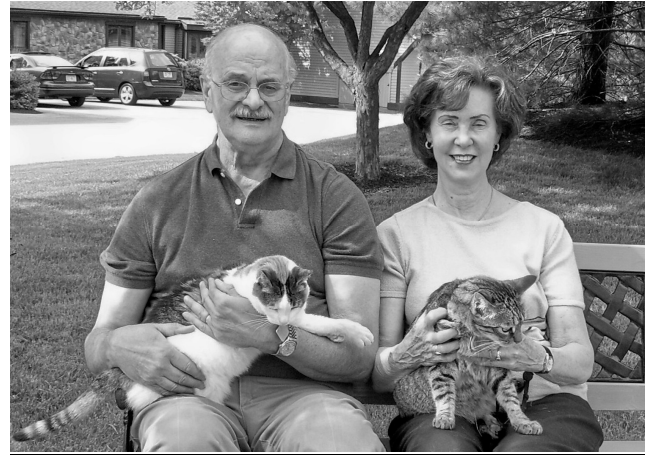
Basic quarterly condo fees for 2010 in Hershey's Mill range from \$1015 to \$1456. The Inverness fee of \$1058 ranks us at number 16 of the 25 villages, or below the median of \$1225.

Special assessments are levied for various purposes, such as reserves build-up, alarm system upgrades, painting, or excess snow removal costs. Special assessments announced to date for 2010 range from \$ 78 to \$ 900.

From the available data, it appears the cost of living in Inverness village is about average for Hershey's Mill as a whole.



HABICAT AND SCOUT



Scout and Habicat can be seen every afternoon taking their daily walk with **Jim and Carol Ellis** (#697). Scout, a five-year-old, black and gray, male tiger cat, asked Jim to take him home when he reached out of his cage at Petsmart and chirped at Jim. In his foster home, Scout was surrounded by dogs, so he is friendly with the Inverness dogs on his walk.

Habicat, a fifteen-year-old female calico, was found by Jim and Carol at a Habitat for Humanity Buildathon in West Philadelphia, where they were volunteering. She was fond of following workers at the Habitat sites and today is still enthralled by a person with a tool belt. Despite their age difference, Scout and Habi are devoted friends who play, sleep, and walk together.

PETS RULE

by Wilbur Amand, VMD

Each year there are more than 100,000 cases of pets being poisoned in the U.S. The surprising thing is that many of these cases are caused by substances that we often have in our home. Some of the most dangerous pet poisons are foods and medications that we take on a daily basis.

Depending on how a particular substance affects your pet's body and how much was ingested or inhaled, pet poisoning symptoms can include gastrointestinal and neurological problems, cardiac and respiratory distress, coma, and even death.

Here is a list of some of the most common pet poisons:

1. Human medications such as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications (ibuprofen or naproxen), antidepressants, and isoniazid (a tuberculosis drug)
2. Flea and tick products. Problems can occur in pets accidentally ingesting these products or if small pets receive excessive amounts.
3. People food. Just remember that some foods we enjoy can be dangerous and sometimes fatal to our pets:
 - a. Chocolate – especially dark chocolate and unsweetened baking chocolate
 - b. Alcohol
 - c. Coffee and tea and other caffeine products
 - d. Avocado
 - e. Onions, garlic and chives
 - f. Macadamia nuts
 - g. Grapes and raisins
 - h. Fruit pits- such as from peaches and plums – contain cyanide

- i. Raw eggs
 - j. Raw meat and fish
 - k. Xylitol – a sweetener found in products such as sugar-free gum and candy - causes a rapid drop in blood sugar, resulting in weakness and seizures.
4. Rat and mouse poisons
 5. Pet medications such as painkillers and de-wormers
 6. Household plants such as azaleas and rhododendrons, tulips and daffodils, and sago palms
 7. Chemical hazards such as anti-freeze, paint thinner, and chemicals for pools
 8. Household cleaners
 9. Heavy metals such as lead (found in paint, linoleum, and batteries) or zinc (found in pennies)
 10. Fertilizer in products for your lawn and garden.

If you suspect that your pet has been poisoned, stay calm and act quickly but rationally. Gather up any of the suspected poison that remains and contact your veterinarian or emergency service. You may also wish to contact the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 888-426-4435. They are available to answer your questions and provide guidance 24 hours a day.

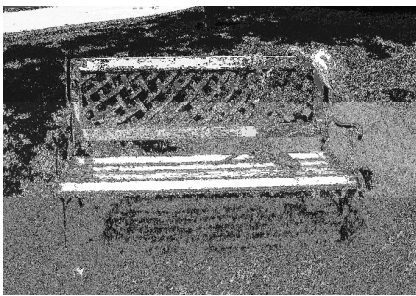
Enjoy a wonderful summer with your pet(s), but remember that your pet feels the heat as much as you do. Walk early in the morning or later in the day when the heat and humidity are less oppressive. And be sure to keep fresh water available at all times.

Around The Village

Are you confused? Don't be! While **Lydia Voigt** (#713) may be seen with many different dogs, they are NOT all hers. Lydia furnishes a dog walking and cat sitting service for pet owners in Hershey's Mill.

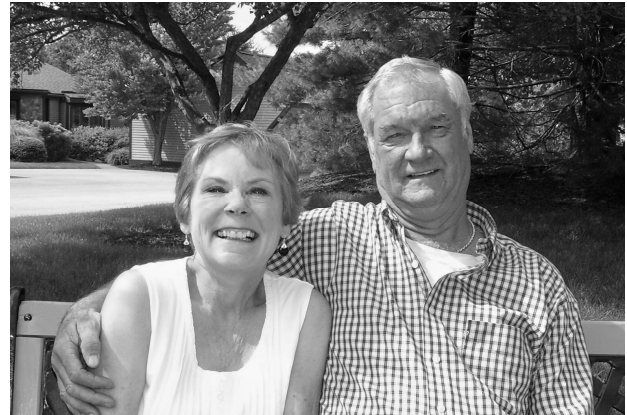
Diane Heald (#766) reports that Chester County SPCA, 1212 Phoenixville Pike, West Chester, collects newspapers as a fund raiser. Diane suggests that if drop-off there is not possible, one could leave the bagged newspapers on her porch and she will see that they are forwarded to the Society.

New Addition to Village



Attractive, Welcoming, Restful. Isn't it great! **Sam Malandra** (#692) has applied his talents to a park bench and placed it on the island at the entrance to our village. It has been well received and with the warmer weather, its popularity is ever increasing!

Getting To Know You



It's a family affair in Hershey's Mill for **David and Rosalind Baker** (#779), who have joined Rosalind's parents, **Bob and Doris Harry** (#714) and Roz's identical twin sister, who moved into Jefferson a year ago.

The Bakers work full time - David as a HVAC mechanic and Roz as a title insurance agent. However, they are avid gardeners, who have already beautified their new home with lovely flowers and plantings. They also have a garden plot where they are raising tomatoes, radishes, and other summer vegetables.

Roz and David and Stetson, their fifteen-year-old orange tabby, moved into Inverness from Upton Circle in West Chester. In addition to having family nearby, the Bakers said they "love the location and the beauty of Hershey's Mill."
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In Memoriam

Jack Di Meo

March 27, 2010

Ed Johnson

June 4, 2010

Profiles

With this issue, we introduce a New Feature called **Profiles**. This is a natural complement to our feature "**Getting To Know You**" which introduces newcomers. The title honors Ruth O'Ryan, a longtime Inverness resident who published many wonderful **Profiles** in the Hershey's Mill Digest prior to moving out of the area.

Introducing..... The Magnificent Seven

Who, in the world, are The Magnificent Seven?

They are a Spirited, Caring, and Social group of neighbors in a special segment of Inverness Village. They reside just off Chandler Drive in a circle of seven units. They form a special community within the larger village of Inverness.

But before we introduce them, a bit of history: The title was given some years ago by a former owner of #788 - Phil Moroney. It seems a 1960 movie, *The Magnificent Seven*, featured seven individuals united in a desire to show others how to live life more fully. Our Magnificent Seven exhibit the same enthusiasm for doing good.

One easily describes them as Spirited in that they often add the extra touches to their environment, such as daffodils, pansies, and garage and front porch adornments. It is so welcoming.

Caring is the way they interact with each other, such as a ride to an appointment, a newspaper brought to the step, or telephone call when it might be called for.

Sociability is exhibited in holiday get togethers as well as a summertime picnic and other occasional less formal gatherings. Previous owners, Phil Moroney, Roy Nall and Dick Aberle, often come back to join in. It is old home week with a bit of consultation, on occasion, about unit maintenance.



The Magnificent Seven (less one)

From left to right:

1. **Anna Powell (#786)** with Joey
2. **Winnie Vaules (#788)**
3. **Laura Proctor (#784)**
4. **Joe Proctor (#784)**
5. **Mary Teresa Scott (#782)**
6. **Marie Welliver (#783)**
7. **Mary Lou Evans (#785)** with Max

Elva Andrews (#787) was away when picture was taken.

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Now, to introduce our neighbors, The Magnificent Seven:

Marie Teresa Scott (#782)



Teresa moved here from Drexel Hill, PA, in 2003. Her early years were spent as a secretary and raising a family. After retiring, she enjoyed travel and was an active volunteer at Fitzgerald-Mercy Hospital. Teresa is an avid reader.

Marie Welliver (#783)

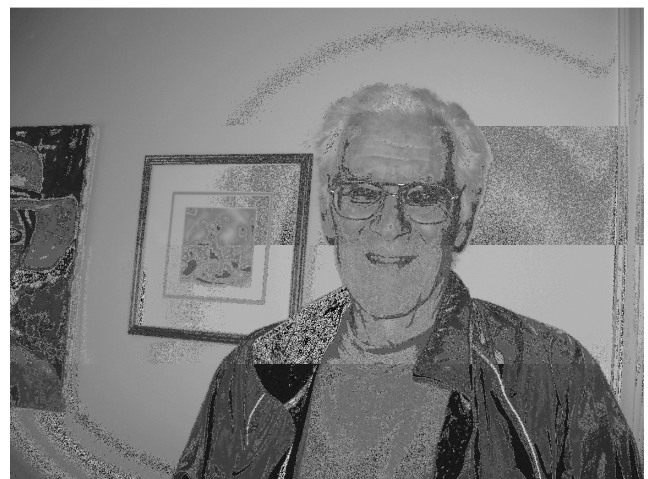


2008 was the year that Marie moved from Austin, Texas. Marie's career history includes library aide and school teacher. Her interests include sewing and crafts.

Laura and Joe Proctor (#784)



Laura was raised and schooled in Philadelphia. She is a University of Pennsylvania graduate in Nursing. She is now retired, having worked in local hospitals. Her lovely artwork is often on display in Winfield Hall.



Joe also was born and raised in Philadelphia and is a Drexel University graduate with a Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is still active as a broker in supplying steel products to the U.S. government. Joe also is a member of the village finance committee.

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Joe is an avid tennis player as well as having the role of the sole male among the Magnificent Seven. Maybe we should call it an essential role since he contributes the male know-how.

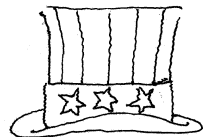
Previous to living in Chester County for many years, they had resided in GA and DE. They moved to Hershey's Mill in 1994.

Laura and Joe have 5 children spread throughout the country and that gives them great opportunities for travel and joyous reunions.

Mary Lou Evans (#785)



Mary Lou moved here from Wallingford, PA, in 2004. A focal point in her life is Max, a 7 year-old long-haired dachshund. Her hobbies include gardening and knitting afghans which she donates to hospitals and nursing homes.



Anna Powell (#786)



Anna moved to Hershey's Mill in 1993 from West Chester. She retired from a career as a Quality Assurance Analyst. Anna is an avid sports fan and also enjoys gardening. Bowling is a regular activity in her life as well as walking her dog, Joey.

Elva Andrews (#787)



Elva hails from Pittsburgh, PA, but moved from Westtown Twp. in 2001. She has many interests including knitting, bridge and volunteering at her church resale shop. She loves to travel and is an avid Eagles fan.

Winnie Vaules (#788)



Winnie's ready smile makes her easily recognizable. She moved here in 2001 from Media, PA, and St Michael's, MD. and had been associated with the Psychology Department at Swarthmore College. She greatly enjoyed volunteering but has given it up due to low vision. Spending time with her 5 grandchildren and Hershey's Mill bus trips keep her leading a busy life.

Original Residents
We Need Your Help

In each of subsequent issues, we hope to include one or two profiles of residents who have been here since the beginning of Inverness Village. We have learned of pictures showing the construction of the village, and would like to show those along with stories from the original owners. If you are an "*Original*" please call the editors at (610) 701 7084 during July so we can schedule a get-together.

Useful Information

(Editor's Note: The following is a continuation of comments from the April issue which were prepared by **Ken Knuth** (#729) for the benefit of new residents of the village.)

3. The original installation of the overhead garage doors provided one key to open the door, and the same key to obtain access to the emergency pull cord for opening the door if the power should fail. During the course of time, locks that open the garage door have failed and were replaced using a different key. Verify whether you have the proper keys for your garage door locks.

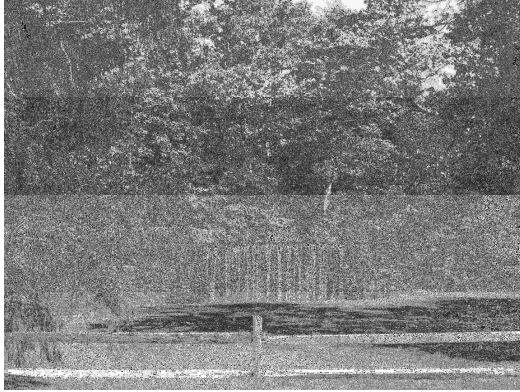
Locks to the front door of the residence must be compatible with Hershey's Mill Security's master keys. If a replacement is made, verify with Security what type would be acceptable. A-1 Security Center in Frazer is familiar with Hershey's Mill locking needs.

4. Most of our heat pump furnaces have a condensation pump, a little box on the floor next to the furnace that pumps out water from the air conditioner, or overflow from the humidifier. It is advisable not to unplug this unit for any length of time. **The furnace will shut down** in either hot or cold weather if the pump is inoperative and accumulates excess water.



HERSHEY'S MILL DAM by Becky Bell (#717)

Hershey's Mill Dam, pond, and waterfall (spillway), adjacent to the old grist mill, are located at the intersection of Greenhill Road and Hershey Mill Road.



Hershey's Mill, our community namesake, was built in the mid 1700's and is currently a private residence; the dam was constructed in the late 1800's. History of the area notes that an earlier dam exists and is underwater at the far north end of the pond. Early settlers in this area used the pond during the winter months to gather ice for food preservation, in addition to using the water to power the grist mill. The Hershey's Mill Dam is one of last remaining dams on the Ridley Creek.

According to an article in DAILY LOCAL NEWS, January 9, 1930, 'the old mill is a three-story structure and in good repair; this property is also owned by John J. Sullivan.'

The area surrounding the dam was part of the ground where soldiers fought the Battle of Goshenville, also known as the Battle of the Clouds, on September 17, 1777. This battle immediately followed the Battle of the Brandywine and preceded the

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Philadelphia campaign and General Washington's winter camp in Valley Forge.

Much information can be found in the local news and at East Goshen Township (EGT) meetings these days concerning the status of Hershey's Mill Dam. In August, 2009, the EGT Supervisors voted not to accept the Federal Grant money to breach the Hershey's Mill Dam. In the DAILY LOCAL NEWS, May 6, 2010, "The township is under a deadline from the state Department of Environmental Protection to get a permit for the dam and to make repairs to the 200-year-old structure." The "Save The Dam" group, in conjunction with EGT, is working continually on ways to generate funding to save the dam. **Savethedam.org** contains additional information on the Hershey's Mill Dam project.

"Hershey's Mill Dam is ingrained in the fabric of our community.....it lies quietly by the side of the mill which has for many years been idle, the wheels of industry having ceased their motion years ago."

References:

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~pacheste/chester_mills.htm

Hershey's Mill Dam Update

As Harrisburg has not yet agreed to change the classification of the dam, and is calling for reinforcement or removal, the Board of Supervisors has approved initial funding of a detailed study of available options and their costs. The results will provide a basis for expected fund raising efforts by the "Save The Dam" organization.

Winfield Hall Options

Three options are under serious consideration for Winfield Hall. Option A involves basically essential maintenance repairs and upgrades. Option D leads to ADA upgrades and addition of an elevator. Option E is for tearing down Winfield Hall and erecting a new building on that site. Inverness residents have voted in favor of Option A. Proponents of Option E argue that a new facility is desirable; however, it would put the Hall out of commission during construction. (No mention has been made of consideration of an alternative site.) Some villages appear to be leaning toward the much more expensive Options D or E. **Jack Gaskill** (#768), the Coordinator of the Concerned Citizens Committee, is a source of more information.

Village Web Site

All but three villages in Hershey's Mill have web sites courtesy of Channel 20's volunteer web master Joan Hall. We are happy to report we are now among the villages represented. To access village web sites see: www.hersheysmill.org and click under villages on the lower left.

Directory Update

Marney & Frank Roia Jr. # 705

Family 484-266-0031
Marney 484-947-5770

(Just moved in. Profile in next issue.)

Village Council Members

President	Boyd Mackleer	#698
Secretary	Barbara Atmore	#710
Treasurer	Tom Delaney	#767
Maintenance	Larry Higgins	#759
At Large	Janet Emanuel	#704

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