
The Inverness "I"

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From The Editor

We have just enjoyed a festive holiday season here in Inverness, from the Ladies Fall Luncheon to the joyous Holiday Gala, and both events were accompanied by lovely seasonal decorations throughout the Village. Our dedicated volunteers certainly worked hard to enhance our enjoyment of the holidays, while residents added their own special decorations. And now we head into what the midshipmen at the Naval Academy call the doldrums - the months after the holidays and before spring, "a period of listlessness or inactivity or depression," according to the *American Heritage Dictionary*. But is it really?

Actually, for me, the beginning of a new year brings anticipation, a hint of change and possibility. We make, and sometimes break, New Year's resolutions, but we have the experience of introspection, which often prompts valuable change. Our resolutions can encourage us to enjoy new opportunities and new experiences. As we stay warm and cozy in our homes, we can write that long-promised letter, call a distant friend, or make soup and share with neighbors. We can plan that vacation, plot our garden for spring, or explore a volunteer opportunity.

As winter becomes spring, we will watch with pleasure and pride in the changes to the Village. For some residents, our homes have already been beautified by the skilled workers from Braulio, while others of us are watching the changes with appreciation. We will also see changes in our yards as tree planting and fresh landscaping start again.

So begins another year with anticipation and change despite the doldrums. Whether we make or break our New Year's resolutions, we can appreciate the opportunities and the changes the new year offers.

And with the excitement and possibilities of a new year awaiting us, we, at the *Inverness "I"*, wish you the happiest and healthiest 2023.

Carol Ellis

From The Village President

This time of year gives us all a chance to reflect on the previous twelve months and assess our progress. In Inverness we have many things to celebrate and be thankful for. One of the most visual activities in the Village is the siding project on the houses. Sam Crispin and Dave DeNight have been excellent both in their supervision of the project and also in their communication with individual neighbors as well as with the entire Village. Also, kudos must go out to Braulio Construction and his entire crew. They have handled this project with a professionalism and caring that are not always represented in the construction field. The project, as noted by Sam and Dave, is on budget and on schedule.

Some other work that has been happening in Hershey's Mill has been reported by the Master Association. Through the funding by the Vision Quest Campaign (those funds derived by the purchase of properties in the Mill) the Master Association has invested approximately 4.2 million dollars over the last seven years in infrastructure improvements throughout the entire community. These improvements include everything from completion of the walking trail to renovations to the recreation area, community center, pool, Sullivan House, garden area and wood shop. We are fortunate that we have so many individuals contributing their talents to these important items.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the Inverness council members who have worked tirelessly throughout this last year. In addition to our regular meetings, we have also tackled a complete revision of the Rules and Regulations of Inverness Village. Our goal is to have a first draft completed by Q1 2023. Vice President Penny Zimmerman has taken on the job of monitoring our water consumption in the Village and is keeping excellent records of

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From The Village President (Cont'd)

same. Kudos also need to go out to Marilyn Foley for the beautiful new signs installed throughout the Village. Quite an improvement. Thanks also to Richard Hammock for his budget analysis of past years and creation of our 2023 budget. Finally, and very importantly thanks to our newest member, Terry Marran. As secretary she not only keeps us on our toes in our meetings but records our minutes and disseminates them throughout the Village in record time. Thank you all for a job well done!

You may have noticed a theme throughout this article. **Thank you volunteers!** Without them, none of the items needed to run a community would be possible. Special thanks to our committee chairs in Inverness who work tirelessly on many different projects. Thanks go out to: the Architecture Committee headed up by Becky Green; Decorating Committee - Barb Harvey; *The Inverness I* - Barbara and George Colby; Landscaping - Barb Crispin; Maintenance - Carl Griffin and Louise DeNight; New Neighbors - Pat Aubry and Judy Klanderman; Social Committee - Pat Aubry; and Zone Delivery - Eileen Isselmann. In addition, there are many in our Village who volunteer within the Village, within The Mill as well as outside our gated community. I believe we are a better place because of these individuals as well as those who quietly check on their neighbors with a pleasant phone call, a knock on the door for a short visit, or a helpful errand done for their neighbors who may not be able to do it themselves. If you already contribute...THANK YOU! If you would like to lend your time and talent, reach out to any of us.

Wishing all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year!!!!

Ed Isselmann

Village Meeting Recap

The annual budget meeting, held on December 1, was well organized and well attended. It has been well documented in the slide show and meeting minutes distributed by the Village secretary Terry Marran. Those unable to receive these via e-mail may want to request a hard copy.

The meeting was very well run by our President Ed Isselmann. It included an extensive explanation of the budget by Rich Hammock and significant reports by all the committee chairpersons. Questions were ably answered by council members and the committee chairs.

As an observer, two things became obvious: We are seeing a well-run village, and this is being accomplished thanks to a strong, capable, and highly dedicated group of volunteers. We thank them for their efforts.

George Colby

Decorating Committee Report

We have now completed our Christmas/Holiday Decorating. Thanks to some donations, each cul-de-sac has been included. Our committee and volunteers worked over two days to complete this. Our thanks to Bruce Yeager, Tim Widdowson (could not have done this without them), Pat Tunnell, Marianne Pavlosky and Theresa DeCosta. Winnie Spoons and Mary Flanagan were part of the planning for our team.

The final product looks great!

We can always use volunteers! Bruce Yeager has suggested we replace our strings of lights with LED, as the string will still work if a bulb is out. If anyone is interested in donating, text me at _____ (Barbara Harvey).

Barbara Harvey, Chair

Ladies Luncheon

Under the auspices of the Social Committee, our annual Fall Ladies' Luncheon was held at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club. The banquet room was set up beautifully, and the 33 women who attended had a wonderful time visiting with each other. Some of our new neighbors attended: Peggy Curtin, Abby Paitoo, and Marianne Pavlosky. We all enjoyed getting to know them.

The club's mushroom soup and warm rolls led off the meal to our delight. Our entrees were delicious and the ice cream and cookies were a wonderful end to a delightful meal.

Six of our neighbors won our 50/50 drawing and went home with a full stomach and a little extra cash, and we all went home after enjoying each other's company...

Theresa Carrone



Seated: Ginny Kettenring, Joanne O'Connor
Standing: Barbara Colby, Nancy Schwab, Carol Ellis, Janet Emanuel, Mary Schreiner, Tina Scaperotto



Cheryl Shelderfer, Pat Aubry



Marge Brolly,
Tre Carrone (50-50 tickets)



Barbara Podgorski, Abby Paitoo, Peggy Curtin



Seated: Tre Carrone
Standing: Theresa DeCosta, Shirley Joyce, Jini Pettijohn, Terry Marran, Judy Klanderman



Seated: Lorna Kauffman, Denise DeLia, Kay Flynn, Bev Cella
Standing: Joyce Cadwallader, Jean Norsworthy, Marney Roia, BJ Rodgers



Susan McCormack, Mary Flanagan,
Marianne Pavlosky

Landscape Committee Report

The Landscaping Committee checked most of our to-do list this year. The dead/diseased/declining tree removal continues; highlights are the removal of diseased oaks at 717, 718 and 755. Tree and shrub planting added sweet bay magnolia, birch, arborvitae, inkberry, oak leaf hydrangea, spice bush, chokeberry, a low growing sumac and muhly grass across our Village.

The Clipper Brigade met three times plus Sam's initial trimming. This saved our Village hundreds of dollars in landscaping work because we cut, bagged and stacked seven heaping pickup-truck loads of dead tree limbs that were later hauled away by HM Landscape (HML). We will call out the Clipper Brigade again in the spring to work in other neglected spots in our village.

Aeration and reseeding of the front yards occurred in the fall. HML also treated our grassy areas to kill invasive brown nut sedge and stilt grass. These two treatments will likely become annual treatments to maintain our lawns. And our final goal was to begin tackling the problem of dense groundcover masking foundation grading erosion and wet basement. We have decided on a joint process of groundcover removal followed by the Maintenance Committee correcting the grading and topping the soil with rocks to prevent new erosion and regrowth of groundcover. Our 2023 budget breaks out the funds dedicated to this work. We will begin with houses experiencing problems, then move on to the houses with dense groundcover along the foundation. This work will be accomplished over several years. HML will be tasked with removal of any regrowth in the rock border as part of their contracted weed removal work.

Harlan Tree Service and ACTrees handled our tree removals. We are pleased with their work and will continue to use them next year. The committee is actively interested in reviewing our options for other landscaping companies as contract renewal approaches in 2023. It is possible that we would divide the contract into turf management and woody plant care to build on the strengths of our current experts. A new operations director has been hired at HML and

we will see how he changes things in the coming year.

The Landscaping Committee welcomes new members. Horticultural experience is not required. Most of the work of the committee is prioritizing and planning the work our contractors perform throughout the year. Please consider joining us.

Barbara Crispin, Chair

Maintenance Committee Report

Thankfully it has been quiet since the last issue of the "I". The siding project has resolved many of the problems we've seen in the past.

The biggest issue that Maintenance has dealt with has been the drainage lines. They have been responsible for water problems in the basements of some homes. Recently a plumber was brought in to clean out debris. We are hoping that will solve the problem.

Carl Griffin, Chair

Social Committee Report

This year the Social Committee has been meeting since September to plan get-togethers for our Village. Our first activity was a ladies' luncheon at Limoncello. We try to have these informal gatherings at least four times a year at local restaurants. We tried to sponsor a trip for Inverness residents and family and friends to the Philadelphia Premium Outlets via the HM bus, but not enough interest prevented that from happening. Our annual ladies' luncheon at the club was held in November. The setting was lovely and the service impeccable. On December 10, we held the Holiday Gala at the Community Center. Bev Cella and Barbara Harvey were Co-chairs. Catering was provided by Justine's Cuisine and entertainment by Dale McCauley on the keyboard. It was well attended, and all agree it was a great evening! Now we are looking for our next activity, possibly an evening filled with wine and cheese and good company, or perhaps an idea submitted by one of you. Your ideas are always welcomed!

Pat Aubry, Facilitator

Inverness Siding Update

This siding update is provided to those who could not attend the December Community Meeting. As of this date, Braulio Construction, LLC has completed the renovations on 26 of our Village homes. Painting has been done on 17 homes within the Village. So far, the project is on schedule and on budget. Based on comments from homeowners with completed homes, they are extremely pleased with the look of their homes.

The thing that stands out to me as the greatest benefit of the project is not that we are replacing siding and painting our houses, but that we are taking care of other maintenance and safety issues in our community. This project has required us to take an in-depth look at our houses and related construction issues. Braulio has pointed out several issues related to decks and electric panels that might have had catastrophic consequences if not addressed. In some cases, these issues were taken care of through the siding project with no additional expense to the maintenance budget. This is the main reason our maintenance budget has had very little use this year.

Here are some of the questions that were asked during the annual meeting:

Q. What is the current status of the contract?

A. We are on track to complete the contract on time and on budget. The construction will slow down during the coldest winter months due to limitations of installing the Hardie Board and painting. Braulio and his crew will take a break during these months and will resume construction when the weather allows.

Q. Why isn't my house painted?

A. Painting can only be done when the weather cooperates with us. Bottom line . . . It is too cold to paint. Braulio will continue painting our houses when the temperatures increase.

Q. They removed my gutters and downspouts but didn't put enough nails in them when they were re-hung. Are they going to fall off my house?

A. The answer is No. Braulio is using brackets on our gutters that are hidden inside the gutter. You will see some of the nail holes from when they were originally hung, but be assured, the gutters are attached well to our houses.

Q. Is this work being inspected?

A. Yes, the work is being inspected by East Goshen Township and by Sam Crispin and Dave DeNight. Dave and Sam are your "go-to" people in the community. If you have questions about the project, you can come to us. Dave has walked this project almost every day and has documented the project as it progresses. We are working with Braulio to make sure all small issues (punch list items) have been completed before they move to phase two of our project.

Q. It looks like Braulio is running out of materials. Will they have enough to complete the job?

A. The answer is Yes. By the time you read this, Braulio will have ordered and have in place, the materials to work on the next section of houses.

We appreciate the continued support from our community and look forward to phase two of the project. We will let the community know when construction will resume.

Sam Crispin and Dave DeNight, Co-Chairs

Holiday Gala

Our Inverness Holiday Gala started with a sparkle and lots of snowflakes! Despite some guests unable to come due to a flurry of new COVID cases, approximately sixty Inverness residents and guests enjoyed a wonderful evening. Our tables were decorated with blue & white cloths, with a centerpiece of snowmen resting on a lighted blue candle holder.

Our theme was blue and white with lots of snowflakes, big, small and sparkly! Our committee members supplied our appetizers (shrimp, salmon, meatballs, sausage-everything yummy). We also enjoyed - from Justine's Cuisine - crab cakes, chicken piccata, salad (caesar or spring mix), scalloped potatoes and asparagus. Delicious Hawaiian rolls accompanied our food. We enjoyed desserts, also courtesy of our Social Committee members (custard tarts, fresh fruit, cream puffs and eclairs).

Fortunately, we were not too full to sing! Dale McCauley regaled us again this year with piano selections and led us to a rousing rendition of Christmas carols, concluding with a not to be missed "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

A good time was had by all!



**Bev Cella and Barbara Harvey
Co-Chairs**



Seated: Mary Flanagan, Susan McCormack, Marianne Pavlosky. Standing: Bob & Cheryl Shelderfer, Dave Dorsey, Ginny Kettenring, Mary Lou Perry, Lydia Voigt



Seated: Karen & Richard Hammock, Roger & Mary Schreiner. Standing: Lorna & Bud Kauffman, Pat & Jim Aubry



Seated: Heather McManus, her friend Sue, Aileen Kennedy. Standing: Andrea Goryl (Aileen's daughter), Tina Scaperotto



Seated: John & Marge Brolly, Joyce Cadwallader, Jean Norsworthy, Tre Carrone. Standing: Judy Klanderman, Marge & Jim Hill, Joe Carrone

Holiday Gala (Cont'd)



Chris Harvey, Bruce & Sandy Yeager, Barbara Harvey, Marney Roia, BJ Rodgers, Barbara Podgorski



Seated: Mary Cairns & Joe Strode, Marilyn Foley
Standing: Jim Seastone & daughter Karen, Penny Zimmerman, Judy Klanderman, Terry Marran



Seated: Pat Tunnell, Gale Markey, Nancy Schwab, Louise Davidson.
Standing: George & Barbara Colby, Brooke & Phil Hamilton



Seated: Kay Flynn, Nan Iannelli, Nan's friend Judy.
Standing: Pat Phillips, Bob & Bev Cella, Debbie Wallace



Pat Aubry, Social Committee Facilitator
Dale McCauley, piano player extraordinaire!

How the Hershey's Mill Villages Got Their Names

by Mary Lou Perry

The October issue of the *Inverness "I"* included a trivia quiz with questions about our local area. One of the questions we had planned to use was *What are the Hershey's Mill Villages named for?* Someone had once told me that they were all named after golf courses in the UK, but I was not sure if that was correct. So I posed the question to Ed McFalls, the HM Homeowner's Association Managing Agent, who responded with a detailed explanation of how our villages were named.

Thanks to Ed for sharing this fascinating history of our villages. Here is how our villages were named, in Ed McFalls' own words.

Various sources. No specific policy.

Many villages were locations (not golf courses) in the UK – Ashton, Brighton, Chatham, Devonshire, Eaton, Merrifield, Newbury, Ulster.

Franklin was after Ben Franklin.

Glenwood - built in a wooded area.

Heatherton after Bob Wooldridge's eldest daughter Heather. *(Editor's Note: Bob Wooldridge was President of Wooldridge Construction, which built many of the HM Villages.)*

Inverness - golf course

Jefferson - the president

Kennett - local township in southern CC

Lincoln - the president

Oakmont - golf course

Princeton - university/town in NJ

Quaker - PA religious sect

Robynwood - Bob Wooldridge's younger daughter Robyn.

Springton - just made it up

Troon - golf course

Vassar - the college

Westbrook - wanted to call it Waterview, but East Goshen said NO because of Waterview Apts on WC Pike so I named it after a street in my boyhood neighborhood in West Goshen

Yardley - town in Bucks County

Zephyr - I picked it for the meaning "gentle breeze" and when I asked Bob Wooldridge if that was OK, he had a "Zephyr" bottled water on his desk so thought it was meant to be.



Inverness Village Decorations

As I walked around Inverness this December, I enjoyed the decorations courtesy of the decorating committee (thank you Barbara Harvey and helpers), but I was also happy to see many decorations that our Villagers put up. In addition to many wreaths, popular themes were snowmen, Christmas trees, Santas and crèches. Here are a few of the decorations displayed by your neighbors.

Mary Lou Perry



Roger Schreiner – Scroll Sawing

By Jim Aubry

I had an interesting visit with our neighbor Roger Schreiner (701) to discuss his hobby of scroll sawing. Roger grew up in a family of carpenters, but other than helping his father and uncles occasionally, he didn't follow in their footsteps. He spent his career in the world of finance. However, once he retired, he was drawn back to the world of woodworking – scroll sawing to be specific.

I have seen this type of work but never looked closely nor considered what was involved in the process. The requirements include a scroll saw, wood, practice, and patience. Roger said the best wood to work with is actually commercial flooring. The process involves finding a picture he likes, attaching the picture to the wood of his choice, and then carefully cutting the picture out of the wood. The end product could be a 3-D image, a silhouette, or a puzzle. I viewed examples of each, and his work is phenomenal. The Schreiners spend a lot of time at their place in Lake George, New York, and that is where he does most of his work. He told me that at the cabin, he has scroll saw cut-outs of his whole family.

An interesting fact that Roger shared with me is that his family name, Schreiner, means carpenter in German. I guess scroll sawing was meant to be!



Upcoming Events - Hershey's Mill

Look for notices about future ladies' and men's luncheons and other social events in the coming months.

Local Area Events of Interest

West Chester Area Community Chorus
Saturday, January 28, 2:00 PM
East High School

Curtis Symphony Orchestra
Saturday, January 28, 2:00 PM
Alumnae Hall, Immaculata University

Brandywine Museum of Art
Chadds Ford, PA

In 1971, the Brandywine Conservancy opened the Brandywine River Museum – now known as the Brandywine Museum of Art – in the renovated Hoffman's Mill, a former gristmill built in 1864.

Celebrate 50 years of the Brandywine Railroad with a visit to the Model Train Display, through January 8.
Toy and scale model trains running on 2,000 feet of track with more than 1,000 pieces.

Upcoming Exhibition
Home Places: Andrew Wyeth and the Architecture of Chadds Ford
February 4 through July 13

<https://www.brandywine.org/museum>

Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center
226 N. High Street, West Chester, PA

Uptown! offers a variety of performing arts, including professional theater, music, dance, comedy, classic films and speakers.

Uptown! opened in January, 2017, in the former West Chester National Guard Armory building. The main floor has a 327-seat theater, and upstairs is a smaller, more intimate venue. The building has an elevator and is a block away from the center of West Chester, with many good dining options.

<https://uptownwestchester.org/>

Inverness Directory Updates

Please welcome our new residents:

Peggy Curtin and Abby Paitoo (736)

Aileen Kennedy (754)

An update of the Inverness directory is being distributed with this issue of the newsletter. Please contact Mary Lou Perry if you have any changes to your listing.

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