
The Inverness "I"

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From the Village Council

During 2024, Inverness welcomed ten new households. While CSK provides professional, paid managers to help with the business of maintaining a safe, comfortable place for us all to live, the first line of management involves an army of resident volunteers. We staff the committees and Council to do the work of keeping our Village inviting and safe. Each new resident brings a skill set which could potentially benefit the entire community.

I moved here just over a year ago and joined Council six months later. At the same time, Bill Dinehart and his wife moved here. Bill chairs the recently formed long-range planning committee and brings the experience of a career as a civil engineer specializing in road construction. He has provided information and insights into the care of our roadways, teaching us what we need, and more importantly, what we don't need. He has walked the area with contractors to obtain the best bids possible for the work. Bill's time and efforts have allowed us to take a whole new view of the roadways and allowed us to see a way forward without requesting additional funds from our residents.

Inverness Village was built in the 1980's. Things wear out and deferred maintenance can only be used for a limited time. Recognizing this, the needed repairs and updates have begun. Over the last year, we completed our siding project. We have started roof replacements and sidewalk replacements. Council hopes to complete these while minimizing the need for additional assessments. Many of the residents have helped in the planning and execution of these projects, but going forward, we will require the involvement of many more to accomplish the planning and execution of future projects.

As our infrastructure ages, we will need to develop strategies to keep everything working well while controlling costs. Thinking ahead, we may need new gutters. The stormwater drains may need attention. Water and sewer pipes must be maintained. Our landscape is full of mature and post-mature plantings that will need attention. Lighting of common areas should be updated as needed. The particular skill sets of current and new residents could help us identify and correct any deficiencies in the most responsible and affordable way. We should try to anticipate future problems and solve them before they create an impact on our daily lives.

Each of these current and future projects will require funding. It is hoped that prudent and responsible fiscal management will allow us to prioritize needs and make use of available monies. It is a goal of Council to accomplish required maintenance while minimizing the use of additional assessments. "It is hard to make predictions, especially about the future," is a quote from Heisenberg, the author of the uncertainty principle in nuclear physics. Despite this discouraging view, "by failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail," according to Ben Franklin.

For those of us who moved here from separate and independent houses, life in this village requires a bit of an adjustment in our thinking. It is hoped that we can all focus on the positives of having a community. Inverness is a very social and welcoming place. The rules and regulations have evolved in a way that helps to guide us to a safe and pleasant environment. I encourage everyone to embrace this cooperative way of life and get involved according to your abilities. A steady influx of new and varied residents will keep us strong.

Bruce Cook
Councilperson at Large

New Year's Poem

Submitted by Carol Ellis

As we welcome 2025, the staff of the Inverness "I" sends you this blessing and wishes you a healthy, happy and prosperous new year.

At the sound of the tolling midnight bell
a brand new year will begin.
Let's raise our hopes in a confident toast
to the promise it ushers in.

May your battles be few, your pleasures many,
your wishes and dreams fulfilled.
May your confidence stand in the face of loss
and give you the strength to rebuild.

May peace of heart fill all your days
and serenity grace your soul.
May tranquil moments bless your life
and keep your spirit whole.

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Share your Talents with your Village Volunteer for Special Projects



Inverness has several committees with dedicated volunteers who, along with Council, keep our Village running smoothly. But at times we also have special projects where we could use additional assistance in specific areas. Many of you have skills, talents and proficiencies from your previous occupations that could be valuable in assisting the committees with these projects.

We understand that everyone has time restraints, and we respect that. However, if you have some available time to volunteer on occasion, and skills to share, we would love to hear from you. Some of the areas in need are:

- Foundation issues -- evaluations of water runoff and need for regrading
- External home issues -- minor maintenance work, architectural issues
- Project management
- Social activities and events
- Photography
- Financing, budgets and legal matters
- Assistance putting up and removing holiday decorations

If you are willing to help in these or any other areas, please contact Ed Isselmann.

Inverness Rules and Regulations Highlight - Section 7: Motor Vehicles

In October of 2022, we published an article in the "I" on roadway safety. Since then our Rules and Regulations have been updated. We've had quite a few new residents move into the neighborhood, so it is time to review the regulations on this important topic.

We have no sidewalks or driveways in Inverness Village. We have "blind spots" (corners where there are shrubs or trees that obstruct views). Therefore, it is extremely important that we take precautions to ensure the safety of all those in the neighborhood.

For safety and to ensure full access for emergency vehicles, parking in front of garages, walkways, ramps or entrances to cul-de-sacs is prohibited. Unless you are loading or unloading your car or running into the house for just a minute, please park your car in your garage or a designated parking space, and not in the roadway, in front of your home or garage. Garages should be used before outside parking spaces to ensure ample parking for all residents and guests. Garages are not to be used as storage space if this makes parking your car in the garage impossible.

It is your responsibility to ensure your guests and contractors follow these rules as well. Homeowners will be held responsible and are subject to sanctions if guests and contractors do not comply with these regulations.

As with most rules, exceptions can be made when absolutely necessary. Examples include

our current situation where our roofing contractor is occupying multiple parking spaces in a single cul-de-sac, or if you have a contractor working out of their truck who needs access to electricity. In these situations, please make every effort to ensure you are not inconveniencing your neighbors.

Beginning January 15, 2025, if we receive reports of any motor vehicle violations, we will first provide the homeowner with a reminder/ notification of the violation. If violations continue, homeowners will be fined \$50 for each occurrence. Note that our rules and regulations specify that the Council has the right to cause any vehicle not conforming to these regulations to be moved or towed away at the expense of the homeowner. We hope that everyone understands the importance of these safety precautions and we will not need to enforce this option.

We'd also like to call attention to the 15 mph speed limit in Inverness Village. Residents back out of garages directly into the roadway. It is critical that motorists abide by the 15 mph speed limit.

Let's all do our part to ensure the safety of all residents and visitors.

For more information on motor vehicle regulations, please see section 7, page 30 in the Inverness Rules and Regulations document.

Penny Zimmerman
On behalf of the Inverness Council



Getting to Know You - Barbara House



After 24 years in Pittsburgh, the delightful **Barbara House** has moved to 720 Inverness Drive. Originally, Barbara was from upstate New York. She earned a degree in Exercise Physiology at Ithaca College. Then she taught at Hartwick College and coached tennis and lacrosse. After that she developed a wellness program for an orthopedic practice in Oneonta, NY. When her husband's job took them to Pittsburgh, she worked for the Pittsburgh Ballet in education outreach. Her last career was at a bank as a financial service assistant. She is such an energetic person that she also did volunteer work in literacy in inner city schools.

Now that she is single and retired, she moved to the area to be near her daughter and 4-year-old grandson, Roger. Her son lives in Amsterdam which has given her the opportunity to travel. They did a trip together tracing her father's WW II experience. They traced his path from Utah Beach, the Battle of the Bulge, and other battles he was in all the way to Munich. Another travel experience was to Majorca for her son's wedding in June. That was coordinated with an eight-day tour of Portugal, including a sidecar tour in Lisbon. Barbara also had a fun group trip to Iceland.

A friend from church mentioned Hershey's Mill and Barbara checked it out. At a class reunion she connected with a friend who lives here! The wooded areas reminded her of her original area in up-state NY. Her screened-in porch sealed the deal. Barbara plays tennis and golf, so we are sure to see her at the Sports Center. If you play golf, consider asking Barbara to join you. I think she will love it here, and we are so happy to have her join our village.

Sandy Yeager

Welcome to Inverness Village Barbara!

Getting to Know You - Tom and Joan Gibson



I recently interviewed the **Gibsons**, who moved into the last house in Inverness, 788. They moved to us after spending 22 years in Deerfield Knoll. You might wonder what brought them to Hershey's Mill. They had been aware of Hershey's Mill for several years. When they decided to live in a home that was all on one level, we have John and Jo Ann Carey, 786, to thank for bringing them to Inverness. Tom and Joan had known the Careys for years. In fact, Joan and Jo Ann went to grade school together, both couples were married on the same day, and they had lived in the same neighborhood. Once again, they are neighbors in what is sometimes referred to as "The Magnificent Seven" in Inverness.

Tom is retired from working 50 years in the printing business. Joan has not and will not retire from her job, spending many years as a mom, grandmom, and soon to be great grandmom! It's a job she loves!

Tom and Joan have four children and eleven grandchildren. Tom has enjoyed coaching his kids in baseball and hockey. His love of hockey was passed on to his children and grandchildren. Tom is also an avid golfer. He looks forward to playing on the HM Golf Course. Bridge is Joan's game. She has played for many years with a group at Penn Oaks.

Pat Aubry

Welcome to Inverness Village Tom and Joan!

Getting to Know You - Barbara Fox



Barbara Fox, at 710, left her beautiful home in Westtown after 41 years to join us in Inverness Village. She likes her new home and the gorgeous setting that looks over the golf course. The trees and walking trails add to the ambiance she was looking for. There are some old friends here too since she was only about ten minutes away.

Barbara raised three children, two sons and a daughter, and now has six grandchildren. Her daughter and two granddaughters live nearby in West Chester. The boys and their children live in Connecticut and Long Island. When the children were younger, Barbara worked part time at the Westtown school office and at her church. She did volunteer work at Longwood Gardens. Working as a docent in the meadows is something she enjoyed.

Barbara's husband traveled widely for his job, and it gave them the opportunity to visit Phuket, Thailand. They also went to Peru with a small group and Barbara's yoga instructor. That made the trip more personal and enjoyable. Their family took trips out West to go skiing.

Now Barbara likes to read, walk, and do yoga. We will all enjoy getting to know such a lovely, interesting new neighbor.

Sandy Yeager

Welcome to Inverness Village Barbara!

Social Committee Report

The Social Committee is busy, busy, busy planning activities for our village! This past fall, we facilitated a ladies luncheon and our annual Holiday Gala. We certainly regret that the Gala date presented a conflict with our Hershey's Mill Singers, and we will do our best to assure that does not happen again.

January will provide another opportunity for a community luncheon, this time at Oriental Pearl. Details will follow soon and we hope you can join us. Mark your calendars for February 16th for our annual Soup and Chili supper.

The Social Committee is always looking for new members and new ideas. If you are interested in joining, please contact Bev Cella or Mary Schreiner. We would love to have you join us!

Bev Cella, Social Committee Co-chair

Landscape Committee Report

This year will be the third and final year of a comprehensive review of trees in the village, by Harlan, a local tree specialist. Their arborist and representatives from our Landscape Committee will look at the trees in the 715-738 cul-de-sac and the Magnificent 7 (782-788) and recommend appropriate services, to be accomplished in the winter months.

The committee will also finalize a list of recommended screenings for propane tanks, which may be used to guide residents in their selection.

All the requests we have received from CSK are being prioritized, with safety being the top criterion. We aim to have a list to present to the two contractors we're working with, so that we get competitive pricing and stay within our budget.

As soon as possible after the tree project, we will communicate with the residents who have made requests, to let them know where their request is in our queue.

Terry Marran / John Carey, Landscape Committee Co-Chair

Architectural Committee Report

The Architecture Committee has nothing to report.

Mary Cairns, Architecture Committee Chair

Maintenance Committee Report

The maintenance committee wishes to report that we have had only a few maintenance issues this past season.

One major repair was made on a water service line that was leaking. It was noticed by a small standing puddle of water, and a damp wall in the basement. If you see any conspicuous standing water, please bring it to our attention. Hopefully we will hear about a reduction in water usage at the next village meeting. This fall, we continued with the replacement of walkways, and as you have probably noticed, the Village is replacing the roofs on several homes.

One of the trash doors needed to have its hinges replaced. The old hinges were not made for the heavier doors. I have purchased a heavier gauge hinge, and will replace the older hinges as need be.

We are looking into the problem of our LED lights not lasting. If you look at the packaging for LED bulbs, they mention how they should last for years, but from our experience, they seem to last only a few years. I have looked into why they don't last. Apparently there are electronic components in the base which are failing, most likely because they use the cheapest components possible. The reviews of LED bulbs recommend using a more expensive bulb, assuming that they are using better quality electronics.

Carl Griffin, Maintenance Committee Chair

Decorating Committee Report

As everyone who has walked or driven through Inverness to look at our Christmas decorations, we had some challenges! Suddenly it got really cold, then it got really windy. Our snowman, aka Frosty, was decapitated and then he lost his upper torso. The nice display of evergreens at our entrance all toppled. Thanks to our hard-working committee, Frosty's hat and head, as well his other parts, are now all wired together for good, fingers crossed. Now the trees have been more stubborn - thanks Dan DeLia for being persistent. Thanks Rich Hammock, Sandy Flatland, Roz Baker, Marianne Pavlosky, Chris Harvey, Pat Tunnell, and Helen O'Grady for all your help!



Barbara Harvey, Decorating Committee Chair

Oktoberfest in Inverness

"Gemütlichkeit" is the German phrase for cordiality, friendliness, and good cheer, and it is the general theme for Oktoberfest in the Bavarian section of Germany where it has been celebrated since 1810. In Inverness, a village known for its cordiality, friendliness, and good cheer, we celebrated Oktoberfest on Tuesday, October 22nd at Wooldridge Hall in the Community Center. This special event was coordinated by **Karla and Bruce Cook (759)** and **Ed and Eileen Isselmann (715)**. Everything from pretzels, appetizers, brats, stuffed pork tenderloin, donated side dishes, desserts, beer, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks were provided. Over sixty people attended, and no one was disappointed. There was plenty of good food and drink and even better people. We are looking forward to doing it again in the fall of 2025.

Prost!

Ed Isselmann



Marianne Pavlosky,
Joe Strode



Mary & Roger Schreiner,
Ed Isselmann



Bruce & Karla Cook



Bruce Yeager



Bob Shelderfer, Dave & Louise
DeNight, Cheryl Shelderfer, Eileen &
Ed Isselmann, Rich Hammock,
Terry Marran



Mary Lou Perry,
Dodie Galbusera



Ed Isselmann



Cheryl Shelderfer,
Mary Cairns



Marianne Pavlosky,
Dodie Galbusera

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Chris Genter, BJ Rodgers, Marney Roia, Louise Davidson, Lydia Voigt



Barbara Colby, Ginny Kettenring, George Colby (standing), Dave Dorsey, Joanne O'Connor, Bud & Lorna Kauffman, Kathy & Giuseppe Pietra



Kay Flynn, Bob & Bev Cella, Alma & Tom Delaney



Joe Strode, Ed Isselmann



Margaret & Dave Michell



Karla Cook



Ladies Luncheon

The annual fall Inverness Ladies Luncheon at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club had a new setting this November. The luncheon was held in a different room and arranged with two long banquet tables and two round tables. This new arrangement encouraged the ladies to leave their tables after dessert to mingle and chat.

The luncheon menu consisted of mushroom soup as a starter, a selection of three entrees: Waldorf chicken salad in a croissant, tuna salad with tea sandwiches and fruit, and broccoli-cheddar quiche. The dessert of ice cream with raspberry sauce and a cookie finished the delicious luncheon.

Theresa Carrone, who has hosted the luncheon for many years, was the hostess again this year and organized the luncheon for the Inverness ladies.



Lorna Kauffman,
Denise DeLia,
Bev Cella



Janet Emanuel, Dodie Galbusera,
Karla Cook, Aileen's daughter,
Aileen Kennedy, Lorna Kauffman
(standing), Terry Marran



Barb Fox,
Mary Flanagan,
Eileen Isselmann



Shirley Joyce, Marge Brolly, Tre Carrone,
Dorothy Dinehart, Theresa DeCosta



Maggi Saccomandi,
Barbara Colby, Ginny Ketterring,
Carol Ellis, Kathy Pietra



Tina Scaperotto, Barbara House, BJ Rodgers,
Marney Roia, Marianne Pavlosky,
Chris Genter, Cheryl Shelderfer



Ginny Parry, Terry Marran, Louise Davidson
Barb Fox, Eileen Isselmann
Aileen's daughter, Aileen Kennedy

Holiday Gala

Our Inverness Holiday Gala, hosted by **Judy Klanderman** and **Barb Harvey**, was held at the Community Center on December 7th. The decorations were beautiful! About 50 people attended, including a number of our newer residents.

The Social Committee provided a yummy selection of hors d'oeuvres for our cocktail hour, which was followed by a delicious buffet dinner catered by Lia's. After dinner we enjoyed singing Christmas Carols, led by **Dodie Galbusera**, **Jim Seastone**, and **Cheryl Shelderfer**, and accompanied on the piano by **Dale McCauley**. We ended, as is traditional, with a rousing rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," with each table attempting to outdo the others in acting out their day. All who attended enjoyed the evening of fun, food, and mingling with their neighbors.

Thank you to the Social Committee for providing this opportunity for our Village to gather together and socialize.



Judy Klanderman,
Shirley Joyce, Pam Wirstad



Dale McCauley



Bob Shelderfer, Penny Zimmerman,
Richard Hammock



Mary Flanagan



Cheryl & Bob Shelderfer



Marianne Pavlosky,
Barbara Harvey

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Mary Flanagan, Ed Isselmann



Jim Seastone, Margie Thompson,
Pam Wirstad



Dave Dorsey, Mary Flanagan



Roger Schreiner



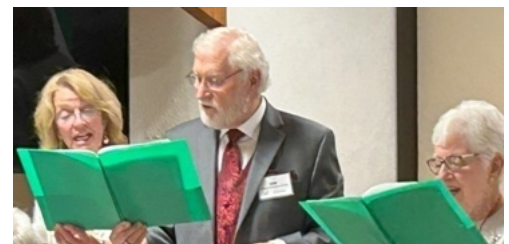
Gary & Pam Wirstad, Dodie Galbusera,
Jim Seastone, Margie Thompson



Tre Carrone



Roger Schreiner, Chris Harvey, Bob Cella



Cheryl Shelderfer, Jim Seastone,
Dodie Galbusera



Our beautifully decorated Christmas Fireplace

Upcoming Events

Luncheon (men and women)
January (details to follow)
Oriental Pearl

Chili and Soup Supper
Sunday, February 16
Community Center (details to follow)

Wine and Cheese party
March (details to follow)
Community Center

Local Area Events of Interest

West Chester Area Community Chorus
Saturday, January 11, 2:00 PM
East High School

West Chester University Annual Jazz Festival
March 19-22, 2025
Madeline Wing Adler Theater
817 S High St, West Chester, PA 19383

The Jazz Festival includes a variety of day and evening performances with students and faculty. All are free and open to the public (except the High School Jazz Festival on March 22). For more information, go to: <https://www.wcupa.edu/music/jazzFest.aspx>

Past issues of *The Inverness "I"* can be accessed from the Hershey's Mill website:

www.hersheysmill.org

Go to the "Villages" tab and click on "Inverness" Scroll down and you will see a link to previous issues of the newsletter.

The online newsletter is in full color.

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Inverness Directory Updates

Please welcome our new residents:

David and Karen Iannucci - #703
Karen cell:
Email:
David cell:
Email:

Barbara House - #720
Cell:
Email:

Kathy Everhart - #736
Cell:
Email:

Dave and Margaret Michell - #784
Margaret cell:
Email:
Dave cell:
Email:

An updated directory is being distributed with this issue of *The Inverness "I"*. If you have any changes to your listing, contact Mary Lou Perry.

In Memoriam

Chuck Atmore (Formerly 710)

November 15, 2024

Our sincere condolences to Barbara and her family.

Inverness Village Council Members

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