
The Inverness "I"

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Council Member's Report

As I sit down to write this article, I have just returned from a walk in the brisk September air. I couldn't help but appreciate how wonderful our Village looks, from the repaired and freshly painted siding and doors to the refreshed and well-maintained landscaping. The fact that our maintenance expenses are significantly under budget makes it all that much nicer. We are not finished yet though.

As our Village ages, roofs and sidewalks are also in need of repair and replacement. We are not in a position to replace all roofs or all sidewalks in large-scale projects the same way we tackled the siding, but we will start chipping away at these, with roofs taking priority. We have engaged contractors to examine the roofs of each building and prioritize the need for replacement based on condition. Roofs will be replaced over the span of several years. Likewise, Council members have recently completed a walk-through of the community and assessed the condition of each walkway. Walkways will be replaced with concrete on an as-needed basis only at this time. Remember that the HOA is responsible for the repair and maintenance of existing walkways. Any changes to walkways (such as ramps) for accessibility or other reasons are the responsibility of the homeowner and must have Architectural Committee and Council approval. As always, if you find your roof has a leak or your sidewalk has buckled due to weather, tree roots, etc., please contact CSK, our managing agent, to have your issue addressed.

Maintenance requests may be made to CSK via email or by submitting a maintenance request form found in the updated Rules and Regulations document, which was distributed to all residents and homeowners in February of this year, or on the Inverness website at [Inverness | \(hersheysmill.org\)](http://Inverness | (hersheysmill.org)).

After extensive work by Council, our Rules and Regulations document and all associated forms were recently updated. This document was distributed in hard copy to all residents and homeowners in February of this year and has been posted on our website. When you have a question regarding any of these regulations or need a form, please refer to the appropriate section in this document FIRST for the answer to your question. Examples include:

- What color can I paint my entry door, windows, etc.?
- Who is responsible for repairing my walkway railing?
- I want to replace the shrubs in my front garden. What do I need to do?

This document is well organized and has a comprehensive table of contents. (Thank you Terry Marran!) When submitting forms to CSK, please ensure you are using the most up-to-date forms or they will be returned to you. New forms have the date in the lower left corner, and most are dated 23.10.xx.

Our Rules and Regulations serve three primary purposes - safety, aesthetics, and the consideration of our neighbors. They help make our neighborhood a safe, welcoming and desirable place to live. Our capital projects go a long way in helping to achieve this environment. Let's each of us do our part to further this objective by abiding by the new rules and regulations.

Our next Village meeting will be held on December 11 at the Community Center. This meeting is open to all Village residents, and I strongly encourage you to attend.

Penny Zimmerman
Council Vice-President

The Village Green - Dedicated to Karl Grentz

If you've been down to the recreation area recently, you may have noticed a new sign identifying the area as "The Village Green." The Master Association voted to dedicate this area to Karl Grentz, former President of Glenwood Village and President of the Master Association from 2019 until his death in 2023. Karl was a warm, friendly, congenial person who worked tirelessly for the betterment of Hershey's Mill. He was a visionary, and in addition to managing all aspects of our community, under Karl's leadership many upgrades were made to the sports area.



One of the most popular activities in Hershey's Mill is bocce. Under Karl's guidance, three new state-of-the-art bocce courts were installed across the parking area from the original bocce courts. In addition, new shuffleboard courts were built adjacent to the bocce courts. Attractive landscaping added to this area has enhanced the beauty of Hershey's Mill as one drives down Chandler Road.

This fall, a new pavilion (24' by 44') will be built behind the bocce and shuffleboard courts. This will be a welcome addition and especially appreciated during our bocce social events. No more setting up canopies and tables! Also, the steep paved drive going from the back of the Sullivan House down towards the bocce courts will be removed as it is deemed to be unsafe.

Spend some time in our Village Green to mingle with friends and neighbors and enjoy some peace and tranquility. Our Village Green is sure to live up to the essence of the early village greens in England as a gathering space for casual get-togethers and planned events.

Mary Lou Perry

Oktoberfest

"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 will be celebrating Oktoberfest on Tuesday, October 22nd from 4:00 to 7:30 PM at Wooldridge Hall in the Community Center. Watch for invitations and sign-ups!!! Plan on coming out to welcome Fall and the changing of the leaves. Everything from pretzels, brats, pork tenderloin, donated side dishes, desserts, and beer, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided for the ticket price. There is a limited capacity in the room so sign up early!

Prost!



Ed Isselmann

Getting to Know Pam and Gary Wirstad



On a beautiful afternoon, we met with our new neighbors, **Pam and Gary Wirstad**. They have settled in their new home at 716 Inverness Drive after a move from Broomall. Hershey's Mill appealed to them because of the location, community, and landscaping. They had previously lived in New Jersey and Virginia.

Pam grew up in Margate, New Jersey and still has family there that they visit. While working at the casinos in Atlantic City, Pam met Gary and they have been married for 40 years.

Pam went back to school and earned an advanced degree in English. Then she taught English Literature at Delaware County Community College. Looking for a bigger challenge, she started working for Medical Publishing. She had to read medical books and then create marketing pamphlets to present to doctors. Pam enjoyed the creative aspect of her work.

Gary started out in Philadelphia and was a Philadelphia police officer. Then he took classes at a gaming school and became a craps dealer in the casinos. After that he went back to work as a police officer in New Jersey. Following Pam's example, he went back to school to get an advanced degree. Then he taught Criminal Justice at Delaware Valley Community College.

Now that they are retired, Pam enjoys cooking, reading, and exercising. They are in the process of discovering all the walking trails in Hershey's Mill. Gary likes photography and taking landscape photos. They like to travel to shore areas in New England and New Jersey. Gary owns a beautiful new Vespa scooter. So if you see them driving by, wave and welcome them to Inverness. They are a delightful couple to know.

Sandy Yeager

Welcome to Inverness Village Pam and Gary!

Getting to Know Tamara Proud

One of our newest neighbors is **Tamara Proud** in 763. She is a thoughtful, witty woman who moved to us after spending 32 years in Downingtown. Tamara was drawn to Hershey's Mill because of the sense of community. In Inverness, she found just what she was looking for. She has been overwhelmed by the friendliness of her new neighbors.

Tamara lives a plant-based lifestyle while also being gluten free, and hopes to connect to others who share this lifestyle. Tamara also looks forward to exploring the many opportunities Hershey's Mill provides. Many years ago, Tamara was a beginning quilter. She looks forward to exploring the quilting club in HM to expand on those early skills. She also hopes to learn how to knit. Between settling into a new home, her work, and learning to quilt and knit, Tamara will be quite busy!



Downsizing was another reason Tamara wished to relocate. Tamara's new home has allowed her to do just that. But, one area she was hoping to increase, not downsize, was closet space. In her previous home she did not have a closet in her bedroom. Her new home has a huge bedroom closet as well as lots of other closets. She looks forward to filling them!

Tamara is a hospital chaplain at Paoli Hospital. She loves her job and has met many remarkable people in her work experience. Tamara is also involved in retreat work. She has had the opportunity to lead retreats in many "cool" areas. Unfortunately, she does not have the free time while on retreat, to explore these areas. She hopes to be able to travel more in the future. Tamara has many talents that she uses for pleasure and in her retreat work. One of those talents is working with "singing bowls." These are metal bowls of many sizes that she uses in her practice. One bowl is small enough to fit in the palm of your hand while the largest bowl is so big you can stand in it. Each size bowl produces a different sound. With all these bowls she can create a "sound bath." This is a meditative practice in which the participants sit in the middle of a circle of all these bowls, as Tamara is producing beautiful sounds on the outside using the bowls and creating the "sound bath." I don't know about you, but I would love to experience a "sound bath!"

Tamara currently does not have any pets. As Tamara says: "There are enough cool dogs in my cul-de-sac to enjoy!"

Please take the time to welcome Tamara, and show her what a wonderful community Inverness is.

Pat Aubry

Welcome to Inverness Village Tamara!

Social Committee Report

The Social Committee has planned several events this year and we look forward to seeing you at them! Our annual Ladies Luncheon at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club will be on November 9th beginning at Noon with lunch being served at 12:30 PM. We will also be hosting an all-residents (aka coed!) luncheon in November with the date to be determined.

Our Annual *Holiday Gala* is scheduled for December 7th.

More information will be provided, but for now be sure to mark the date on your calendar.



Details for all events are forthcoming. We are always looking for new members and new ideas so if you would like to be a member of the committee, please contact Bev Cella, Mary Schreiner, or any other committee member.

Bev Cella and Mary Schreiner, Co-chairs

Landscape Committee Report

The Landscape Committee is re-organizing with John Carey as the new Co-Chair, with the assistance of Terry Marran, the Inverness Council liaison for the Landscape Committee.



We are grateful for all of the hard work that Barbara Crispin put in, and we'll surely miss her constant input in the landscape needs here in Inverness Village.

We are looking for another person to act as Co-Chair who has a real "Green Thumb" and who will continue to help continue making Inverness a Beautiful Village.

John Carey, Co-Chair

Architectural Committee Report

If you are planning to make any changes to the exterior of your home, please submit the pertinent paperwork from the new Rules and Regulations to Mary Cairns, Architecture Chair. After the project is approved by the Committee, it will be forwarded on to CSK and Council for approval. Pictures or drawings of projects must be included. Projects might include new front or storm doors, windows, decks or patios.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mary Cairns.

Mary Cairns, Chair

Maintenance Committee Report

Inverness had a few points of interest this summer.

The siding project has been completed with the final stage being the painting of the doors. Unfortunately, we had two homes sustain woodpecker damage. Those holes have been repaired.



We have continued to have water issues. One underground drainage pipe was filled with debris and was cleaned with an auger. We have made improvements to the water runoff problems with re-grading.

The highlight of the summer was the finding of a broken waterline. Fixing this problem should help reduce our water bill.

Carl Griffin, Chair

Decorating Committee Report

“Pumpkins...cider...football...mums” Yes!

Fall has arrived. Fall decorations are out, and we hope everyone is enjoying them.

Barbara Harvey, Chair



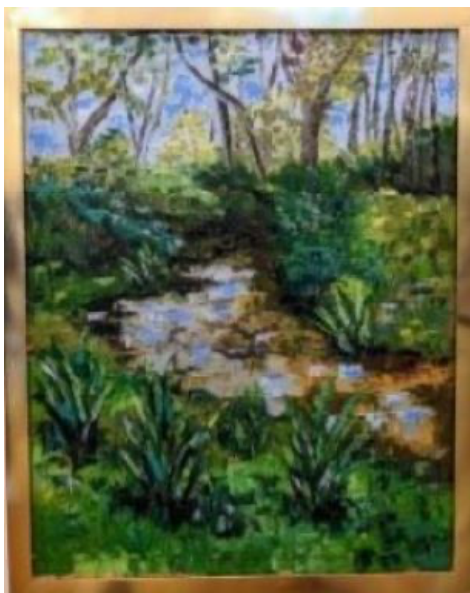
Karla Cook's Artwork

On July 18 I visited the Wayne Art Center at the invitation of my sister-in-law and her sister, who were both taking art lessons there and were displaying their work. But there was another reason to visit - **Karla Cook (759)**, one of our very talented residents at Inverness Village, was showing two of her oil paintings.

Karla was encouraged to pursue painting by her oldest son, who was "born with a pencil in his hand" and who started drawing at 18 months of age. He encouraged his Mom to paint, and finally in her mid-50's Karla began to take art lessons. Initially Karla did portraits in oil, and then worked with pastels. She became an art teacher, and began to delve into different art mediums, including watercolors, acrylics (water-based paint), encaustics (wax).

I visited Karla's studio and saw a very impressive variety of artwork and many of the mediums she works with. Karla also has a spinning wheel! In addition to using yarn, Karla spins with fibers and with pet fur.

Below are the two art pieces Karla displayed at the Wayne Art Center:



Ridley Creek (SOLD)
22"w x 28"h

Oil painting done with palette knife



Les (the model)
10"w x 16"h

Oil painting with brush

Subjects of particular interest to Karla are human and animal portraiture. Her pet portraits can be seen on the internet at www.reservoirfarmstudio.net and karlakcook.com and on Instagram at [@resevoirfarmstudio](https://www.instagram.com/resevoirfarmstudio)

Louise Davidson

Understanding Your Grandchildren's Slang

At a recent social event at the pool, I was sitting with **Marlene Vergillo (758)** and I became both amused and intrigued as she recounted stories of a recent visit with her teen granddaughters, and the difficulty she had in deciphering their lingo. I gingerly asked if she would be willing to write an article on the subject for the "I" as I thought it would resonate with many of us. Thank you, Marlene, for this enlightening article!

From Marlene Vergillo: As promised, here are 10 words frequently used by my two granddaughters, Ella 16-1/2 and Sophie 15. I researched using the Urban Dictionary found on the internet to define the meaning. I really enjoy listening to my granddaughters talk to their friends and each other. I think keeping in touch with youth keeps us young. This new language "Slaps."



1. "Rizz" is short for "charisma," and it simply means an ability to charm and woo a person.
2. "Clap back" describes a verbal retaliation to criticism, otherwise known as a comeback.
3. "You've been ghosted" -- Say you went on a date with someone you met online. You thought things were going well, and then they never responded.
4. "Vibe" is the feeling you get *after* you leave, and you're reflecting (i.e., "that place had a spectacular vibe" or "this room has a weird vibe.") Or when a verb, "vibe" means to kick back and hang out, or to get along (i.e., "she and I were vibing on our date").
5. "Your besties" Your girls, your buddies, your squad. Whatever you call your closest team of loved ones works. But "squad" is the term *du jour* to describe a friend group.
6. "Glowing up" is like the upgraded version of "growing up." As you age, you only become more fabulous. The staggering transformations associated with glow-ups are often accompanied by photographic evidence.
7. "Tea" is all about exchanging hot gossip. You can get tea, spill tea, and give tea. Often the term is simply interchangeable with the letter "T."
8. "To beat" is to apply makeup, and if someone is described as being "beat," it means they either applied their makeup well, or just applied a lot of it.
9. "TBH" is an acronym for *to be honest*. Often, it's used for emphasis while admitting something about yourself. An example? *I really love Lady Gaga, tbh.*
10. "Slaps" The word is now colloquially used to describe something – a song, your meal, new shoes, *anything* that strikes you as good, that's impressive!

Mary Lou Perry

Chris Harvey: Sports Memorabilia Collector

For over thirty years, **Chris Harvey (764)** has collected sports memorabilia. He has researched and investigated collectables in the world of professional baseball, football and golf, becoming a knowledgeable and expert collector. Below are the answers given by Chris and his wife Barbara to a Q & A from the Inverness "I."

1-When and how did you begin collecting sports memorabilia?

In 1983, we were living in a suburb of Baltimore where I was practicing radiology. I was then President of the Baltimore County Medical Society, and our secretary was married to the Baltimore Orioles Director of Public Relations. That year, the Orioles won the World Series, and just before Christmas she and her husband gifted me with the commemorative World Series bat, which was autographed by the Orioles players. This was my introduction to sports collectibles, and I became more aware of card shows and memorabilia stores. My focus was on the St. Louis Cardinals; while I grew up in the Villanova area, I had been a Cardinal fan since I was 5 years old. My father knew the manager of the hotel where the visiting teams stayed when they came to Philadelphia, and we were able to meet all the Cardinal players before a game. I played varsity baseball and football in high school, so baseball and football were my favorite sports.

2-What sports do you collect?

Baseball, football, golf. Initially, I began collecting cards, and my first set was of 1948 Bowman black & white cards; there were 48 cards in that set and they came in packs of 5 cards in a pack of bubblegum. Bowman produced cards from 1948 to 1955, and they were among my favorites. In 1952, Topps began producing cards, and today sets come in sets of 600 but no gum! Other producers are Donruss, Fleer, Upper Deck and Leaf.

3-Are you still collecting, and, if so, what are you looking for?

No, I am not collecting now - I have no more room! I am becoming reacquainted with what I already have.

4-What are some of your favorites in your collection?

As I already mentioned, I am a St. Louis Cardinal fan, so much of my collectibles are from those teams. I have been able to travel to St. Louis and see games, and for my 50th birthday, my wife sent me to their fantasy camp; camp was a week with some of my idols. We played on teams and had our own Cardinal uniforms. I was able to attend four of these camps and they are a highlight of my life. I have so many favorites: Stan Musial is my all-time favorite so I have cards, plaques, statues, autographed pictures/gloves of "The Man." Others: cereal boxes, gloves, banquet items, autographed pictures, World Series/All-Star programs, yearly team programs, old magazines such as LIFE and The Saturday Evening Post. I did have all of the commemorative Hall of Fame bats, but sold them prior to one of our last moves.

5-What are some unique or unusual items in your collection?

Autographed baseball shoes from Stan Musial (thank my wife for those!), a signed harmonica, also from Stan Musial (her too). Personalized pictures with Bob Gibson, Curt Flood, Eddie Murray, and Brooks Robinson. Lots of hats, all autographed. Locker with catcher's equipment (Todd Zeile). Tickets to the last game at Baltimore's Memorial Stadium and first game at Camden Yards. Tickets to Cal Ripken's tie-breaking game and record-breaking game. World Series tickets. Football signed by Jack Kemp. Autographed pictures of Red Grange, Doak Walker, Doc Blanchard, Glenn Davis, Dick Kazmaier.

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Chris Harvey: Sports Memorabilia Collector

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6-Has collecting stayed the same over the years?

NO! Most items can be found online, both for buying and selling. Dearth of specialty stores selling collectibles.

7-Any advice to new collectors?

Keep items as pristine as possible if eventually you might want to sell. Keep any documents accompanying the collectible(s). Have items authenticated and appraised. Avoid using cards for games or on bicycles!

8 & 9-How does a collector authenticate and appraise items?

Go to the internet and look up 'sports memorabilia authenticators.' Example: Beckett Authentication Service, PSA Authentication, and Grading. Grading is very important, as it will determine what your item is worth.

10 & 11-What are more collectable items today? Is eBay a good source of information?

Yes, eBay can be helpful. Find out what you like and then research, make a trip to the Hall of Fame, and spend your time figuring out what appeals to you.

12-How does a collector preserve items like cards or clothing?

Cards should be placed in plastic folders. Same with programs. Can find them on the internet.

13-How does a collector sell items?

Internet or dealers, again use the internet.

14-Is there a way for collectors to share their interest in sports memorabilia?

Hershey's Mill has a Sports Memorabilia club which meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Sullivan House. Jerry Schneider is our leader; programs vary; all are invited. We have a great time at these meetings -- our Hershey's Mill residents bring a wonderful vibe to these gatherings! We never know what we will be talking about. Come join us.

Carol Ellis

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Photos from Chris Harvey's Sports Memorabilia Collection



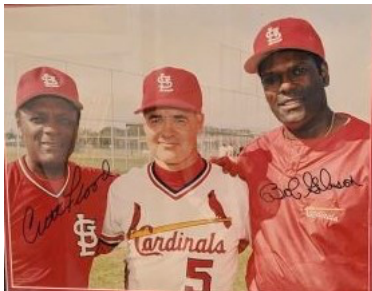
Doc Blanchard & Glen Davis won back-to-back Heisman Trophies



Bookshelf with cards dating back to 1949



Team picture of St. Louis Cardinals' Hall of Famers



Curt Flood, Chris, Bob Gibson at Fantasy Camp. Flood was responsible for free agency



Cabinet with balls and figurines



Bookshelf with various sports books



Secretariat Stan Musial Swinging



Desk and table with variety of sports memorabilia



Autographed hats

September Bocce Social

Our final "Third Wednesday of the Month" Inverness Bocce turned into a delightful social event to close the season. We gathered in the covered area by the pool as the weather on September 18 was drizzly in the morning. We had some delicious breakfast food, interesting conversation, and lots of laughs. A few folks went over to the courts and played bocce later as the sun began to appear. We hope to continue our bocce events next year.



Joanne O'Connor, Bud & Lorna Kauffman



Pat & Jim Aubry, Lorna Kauffman, Maggi Saccomandi



Eileen & Ed Isselmann, Dodie Galbusera, Karla Cook



Sandy Yeager, Ralph Saccomandi, Bruce Cook, Louise DeNight



Mary Lou Perry, Dave DeNight, Bruce Yeager

Mary Lou Perry

Upcoming Inverness Events

Inverness Village Oktoberfest
Tuesday, October 22, 4:00 PM -7:30 PM
HM Community Center (capacity is limited;
advance reservation is required)

Inverness Ladies Luncheon
Saturday, November 9 at Noon
Hershey's Mill Golf Club

Inverness Co-ed Luncheon
Watch your emails for more information

Inverness Holiday Gala
Saturday, December 7, 5 PM - 7:30 PM
HM Community Center

Inverness Village Open Meeting
Wednesday, December 11
HM Community Center

Upcoming Hershey's Mill Events

Hershey's Mill Singers Concert
Saturday, December 7 at 7:00 PM
Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 PM
SS Peter and Paul Church, Boot Road

Sullivan House - Holiday Open House
Sunday, December 8, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Hershey's Mill Holiday Tree Lighting
Sunday, December 8 at 6:30 PM
HM Community Center

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.

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Inverness Directory Updates

If you have any changes to your listing, contact Mary Lou Perry.

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Please welcome our new residents:

Barbara Fox - #710

Gary & Pam Wirstad - #716

Tamara (Tammy) Proud - #763

In Memoriam

Lance Parry (#724)

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Helene Reiley (formerly #744)

August 16, 2024

Bruce Connus (#747)

September 20, 2024

Our sincere condolences to their families.

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