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# The Inverness "I"

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## A Message from the Council President

The biannual Village meeting was held on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. The main points of that meeting were to re-elect Penny Zimmerman and Richard Hammock for council positions. Also, we had a chance to introduce new residents and give committee updates. Finally, we had the opportunity to hear Marc Fraser, Director of Security at Hershey's Mill, as well as a member of the HM Security Committee, give a detailed accounting of the current alarm system in Hershey's Mill, and some ideas and remedies for the future.

The main focus of Marc's presentation revolved around three major points. They are:

### **1. The unreliability of alarm communications sent over Verizon Fios landline service.**

Most alarm panels currently use a cellular communicator (like a cell phone specifically for an alarm panel) to send alarm communications between a home and a monitoring station. Frequent issues with VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) phone communication (Fios, Comcast, etc.) led to the alarm industry moving away from landline-based alarm communication years ago. Hershey's Mill stuck with landline-based communication, and we have been experiencing issues ever since the transition to Fios several years ago. These communication reliability issues have compounded in recent months, and continuing forward with the current means of alarm panel communication opens the Master Association up to liability.

### **2. Only one alarm company will work on our alarm systems because they are monitored by someone other than said company.**

Many years ago, three different alarm companies would be willing to test/repair/replace alarm panels in Hershey's Mill, but that number has dwindled to one. Companies do not want to work on alarm systems they do not monitor, as this opens them up to liability if there is a problem with the alarm system. Because they do not monitor the system, they run the risk of not being aware of problems that need to be fixed. The Security Committee spent months looking for other alarm contractors willing to perform work on Hershey's Mill alarm panels and were unable to find any in our area. Hershey's Mill has 1,620+ alarms that require testing and maintenance; and moving forward with only one company available to perform the work is not a viable option.

### **3. Township code requires; (1) annual testing of monitored alarm systems, which villages have not been performing, and (2) replacement of smoke detectors more than 10 years old, which most villages have not followed.**

East Goshen Fire Alarm Code requires annual testing of all monitored alarm systems, as well as the replacement of any smoke detectors older than 10 years. Most villages in Hershey's Mill are not in compliance with the township code in

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these regards, and as of 2026, will need to bring themselves into compliance. This means that most villages will need to have their existing fire alarm system replaced with a system that meets township code requirements, and for those villages continuing to use a monitored alarm system, annual testing will need to be implemented.

As a result of these situations, the HM Security Committee has spent numerous months investigating solutions and alternatives that will not only resolve the current issues but also prevent similar issues from arising again in the future. In addition to making presentations at a large number of council meetings as well as village meetings, Marc and the committee have issued Requests for Proposals (RFP) to at least six outside vendors to update our non-compliant alarm systems with systems that perform the same life-safety functions as our current systems, as well as provide annual testing and

required maintenance (battery replacement, troubleshooting...etc.). These RFPs are being gathered, and when the results are in, recommendations from the committee will be made to the HM Master Association, as well as to the village councils. That information will then be distributed to Inverness residents who will be able to provide feedback on the issue. Please be aware that the decision on this is made by each village, since that is stated as such in the Covenants and Easements. However, there is power in numbers, and it is expected that a preferred proposal will be recommended by the HM Security Committee, and if approved by the HM Master Association, that preferred proposal is expected to be accepted by most, if not all, affected villages.

Stay tuned for continued updates on this very important matter.

**Ed Isselmann**  
President

## *In Summer Twilight*

Joshua Henry Jones Jr.

Just a dash of lambent carmine  
Shading into sky of gold;

Just a twitter of a song-bird  
Ere the wings its head enfold;

Just a rustling sigh of parting  
From the moon-kissed hill to breeze;

And a cheerful gentle, nodding  
Adieu waving from the trees;

Just a friendly sunbeam's flutter  
Wishing all a night's repose,

Ere the stars swing back the curtain  
Bringing twilight's dewy close.

**Submitted by Carol Ellis**



## Inverness Rules and Regulations Highlights

### Section 6: Exterior Architecture

In this issue of the Inverness "I" we will focus on other architectural questions that have arisen recently.

1. Inverness Village does not endorse or recommend any particular contractor. You may use any contractor you choose as long as they are licensed and can provide a Certificate of Insurance. Work, of course, must meet the requirements outlined in the Rules and Regulations document.
2. Window frames (NOT the trim), if painted, should be painted SW-6075 Garrett Gray or a comparable matched color from another paint supplier. New windows should also match Garrett Gray as closely as possible or be a dark bronze. This also includes the frames on sliding patio doors.
3. Front porch lights do not need to go through an approval process but must be black and match as closely as possible the existing garage lighting, as indicated in the R&R document. Anyone who installs lighting that does not meet these requirements will be asked to replace it.
4. Any alterations to walkways, railings, etc. to accommodate mobility issues must follow the appropriate approval process and is the responsibility of the homeowner.
5. Five different deck colors have been approved. If you plan to paint, stain or replace your deck, please follow the approval process

outlined in the R&R document. If you would like to see sample boards of the available colors, please contact Mary Cairns or a member of the Architectural Committee.

6. The fabric awning choices in the R&R document are for example only. Colors and patterns must be in harmony with the colors and other awnings in the Village. Please submit your requests through the Architectural Committee.

7. Anything placed on common ground needs to go through the approval process to ensure that proper permits and insurance certificates have been obtained. This includes new HVAC systems and compressors. For emergency replacement situations, please provide CSK with the contractor's certificate of insurance and your request will be expedited.

These are only a few of the questions we have been asked recently. If you are planning any changes to the exterior of your unit, please ensure you are aware of the rules and regulations pertaining to your changes. Please review the R&R document which has been provided to all homeowners and can also be found online. If you still have questions, please reach out to any member of the Architectural Committee or the Inverness Council.

Thank you all for making Inverness a safe and enjoyable place to live.

**Penny Zimmerman**  
on behalf of the Inverness Council

## Getting to Know Shirley Baker at 751



Shirley Baker has joined us after spending 40 years in Apache Junction, AZ. It has not been easy leaving a beautiful contemporary desert home, warm weather, and friends. However, Shirley came back to where she was born and raised. She visited Hershey's Mill when she came to stay with her brother to get away from the desert heat in the summer.

She looked at homes for about three years before finding her place in Inverness Village. Shirley knew about Hershey's Mill from a friend who lived here and hired a realtor to find her a place. She bought her place sight unseen, but her brother checked it out. Then she spent a year having it redone. Walls were torn down, new kitchen and floors installed until it was ready for her. Now she has a beautiful home to enjoy with friends and family.

Shirley worked as a technical writer for Boeing and was Director of Contracts. Her job entailed travel to Europe, including Spain, France, Switzerland, and Italy.

Her next journey will be a cruise to the Caribbean with family. Living nearby are her daughter, brother, grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Shirley is now working on a book about faith and sometimes does some technical writing for Boeing. After a long winter and acclimating to the cold and snow, Shirley is settling into a new life in Inverness Village. We are blessed to have an outgoing, pleasant, accomplished woman among us.

Sandy Yeager

***Welcome to Inverness Village Shirley!***

## History of Inverness Village

Our village had its beginning in 1986. Over the years, the "I" has featured an article about our roots twice - first in October of 2010, and more recently in July of 2017. We understand that today there are just two original owners still living here. We feel that given the number of new residents since 2017, it is time to rerun the article about our history.

**Jim Aubry**

### Memory Lane - Inverness Village

**Boyd Mackleer** put us in touch with **John Lewis** of Ashton Village, who is an original resident of Hershey's Mill and a nearby observer of the construction/development of Inverness Village.

John reports that at the onset of construction of Inverness, dirt was piled high as they prepared for construction. John and two friends were inspired to do an Iwo Jima-type flag raising on top of the pile as shown in his photos below.



Phase I of the village was houses 739-774, as was captured in this photo by Maryjane Hahn. Phase II was 775-781 and 692-700, the Magnificent Seven followed. Phase II was actually cleared well before construction, for this part of the Village had been the garden area for Hershey Mill residents.

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## Memory Lane - Inverness Village *(continued from previous page)*

**Maryjane Hahn** (#700) and her late husband, **Skip**, were original owners in Inverness and watched the Village grow. Weekly, they visited their prospective home as it rose from foundation to framing to finished.

On one visit, they found the lower level of their home had been turned into a cantina named Chico's. "Evidently, the workmen used this spot for their breaks and for their lunch," said Maryjane.



Maryjane and Skip moved into their home in January 1987. New neighbors followed at a regular pace throughout the ensuing months. The early months were "dirty and noisy," according to Maryjane. "The dirt turned to mud in the spring. But Wooldridge put in good-sized plant material," she recalled. "However, the trees were generally small. It was the strangest thing - we never heard any birds. It wasn't until a couple of years later that we could walk and see nests in these small trees."

To welcome the Inverness villagers, Wooldridge held a Christmas party for new homeowners in December 1986. According to Maryjane, "There were presents and champagne, a lovely party. It was very nice to meet some of our new neighbors."

"Wooldridge was exceptional as a builder," said Maryjane. "They were interested in giving the best home for the money. They wanted to make everyone happy."

"We were told there would be a continuing care facility here, so people signed up thinking they would be here forever," explained Maryjane. "Most of the newcomers were in their fifties and sixties."

Early Inverness was a very social village. Maryjane describes the Village then as "party, party, party." Everyone was new at the same time, and we wanted to get to know our new neighbors. Several widows would regularly get together and host a party for the neighbors around them. There were many cocktail parties and get-togethers in the first years of Inverness." According to Maryjane, today several present and former residents meet regularly for dinner at the golf club.

**George Colby**



## Inverness Bocce

We had a great turnout for bocce on Wednesday, June 18, as Mother Nature cooperated this month. Both seasoned players and new players came out, and the experienced players helped the new ones learn how to play.

We have three more Wednesday morning bocce events this summer. The dates are: July 16, August 20, and September 17, from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Come out and join the fun and meet and mingle with your neighbors.

**Mary Lou Perry**

*At the right ... Great photo of the group but with a few missing!*



Mary Lou Perry, Joe Strode, Bruce Cook, Dave Michell, Karla Cook, Margaret Michell, Eileen Isselmann, Dodie Galbusera, Ralph Saccomandi, Ed Isselmann, Penny Zimmerman, Louise DeNight, Chris Genther, Bruce Yeager, Mary Flanagan



Louise & Dave DeNight, Eileen Isselmann



Mary Flanagan, Chris Genther, Margaret Michell



Bruce Yeager, Dodie Galbusera, Carol Ellis, Mary Lou Perry



Dave Michell ready to roll



Penny Zimmerman (left) and Bruce Cook (right) ready to roll

## Architectural Committee Report

A reminder that if you are planning to do any work on the exterior of your home, please submit forms in the Bylaws to the Architectural committee.

All decks will need to be painted to closely match the new house color. Please contact Mary Cairns to see paint samples if you plan to have your deck painted.

Please remember that if you submit a request and it is approved, any changes to your project must be approved by Architecture and Council before proceeding with making the change.

**Mary Cairns, Chair**

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## Decorating Committee Report

We have finished our decorations with our patriotic displays. We have added armed forces flags to our entrance as you can see. Thanks for all the positive comments! I want to thank our committee members for always being there no matter the weather. We are always looking for new members and ideas.

**Barbara Harvey, Chair**



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## Maintenance Committee Report

On a positive note, there have not been many maintenance issues to report. Probably the #1 issue has been woodpecker holes. To our eyes the difference is not noticeable, but the woodpeckers can distinguish the difference between Hardibacker and wood. The woodpecker holes are being repaired by Braulio. The #2 issue is the rain gutters. We had a number of gutters that were filled with leaves and seeds. As of a few weeks ago, all of the gutters were cleaned out by a contractor. And #3 has been issues with the asphalt sidewalks. Over the winter, we had one of the walkway wooden steps sink. The problem was resolved quickly. I have also been seeing and hearing of the asphalt sinking in spots.

Finally, I have purchased some replacement mailbox flags. I was not able to match what we currently have, but they are just little bit smaller. If you are in need of a new mailbox flag, please let me know.

**Carl Griffin, Chair**



## Landscape Committee Report

Currently we have 15 requests from homeowners for the removal of aged and dying shrubs, and lawn repair from outside the contractors' damage, etc.

We also have 12 additional suggestions from Shearon Environmental, our main landscape contractor, from the recent walk-through; these include several dead or dying trees and shrubs.

All requests must first go to CSK, using the request form "Exhibit F" found in the homeowner's Rules and Regulations binder, and also available on the Inverness page of [hersheysmill.org](https://hersheysmill.org)

We are currently looking for a secondary landscape contractor to handle some of the many requests we receive for the removal of aging trees and shrubs.

We are still looking for a Co-Chair for the Landscape Committee who is knowledgeable about the various plantings we have here in Inverness.

**John Carey, Chair**

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## Social Committee Report

The Social Committee hopes that you have enjoyed the activities we have offered so far this year. Along with several luncheons, we started 2025 by hosting a Soup and Chili Supper which was followed by a Wine and Cheese Party, and finally in May our spring event, the first ever Cinco de Mayo celebration. We hope you were able to attend some of these. This fall we will be hosting a September Ice Cream Social (can't go wrong with that, right????), our annual Ladies Luncheon and a Wine and Cheese event. We will close the year with our annual Christmas Gala on Saturday, December 13th. We are always welcoming new members and/or new ideas. If you would like to join, or have any suggestions, please contact either Bev Cella or Mary Schreiner via email. We typically meet once every other month at the Sullivan House. Thank you and hope to see you at the Ice Cream Social!

**Mary Schreiner, Co-Chair**



## Long Term Planning Committee Report

The patch repair and crack filling that we worked on last fall was approved by the council and awarded by CSK to Unitex for late summer completion. The patching involves milling of the old asphalt and paving with new. This project will take two days. The crack filling will take one day. All patches and cracks are outside areas where cars are parked. You will be notified before the work is performed.

The committee is presently reviewing our storm drainage. The last time this was done was in 2016; and the areas marked poor at that time have never been addressed to date, per all of our contacts, including CSK.

As we head into fall, we are working on a list of questions for each residence to rate from 1 to 5 on their top issues of concern. This will assist us and the council as to areas that our people consider of the highest order. We will collect, count, and then distribute the results.

Bill Dinehart, Chair

## Brandywine Museum Exhibitions

Two new exciting exhibitions have opened at the Brandywine Museum of Art: *The Earthen Door: Nature as Muse and Material*; and *Andrew Wyeth at Kuerner Farm: The Eye of the Earth*.



Andrew Wyeth, *Snow Hill*, 1989

*The Earthen Door: Nature as Muse and Material* was inspired by the poetry and herbarium of the poet Emily Dickinson. As a gardener and lover of nature, Emily Dickinson pressed flowers and plants, while identifying them as botanical specimens, and placed them in a book called an herbarium. Artists Amanda March and Leah Sobsey photographed pages of the herbarium and replicated the pressed flowers by extracting their colors with a mortar and pestle. Adding water or alcohol to the

dried flowers and plants, they created a watercolor which they painted over the photographs they had taken of pages in the herbarium. The result is an explosion of color in the galleries as roses, marigolds, lilies and autumn leaves and many other plants are used to recreate the world of Emily Dickinson. The exhibition opened on May 24 and will continue until September 7.

The second new exhibition, *Andrew Wyeth and the Kuerner Farm: The Eye of the Earth*, takes its title from the pond at the farm that Wyeth mysteriously called the "the eye of the earth," when he depicted it in a little-known painting. For seven decades, he painted over 1,000 works at the Kuerner farm, capturing the lives of Karl and Anna Kuerner, and Helga Testorf, while he portrayed the landscape, the farmhouse, and the buildings. Visitors will recognize some of Wyeth's most iconic paintings which were done at the farm: *Groundhog Day*, *Karl*, *Spring Fed*, *Snow Hill*, and *Evening at Kuerners*. Many other works from private collections and the Wyeth Foundation for American Art will be new to visitors, while other paintings have been rarely exhibited. A traveling exhibition, it opened June 22 at the Brandywine Museum of Art and will continue until September 28.

Carol Ellis

## Wine and Cheese Party

Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 48 Inverness Village members gathered for an evening filled with wine, cheese, friendship and fun! The Social Committee provided a variety of delicious cheeses and hors d'oeuvres. Jim Seastone, wine connoisseur extraordinaire, selected a nice variety of wines. If that was not enough, Sandy Yeager introduced a game that had everyone mingling and learning a little more about each other! Add to that, a 50/50 drawing, that won three lucky neighbors \$25 each, as well as adding to our social committee treasury (to support more fun get-togethers!) We thank the social committee led by Mary Schreiner and Bev Cella for keeping Inverness a vibrant community!

### Pat Aubry



Dave and Margaret Michell,  
John and Jo Ann Carey



Food



Jo Ann Kincade, Sandy Flatland,  
Lydia Voigt, Mary Lou Perry



Kathy Everhart, Eileen and Ed  
Isselmann, Dodie Galbusera



Penny Zimmermann,  
Bruce and Karla Cook, Barb Fox



Jim Seastone, Margie,  
Lorna and Bud Kaufmann



Bill Dinehart, Jean Norsworthy,  
Mary Schreiner



Jim and Marge Hill,  
Terry Marran



Marney Roia, Marianne Pavlosky,  
BJ Rodgers





Dorothy and Bill Dinehart,  
Jean Norsworthy,  
Joyce Cadwallader



Joe Carrone, Barbara House  
during game



Bob and Bev Cella, Pat Aubry, Tre  
Carrone; standing: Bruce Cook,  
Roger Schreiner, Jim Aubry, Joe  
Carrone, Bill Dinehart



Candid shot during game



Sandy and Bruce Yeager



Candid shot of game - Lydia Voigt,  
winner of 50/50

Photos by Pat Aubry





## Cinco de Mayo Celebration

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 42 Village members gathered at the Sullivan House for a Cinco de Mayo party. As they entered the Sullivan House, they were met with delicious smelling aromas. Event Chair Karla Cook, with the help of the social committee, had prepared many delicious dishes. Guacamole and salsa w/chips along with White and Red Sangria, Ozzie's Margaritas and Mexican Beer were served while people enjoyed mingling, talking and admiring all the decorations. The weather cleared up, so we were able to take the party out to the patio. Everyone loaded their plates with such dishes as shrimp with cucumbers in lime sauce, Drunken Chicken w/chorizo and rice, meatballs w/guanchillo sauce w/zucchini just to name a few. Even reluctant Mexican food eaters like myself, thoroughly enjoyed the food and went back for seconds! And if all that wasn't enough, Karla treated us to Orange Flan and Marbled Tres Leche Cake. No one left the party hungry! As we enjoyed the food and the company, we were entertained by a guitar player who added even more atmosphere to the party. We thank Karla for preparing the menu and many of the dishes. I'm already looking forward to our next Cinco de Mayo party!

### Pat Aubry



Barb and Chris Harvey



Shirley Baker



Karla and Bruce Cook



Joe Strode, Bruce Yeager



Ginny Parry, Marianne Pavlosky,  
Barbara House



Ozzie Nelson



Barbara House, Barbara Fox



Penny Zimmerman, Rich and Karen  
Hammock



BJ Rodgers, Marney Roia





Bev Cella, Marianne Pavlosky



Nancy Schwab, Joanne O'Connor,  
Louise Davidson



Cheryl and Bob  
Schelderfer



Group



Karen Hammock, Mary Flanagan



Lorna and Bud Kauffman



Pat Aubry, Bob Cella



Ginny Kettenring, Terry Marran



Marianne Pavlosky,  
Sandy Yeager



Giuseppe and Kathy Pietra,  
Ed Isselman



Guitar player



Jim Aubry Joe Strode

**Upcoming Events*****Inverness Bocce play & practice***

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays (7/16, 8/20, 9/17)  
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

***Concert - HM Golf Club parking lot***

Sunday, July 6 (rain date July 20)  
Band: The Left Edge  
Time: 7:00 PM

***Concert - HM Golf Club parking lot***

Sunday, August 24 (rain date August 29)  
Band: Josh Squared  
Time: 7:00 PM

***Inverness Ice Cream Social***

HM Community Center  
Saturday, September 20  
6:00 - 8:00 PM

**Local Area Events of Interest*****Brandywine Museum of Art, Chadds Ford, PA***

Andrew Wyeth at Kuerner Farm: The Eye of the Earth. June 22 - September 28  
This Earthen Door: Nature as Muse and Material: May 24 - September 7  
Visit [brandywine.org/museum](http://brandywine.org/museum) for more info

**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](http://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**

Please welcome our new residents:

Leslie Keller - #747

Tom & Colleen Breene - #765

Ken & Carole Cowperthwait - #773

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***

***Doug Smith (#774)***

*May 10, 2025*

*Our sincere condolences to Doug's family.*

**Inverness Village Council Members**

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
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