

# The Jefferson Journal

**A Newsletter for the Residents of Jefferson Village—The Heart of Hershey's Mill**

**special  
CV-19  
Edition**

## WE ARE REALLY VERY FORTUNATE

Yes, I know, you don't feel very fortunate right now. We are prisoners in our own homes. We have to wear masks whenever we go out. We have to wash our hands and we are forbidden to touch our face. Worst of all, there's a dramatic shortage of toilet paper!

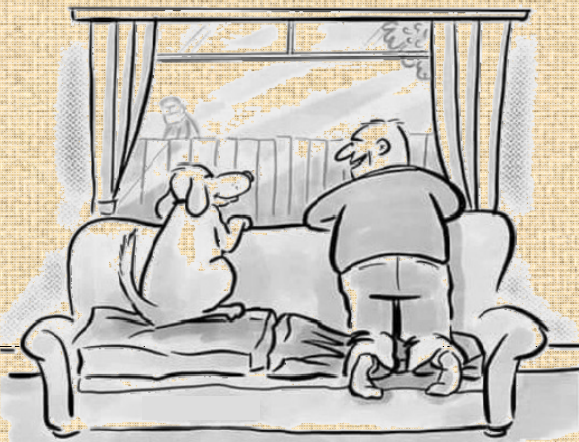
Yet, we are really very fortunate to live here in Chester County and especially in Hershey's Mill. While reports of the number of people infected with CV-19 in our region show daily increases, Chester County remains the least affected. East Goshen has over 30 cases reported, yet there are only 2 cases known in Hershey's Mill, with both of them in the same household. Residents of Jefferson Village are following stay-at-home guidelines. When leaving homes to walk dogs or simply to get some fresh air, all take care to remain 6 feet apart, most wearing masks, taking care not to unknowingly spread the virus.

This special edition of the Jefferson Journal is published specifically to help our residents cope with the dramatic changes in the routine of our lives during these last weeks. We must all work together to keep our village and its residents safe, healthy and secure during the challenging days to come.

## Some Things To Do While Stuck At Home

Are you bored yet? Tired of watching TV and sick of the depressing news? Here are a few ideas to help you stay active while staying in place:

- Do your spring cleaning, including all closets and the garage.
- Start a new hobby, or get back to an old one.
- Do a jigsaw puzzle. A 1500 piece one should keep you busy for a while.
- Catch up on some reading. (Did you ever finish War & Peace?)
- Tune in to an orchestra concert, try [www.philorch.org/](http://www.philorch.org/)
- Brush up on your computer skills. Do an 'I'm feeling lucky' on Google.
- Learn (or relearn) a musical instrument (kazoos are easy & fun)



*"Until now, I never understood why you got so excited when someone walked past the house."*

**I feel like 16 again.  
Gas is cheap and I'm grounded...**

## DON'T FORGET TO...

- Fill out and return US Census forms.
- Register to Vote-by-Mail.
- Get your car inspected on time.
- Stay in touch with relatives by phone.
- Sanitize your phone regularly.
- Wear masks when out shopping.
- Make sure your neighbors are okay.
- Take medications as prescribed.
- Get outside for fresh air on occasion.
- Maintain social distancing of 6'.
- Wash hands and sanitize regularly.
- Ask a neighbor for help when needed.

- Try out a new recipe. Now is a good time to experiment.
- Check out what those unused icons on your smart phone can do.
- Organize your files. Organize your closets.
- Check out karaoke websites and sing along to your favorite songs.
- Travel via Internet. Check out art museums, for example:  
<https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>  
or <https://philamuseum.org/collections/search.html>
- Learn how to do your banking on-line (your bank is happy to help).
- If you're really feeling adventurous, stain your deck.
- Give yourself a haircut

## DON'T FORGET YOUR NEIGHBORS!

Some of our residents are truly homebound. Stay in touch with them. Offer to bring in their mail or newspapers. If you are going shopping, offer to pick up items for them at the supermarket or pharmacy.



## PENCO & VILLAGE HOA STILL WORKING FOR YOU

We may all be stuck at home, but rest assured that village management continues to do all those tasks to keep our village looking its best and running smoothly.

Our managing agent, Steve Erney, remains on task daily, seeing to it that our contractors maintain scheduled services. Steve also makes sure that all resident issues have been resolved quickly. Village Council has remained proactive in overseeing current projects and in planning future ones. Here are a few updates on current projects:

- Siding work has been completed. KPI2 is currently shut down due to state regulations, but will return to correct punch list items once permitted to return to work.
- Painting of doors and other wood surfaces will resume when current restrictions are lifted.
- Stucco repairs to garages is ongoing, weather permitting.
- Dryer vent cleaning (1/3 of village) is ongoing. Smoke detector cleaning & battery replacement to take place after restrictions are lifted.

## Jefferson Village Open Meeting & Election of Council Members Wednesday, May 27

The annual Open Meeting of village council and election of council members is scheduled to take place at the Community Center on May 27. However, Council is making plans to hold the meeting on line should current assembly restrictions remain in place, or if it appears that assembling to soon might be hazardous to the health of our residents.

If the meeting does take place at the Community Center, it will begin at 7:30pm following a social 'hour' at 7pm. If restrictions are not lifted, then the meeting will take place on-line in a Zoom Meeting. Full instructions will be forwarded to residents should a Zoom meeting be necessary.

There are three (3) Council positions open. Applications for those interested running for Council membership have been mailed out. Those wishing to run must return the application by May 1.

Residents may vote by mail in ballot. It is important that all vote

according to the rules listed on the ballot. Ballots must be returned by May 27.

## SUPPORT LOCAL RESTAURANTS

Many of our local businesses are suffering financial hardships due to the current restrictions. While restaurants are permitted to remain open for pickups and deliveries, they still must do enough business to pay for their rent, utilities and supplies. These are small businesses, owner operated, that work on a very low profit margin. Whenever possible, we should try to support them. Some venues to consider:

**Vano's Pizza** 610-429-5959 (take out only, Mon-Sat..)

**Oriental Pearl** 610-692-5888 (take out only)

**Patelmo's Pizza** 610-918-0100 (take out or delivery)

**Peppermill Restaurant** 610-692-0100 (take out or delivery).

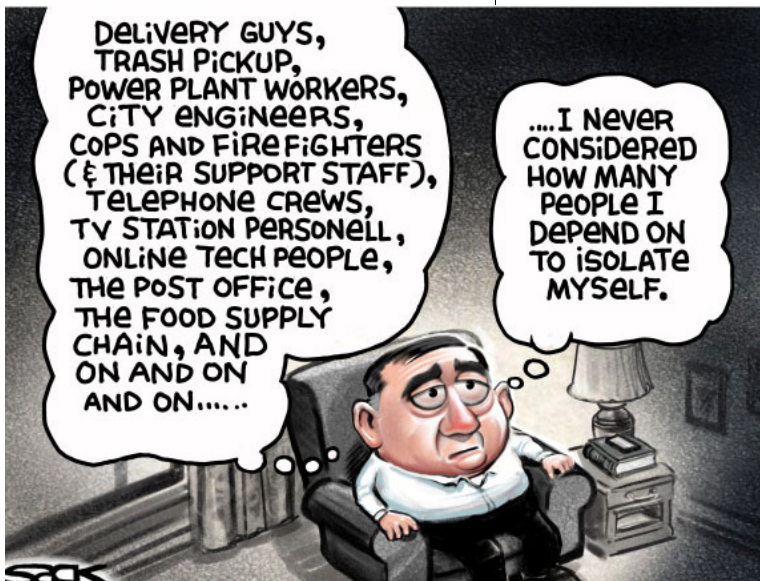
## NOW IS THE TIME

### FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS

During these troubled times, many of our neighbors are out of work or facing financial hardship. Local food banks in particular are finding it difficult to keep up with demand. If you are able, please consider donating unopened packages of non-perishable food or supplies to local food pantries. Supermarket gift cards are also gratefully accepted and distributed to those in need.

## NEED HELP ???

Do you need a helping hand? Do you know of a neighbor who needs some assistance bringing in groceries, a newspaper or the mail? Be sure to call Ann Friedrich, chair of our Jeffersonians Helping Jeffersonians Committee (484-431-6827, or [musicalann69@gmail.com](mailto:musicalann69@gmail.com)), . JHJ is here to make sure that all Jefferson Village residents are cared for during a time of need.



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