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From the Village President

There are two things I would like to point out in this article. One is some highlights from the recent Village meeting and the other is the diverse talent that we have surrounding us in Inverness Village.

At the recent Village meeting on May 29th, several items were covered. Council members were elected by acclamation since no one was running in opposition. Therefore, the council members for 2024-2025 are Bruce Cook, Richard Hammock, Ed Isselmann, Terry Marran, and Penny Zimmerman. In addition, the finances of the Village were presented as of April 30, 2024. The Village is on firm financial ground with an increased reserve fund in the \$700K+ range. Also, some new neighbors were introduced, the end of the siding project was discussed (painting is the last step and could be done by the time this goes to print), committee updates were presented by chairs and/or members, as was information regarding the revised Rules and Regulations and the need to read them, be aware of them and to adhere to them. Improved Village communication with an expanded view to help keep us aware of comings and goings in Inverness was also discussed as was the Yellow Dot+ Program, which is available throughout almost all of Hershey's Mill. If you have not already received a packet, one will be delivered to your house soon, with instructions on how to participate in this optional program. There really was a lot of information covered in ninety minutes.

The second topic I want to mention is the diverse talent surrounding us in Inverness Village. In the English Standard Version of the Bible, Matthew 5:15 writes:

“Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.” I’m sure if you had three theologians in a room they could give you six different interpretations of this meaningful message. I am humbly going to try only one for this edition. We are surrounded in Hershey’s Mill, and especially in Inverness Village, with amazing individuals who never cease to surprise me with their creativity, skills and talents. Some of these talents are new that people have developed since retiring, and others are skills they have brought with them from their previous occupations. Regardless of the origin, they are allowing the brightness of their skills to radiate throughout the surrounding area. We are blessed in Inverness with several healthcare workers including many doctors and nurses, who saved lives and improved lives of others.

Additionally, we have lawyers, educators, accountants, and exhibited artists. Let’s not forget the landscapers, office personnel, bankers and facility management specialists and contractors. We also have chefs who make amazing dishes! Come to any of the Inverness socials, and you will always be surprised by the amount and diversity of the tasty dishes. We have dancers and singers who entertain as well as management and organizational specialists, who add their skills to this tapestry of talent. Whether it is a science or an art or a combination of the two that you rely on, be proud of your talents. As Matthew wrote, these talents should not be hidden under a basket or locked away in a drawer but should be proudly practiced and utilized to benefit those around us. Become part of the workings of Inverness. Become involved in your community. Be proud of the light that you shine to benefit those who surround you.

Ed Isselmann

Newest Council Member Profile

At the May 29 Village open meeting, **Bruce Cook (759)** was elected by acclamation and will fill the position of Councilperson at Large. In addition to being a full voting member of Council, the responsibilities of this position include handling a variety of special projects as determined by the current needs of our Village. We were introduced to Bruce at the meeting as he gave a detailed and informative presentation on the Yellow Dot+ program which is now available in Hershey's Mill.



Bruce is a retired neurosurgeon who was Michael J. Fox's surgeon for his Parkinson's. Bruce and his wife, Karla, moved into Inverness last year, and Bruce quickly became involved in activities in Inverness and the Mill. He has already become an enthusiastic pickleball player, bocce player and gardener!

We welcome Bruce to Council and thank him for stepping up to help our Village!

Mary Lou Perry

Yellow Dot+ Medical Program



This is an opportunity to safely and securely record your medical information for use by emergency personnel. By writing it on a piece of paper and placing it on the side of your refrigerator, it is only available to those who need it to help you. Your information is safe and cannot be hacked.

The first responders will have a valuable summary of your condition and medications and will be able to institute proper treatment quickly in a circumstance where time is of the essence. The accurate information can be forwarded to the hospital caregivers as needed. This will increase the speed and quality of your care. I have done this in my house and car and urge all Inverness residents to follow suit and be ready for any future medical emergency. There is no downside to doing this.

Bruce Cook M.D

Our neighbors viewing the eclipse at our Happy Hour on April 8, 2024!

Marianne Pavlosky, BJ Rodgers, Nancy Schwab, Marilyn Foley, Mary Flanagan



Wine and Cheese Party

On May 17th, many Inverness residents gathered for a wine and cheese party at the Community Center. It was a wonderful evening filled with a delicious variety of cheeses and wines. There also was a selection of appetizers. Good conversations with neighbors and a lot of fun rounded out the evening! Please join us next fall when we will again have a wine and cheese party with delicious treats and good company.

Photography by Jim Aubry



Denise & Dan DeLia



Bud & Lorna Kauffman



Ed & Eileen Isselmann, Bruce & Karla Cook



Seated: Aileen Kennedy, Jini Pettijohn, Terry Marran, George Colby
Standing: Helen O'Grady and Jim Hill



Sandy Flatland, Joanne O'Connor, Louise Davidson



Chris Genther, BJ Rodgers



Bruce & Sandy Yeager

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Wine and Cheese Party (photos continued)



Seated: Lydia Voigt, Marilyn Foley, Eileen Isselmann
Standing: Sandy Flatland, Bruce Yeager, Ed Isselmann, Dodie Galbusera, Bob & Cheryl Shelderfer, Sandy Yeager, Mary Flanagan, Joanne O'Connor



Barbara Colby



Seated: Lydia Voigt, Marilyn Foley, Eileen Isselmann
Standing: Jim Aubry, Sandy Flatland, Bruce Yeager, Ed Isselmann, Dodie Galbusera, Bob & Cheryl Shelderfer, Sandy Yeager, Mary Flanagan, Pat Aubry



Joe & Tre Carrone, Dorothy Dinehart



Candid shot



Candid shot



Candid shot



Candid shot



Candid shot

Getting to Know Sharon Mauer

Please welcome a delightful new neighbor, Sharon Mauer, who recently moved into 744. Even before Sharon moved, she was becoming a part of Inverness by attending our Village business meeting. When I dropped off the Village information packet, she welcomed me in. Also, you might have met her at the Village Bocce social. She took a break from settling in and enjoyed seeing Inverness in action!

I have also had the pleasure of learning more about Sharon. She attended the University of Delaware where she studied computer science. After graduating, her career as a software engineer began. Most recently, she worked at Unisys as a Project Manager. Retiring in 2016, she began volunteering as an income tax consultant for AARP. However, COVID came and closed that down.



Sharon moved to Hershey's Mill from Westtown Township. When she was in her twenties, she would drive past Hershey's Mill on her way to work and thought it looked nice. She mentioned it to a friend who told her it's beautiful inside, but you must be "old" to live there. That thought stayed in the back of her mind and when Sharon retired, she began to think about moving to a 55+ community. Her sister had moved back to this area and purchased a home in Quaker. Sharon decided to look for a home in HM. Meanwhile, Sharon's 31-year-old son, Alex, had a lease that was expiring on his place in Philly. He decided to buy Sharon's house in Westtown. Sharon found a home in Inverness and became one of our newest neighbors! Sharon loves to walk, and you will often see her and her Cock-a-Poo, Maggie, walking in the Village.

Sharon is an avid quilter. She learned how to quilt as a teenager and did a few small projects. Work and her son kept her too busy to quilt for quite a while, but after retirement and the onset of the pandemic, she began to quilt again and completed 10 quilts in one year! Sharon enjoys many types of crafts, and also enjoys gardening. Currently she volunteers at Longwood Gardens.

Sharon enjoys traveling. She has toured and hiked in many of the National Parks. One of her favorite trips was with her son to Alaska and the Yukon. Her most recent trip was traveling on the Rocky Mountaineer, a train trip through the Canadian Rockies from Vancouver to Banff.

Sharon is a most interesting person, and I hope you have the opportunity to welcome and get to know her!

Pat Aubry

Welcome to Inverness Village Sharon!

Real Estate Activity in Inverness Village

While we are introducing one new resident this issue, there has been a whirlwind of real estate activity this spring. Over the past few months, and also in the upcoming months, 7 or 8 homes have been sold or will soon be on the market. Some of the sales transactions have gone through closing, while other sales are in process. Prices have been great - some sales took place very quickly and sold for well over asking price. We trust the boom will continue, and in the next few issues we hope to be able to introduce you to more of our new neighbors.

Jim Aubry

Sunshine Squad Spreads Sunshine Throughout The Village



The Sunshine Squad, Inverness's joy-giving committee, was the inspiration of Marilyn Foley. In the winter of 2023, Marilyn discussed the possibility of such a committee with Village President, Ed Isselmann, explaining that the committee would send notes of cheer, flowers, or treats to residents needing to know others were thinking of them.

"When I approached Dodie Galbusera with the idea of a sunshine committee," Marilyn recounted, "Dodie responded, 'I would love to!' And she became the sunshine lady." As Dodie explained, "We wanted to let people know they are not alone, that others are thinking of them, and hopefully to make them smile."

Marilyn suggested the name Sunshine Squad after a similar "sunshine" committee where she had previously worked. From this beginning, the squad was formed with members Dodie Galbusera, Sandy Yeager, and Barbara Harvey.

Recipients of their kindnesses are found by word of mouth from neighbors who contact Squad members. "If we hear of somebody we could send a word to, we pass that along to Dodie, who organizes us. She gets all the credit," said Barbara Harvey. "We think this is a way to connect with somebody who is having surgery or medical issues. I believe in having connections with our neighbors and having a way to let them know that they aren't facing their challenges alone."

Sandy Yeager, with Bruce's help, makes lovely personalized cards. "It's nice to help your neighbors," said Sandy. "Sometimes it's the little things that make a difference. I have a garden and I like to share the flowers." Dodie added, "We send cards, and sometimes flowers, chicken noodle soup, biscotti, or pizzelles." Often items are delivered anonymously, but occasionally they are accompanied by a visit from a Squad member. Notes of thanks are usually sent by email or calls to Squad members, but are not necessary at all, according to Dodie. "We love doing it!" she said.

Marilyn summed up the feelings of the Sunshine Squad when she said, "I always like to think that everyone in Inverness is part of the Sunshine Squad because we're all looking after each other."

Carol Ellis

Inverness Updated Rules and Regulations

Updated copies of the Inverness Rules and Regulations document were distributed to all homeowners at the end of February. The Inverness Council and our committees worked tirelessly to ensure that our new R&Rs is a balance between creating fewer restrictions, giving people more freedom to express themselves and still maintaining an environment that is not offensive to anyone. This was not an easy task. There are 97 units in Inverness with as many opinions on what is acceptable and what might be considered offensive. What this means for each of us is that we all have to compromise to some degree. When we each made the decision to move into a community with an HOA, we gained amenities and conveniences, but we also agreed to abide by some degree of restrictions. There will most likely be rules you still do not agree with but hopefully these will be outweighed by the number of restrictions that have been lessened or removed.

With this article, we will begin a series of educational communications to familiarize everyone with the new document. As we roll out these communications, it is our expectation that all residents will ensure compliance with our rules and regulations. None of us want to be the HOA police.

(Who remembers Cynthia from the GEICO commercials?) However, we also recognize that if we don't enforce our new rules, then their existence is of no value to any of us. So as we address each topic area, we will begin to enforce compliance, initially with a request to correct the infraction and, eventually with possible fines.

Several questions have arisen recently regarding storm doors, and we realized this topic was addressed rather vaguely in the new document. Storm doors are the responsibility of the homeowner. There are 4 approved colors: the 3 already approved for the entry door plus the color approved for the house trim color. These 4 colors are SW-7018 (Dovetail Gray), SW-7592 (Crabby Apple Red), SW-9185 (Mareo Baja), and SW-7029 (Agreeable Gray). Brown storm doors will be grandfathered out. This means that anyone who has a brown storm door will NOT be required to replace or paint it. However, all requests for new storm doors will need to comply with the new colors.

Look for more information in the near future on a process for updating and replacing pages. Please reach out to any Council Member if you have any questions.

Penny Zimmerman, Vice President

Social Committee Report



After a successful wine and cheese party on May 17th, the Social Committee has gone on a summer hiatus. But there are still many opportunities to gather socially for Inverness members not sponsored by the Social Committee. The third Wednesday of each month Inverness residents are invited to gather at the bocce courts from 9:30 to 11:30 for a morning of bocce. Two evening bocce socials are being held this summer as well. Other possibilities for gathering may also "pop up."

Hope you enjoy your summer!

The Social Committee

Landscape Committee Report

The Landscape Committee is deep into major renovations of several areas in the Village. 697, 714/715, and 735 are each impacting every line of the budget the committee spends, which means we are holding back on new projects while these are being decided. Shrub and tree removal and re-grading are nearly finished. Replacement plants will follow in the fall. We have never tackled such a complicated project and now we have 3. We ask that you please be patient.

The sight line improvements along Chandler created a new project for the committee. We are studying appropriate shrubs and groundcovers to add in the future. Special thanks to Roz Baker for accepting water marshal duties. The new grass is lush and the young shrubs look happy. A thank you to Carol and Jim Ellis, 697, who donated shade loving plants from their front yard as the tree stump removal began. The Jack-in-the-pulpit and sensitive fern fill that front corner nicely.



Here is a gentle reminder to find those new landscaping change request forms in the newly revised Inverness Rules and Regulations or online at <https://hersheysmill.org>. Once on the website, go to the Inverness Village page and scroll down to the Forms section. Then click on Exhibit F - R&R Landscape Changes or Additions. A drawing or photo of the area in question is required.

Please remember to water trees and shrubs around your house this summer during any prolonged dry spells. The outdoor faucets are community property. Perhaps a T-valve and extra length of hose are needed to make outdoor water available to every home in a block. A cared-for landscape is cheaper than removing and replacing dead plants.

Barbara Crispin, Chair

Inverness Exterior Siding Project Update

The exterior siding project is in the last phase with repairs on the homes being completed on May 22nd. Painting has begun on June 11th on the last 16, homes and we are expecting for them to be completed within the next 3 to 4 weeks, weather permitting. Once these homes are painted, anyone with any exterior siding work requests should contact CSK management and put in a work order, as this work will fall under routine maintenance moving forward.

I want to thank the Siding Project Committee, Council and the residents of the community for your support in making this project a success!

Dave DeNight, Inverness Siding Project

Decorating Committee Report



Our patriotic decorations are completed. We have added a few pieces in addition to our flags, and the flags of our armed forces are again at our flagpole. They will remain until after July 4th. Our members have decided to leave our floral garlands at the Inverness signs and the decorative items under our number signs in place until the end of summer. We appreciate all the positive feedback we have received.

I want to thank Marilyn Foley for her guidance when I joined this committee and somehow ended up as chairman. Thank you Marilyn!

Barbara Harvey, Chair



Architectural Committee Report



Please remember to submit paperwork for any exterior work or changes you may be planning to the Architectural Committee for approval. This includes new doors, storm doors and windows.

If you are interested in volunteering for this committee, please contact Mary Cairns at 708.

Mary Cairns, Chair

Maintenance Committee Report

The Maintenance Committee has nothing to report.

Carl Griffin, Chair

Bocce Social June 7, 2024

We were fortunate to have perfect weather for our first bocce social this year! Thirty-five people showed up bringing a variety of delicious hors d'oeuvres, gourmet foods and desserts to feast on. Many participated in bocce games (some very spirited!), and others simply enjoyed the opportunity to relax, meet new neighbors, and to socialize. From the feedback I received, I think that all who were there had a wonderful evening!

Many thanks to my 'elves' - Ed Isselmann, Bruce Yeager, and Bruce Cook for setting up the canopies and tables. Also thanks to Tre Carrone and BJ Rodgers for providing the paper products and plastic-ware. A true team effort!

NOTE: This year we have started Wednesday morning play from 9:30 -11:30 AM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (May through September). This is an opportunity for informal play and practice and to hone your skills for the tournament! The dates remaining are July 17, August 21, and September 18. Come out and join us!

Mary Lou Perry



Dorothy Dinehart,
Tre Carrone



Play on bocce courts



Dodie Galbusera,
Penny Zimmerman



Bruce & Sandy Yeager,
Sam Crispin



Yummy food



Barbara Crispin,
Karla & Bruce Cook



Scott Burkhart &
Dawn Kowalchuk



Sandy Yeager,
Louise DeNight



Dave Dorsey & Ginny Kettenring,
Joanne O'Connor, Tina & Joe
Scaperotto



Sitting: Joe Carrone,
Pat & Jim Aubry
Standing: Mary & Tim
Widdowson



Sharon Mauer, Bill Dinehart,
Maggie Saccomandi

Upcoming Events

Inverness Bocce play & practice
3rd Wednesdays (7/17, 8/21, 9/18)
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Concert - HM Golf Club parking lot
Sunday, July 14 (rain date July 21)
Band: The Left Edge
Time: 7:00 PM

Concert - HM Golf Club parking lot
Sunday, August 4 (rain date August 25)
Band: GoodFoot
Time: 7:00 PM

Hershey's Mill Library Used Book Sale
HM Community Center
Saturday, Sept. 7, and Sunday, Sept. 8
See HM Guide & Digest for details

Local Area Events of Interest

West Chester Community Concert Band
East Goshen Township Park
Thursday, July 11
Time: 6:30 PM

West Chester Gay Street Open Air Market
Continues through Sunday, September 29

The borough of West Chester closes several blocks on Gay Street to vehicles on the weekends, from Friday morning until Monday morning.

Pedestrians and diners can enjoy walking and dining in the street.



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.

Inverness Directory Updates

Please welcome our new residents:

Lance & Ginny Parry - #724

Sharon Mauer - #744

Ed Sutter and Joan Reed-Sutter - #787

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

Peggy Curtin (#736)

April 9, 2024

Barbara Podgorski (#788)

May 17, 2024

Our sincere condolences to their families.

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