

The Jefferson Journal

A Newsletter for the Residents of Jefferson Village—The Heart of Hershey's Mill



Josephine Iacobacci

Jefferson Village elects JOSIE IACOBACCI, re-elects KIM MORTON & MIKE ALLEN for two-year terms as members of Village HOA Council

Due to the extraordinary circumstances created by the coronavirus pandemic, Village Council found a reasonable solution to its imposed social restrictions by holding its annual election of Council Members by mail. Instead of holding its Open Meeting at the Community Center, Council instead invited all village residents to attend a virtual meeting on May 27 via Zoom on the internet. It is estimated that around 100 residents viewed the meeting.

After the meeting was called to order by President Kim Morton, Managing Agent Steve Erney reported that a sufficient quorum of votes was cast and that the election was uncontested. Kim Morton was re-elected to Council. Mike Allen, who was appointed to take Becky Green's place on Council last fall was also elected for a full 2 year term.

Newly elected to Council is Josephine Iacobacci. Josie brings 30 years of business management and systems technology experience in the insurance industry to our Council. Also winning his first election to Council, Mike Allen is a retired engineer with extensive experience in construction codes and architecture. Mike also has experience in community planning having served for 23 years on the Charlestown Twp. Planning Commission. Kim Morton has begun her second term on Council. A lawyer by profession, Kim has been Council Secretary and the village liaison to the Hershey's Mill Master Association. Council Members Mike Gibson and Steve Friedrich now enter the 2nd year of their 2 year terms on Council.

Village HOA Open Meeting Takes on a New Look, Meeting on Zoom



An example of a Zoom meeting screen on May 27

Forced into an online meeting due to coronavirus restrictions, the Spring Open Meeting of Village Council took place online. Attracting over 70 participating monitors and an estimated 100 residents, the meeting went off virtually without a hitch.

After introductory remarks by officers Kim Morton and Steve Friedrich, an update to Social Committee was given by chairwoman Peggy DelFuoco. Peggy and her committee were lauded for their clever "Hang-in-There" bags that brightened up our village after the first 6 weeks of quarantine. The committee plans to resume social activities as soon as the state relaxes quarantine regulations.

Mike Gibson gave reports on Landscape Committee (see article inside) and Budget & Finance. Mike was most pleased to report that we are well within budget projections. At last report, the re-siding project was within 1% of projections.

Steve Erney reported on the end of the siding project. Steve also reported on findings relevant to HOA vs. residential responsibility in covering cost of certain utility repairs. These clarifications will be published in the next village handbook.

Hal Deal Retires From Village Council

Council bids a sad farewell to Hal Deal, who has served as a Member-at-Large and occasionally as Vice-President of the Council for nearly a decade. Hal has been our "Mr. Fix-It." As 'chairman' of the Maintenance Committee, Hal could often be seen pattering around the village replacing street lamp light bulbs or fixing our trash bin doors.

Council has always relied on Hal's maintenance recommendations. It was Hal's research and guidance that helped lead us through the multi-year re-siding project. It was Hal's oversight that allowed us to be reassured that all work was proceeding according to plan and within budget. It has also been Hal's foresight that has enabled Council to so adequately prepare for the future. Undoubtedly, Hal will be greatly missed by his Council Colleagues, for his expertise, for his sense of humor, and for his passionate love for Jefferson Village.



Hal Deal

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE HARD AT WORK

Open Meeting Report, May 27

by Mike Gibson, interim Landscape Committee Chair

Landscape work in our Village has returned to normal. Some of this year's tree work has already been completed. Mulching of flowerbeds was completed last month. The Village entrance will soon be planted with annuals. And as communicated in March, walk-arounds with Hershey's Mill Landscaping (HML) are still suspended indefinitely. Instead, HML asked us to compile work items for HML to evaluate and quote.

Our Village Landscape Committee, consists of eight residents, grouped into pairs, and assigned to one of four quadrants of village grounds. Each pair walked through their zone and came up with a list of potential items and assigning a priority rating to each. The lists were consolidated and high priority items, to start, were sent to HML for proposal. Upon receipt of the quotes, we will evaluate how much can be accomplished within our budget, and proceed down the priority list as much as our resources allow.

Your neighbors on the Landscape Committee are:

Zone 1 (units 789-829) - Bruce Brown and Carla Carey

Zone 2 (units 830-861) - Sue Kelly and Fanny Warren

Zone 3 (units 862-895) - Mary Brown and John Nagle

Zone 4 (units 908-946) - Judy Dale and Mike Gibson

At-Large: Josie Iacobacci

A few reminders for our residents:

- 1) Many of our erosion and ground cover problems stem from the tree population and tree canopy. Most of our resources are going to this program, spread over multiple years.
- 2) Requests or questions regarding our landscape should be addressed in writing to the Managing Agent and the Landscape Committee.
- 3) Please DO NOT contact HML directly on behalf of the Village. All landscape requests regarding common ground must be done through the Managing Agent and the Landscape Committee.



Spring has turned our village into a virtual Garden of Eden

JEFFERSON RESIDENTS ARE POLL WORKERS

Even in the midst of a pandemic, Jefferson residents manage to stay busy. Those of us who chose to actually vote at the polls on June 2 were greeted by three of our village's finest citizen



volunteers. Long-time residents are used to seeing Fanny Warren working the polls at every election. She has been joined by assistants Renee Moore and Diane Sandvik (seated). They were all easily recognized despite those masks.

Turnout at the polls this year was exceptionally light. That wasn't surprising considering the number of persons who voted by mail-in ballot due to the pandemic. Voting by mail was very easy. Any resident concerned about poll voting in November's general election should certainly consider applying for a vote-by-mail ballot.

IT'S OFFICIAL!

Propane Gas Fireplace Inserts Approved by Council

Jefferson Village Council has approved the installation of vented propane gas fireplace inserts. Vent free/unvented propane gas fireplace inserts are NOT permitted. This action was a result of requests by a number of residents, followed by extensive research by Kim Morton for Council. A complete set of regulations regarding their installation will soon be issued. A few of them are listed here:

- The propane gas fireplace insert is to be installed in an existing fireplace. (Installation in a place other than an existing fireplace will need Council approval).
- No other propane fueled appliances (stoves, hot water heaters, dryers, etc.) are permitted.

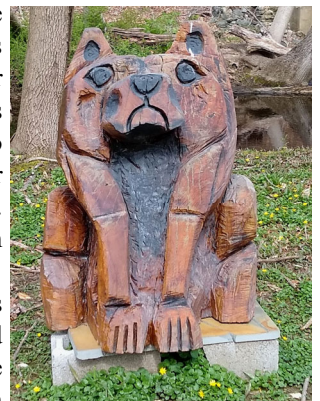


- Installation must be done by a licensed and insured technician according to building codes and industry (NFPA) standards.
- All installations must be preapproved by Village Council following submission of appropriate forms.

IT'S A BEAR!

There's a new addition to the Hershey's Mill Nature Trail. This beautifully carved and painted bear totem appeared there a few weeks ago. Evidently it was created to replace the previous wooden bear that had been destroyed by termites. Hopefully this one will last much longer.

The Nature Trail entrance is opposite the Garden Drive and adjacent to the Tennis Courts. The trail is a pleasant path on wooden



chips that runs alongside a portion of Ridley Creek. It wends its way around the sports area and ends behind the swimming pool. It's an easy walk, and along the way are conveniently located benches where visitors can sit and relax in the shade while listening to the soothing sounds of a babbling brook. It's one of the truly great treasures of Hershey's Mill.

How Our Lives Changed in 2020!

HAS SOCIAL DISTANCING RENEWED OUR CREATIVITY?

How have Jeffersonians handled this new way of life created by the coronavirus pandemic? Here are just a few ways our residents have found to stay busy or to stay in touch during these most unusual times for our community.

Josie Iacobacci Ran (and was elected) to Council.

The pandemic has encouraged many of us to find new outlets for our desire to just get out and do something. Josie wasn't content to sit still at home. So she decided to use her free time by taking a role in Jefferson Village leadership.

"Hershey's Mill offers the very best in senior living. Our Jefferson Village proves that, with all of the beautiful homes and being a caring and friendly community. To be part of the village council along with the current board that is already extremely proactive and well run, I hope that my contributions continue to help being responsive to our residents' needs."

Josie Iacobacci (804)



Suzanne Seeley (862) Decorates Trash Bins

Recognizing the importance of our essential workers, Suzanne Seeley has taken to decorating her trash bins with candy-filled balls that she left as treats for our wonderful trash and recycling collectors. What a sweet way to say "thanks" to those people who help keep our village looking so beautiful.



SOME OF US JUST NEEDED TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE!

Social distancing didn't keep Jeffersonians cooped up at home. Many of our residents have been seen getting out and about around our village and around the Mill. Janet (Jado) Foot (912) and Linda Kane (915) are walking/birding every day. Linda is Jado's student. Jado loaned Linda her binoculars and a bird book and gives her homework assignments. They've visited many of the wooded areas around HM walking 6 feet apart and wearing masks. They're also having a great time getting acquainted while identifying up to 20 different species of birds daily.

Those of us who walk around the Lagoon have noticed the huge "SMILE" sign (left) that Mike Allen (890) has placed in his windows to cheer us up as we get our daily exercise. Joya Angelo (856) likes to cheer up her friends and family with gifts of books, magazines, and copies of the Jefferson Journal.



Joya Angelo out for fresh air.

Way back on April 29, 1950, Gladys Michener from Newtown Square married Don Fell from West Chester.

Residents of Jefferson Village since 1991, they would normally celebrate their wedding anniversary with their extended family in Cape May. But this year they spent a quiet 70th anniversary at home.



They had takeout dinner from Fiorello's, a glass of wine, and reminisced over pictures from their wedding album.

The Fells have raised quite a family during those 70 years, starting with 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and, at last count, 6 adorable great grandkids who they are proud to show off here to their Jefferson Village neighbors.

PEGGY'S POTATO PEEL PIE

Peggy Allen (790) didn't allow the quarantine to slow her down. "During the lock-down I have started to learn a new Rachmaninoff Prelude (on the piano), begun a new counted cross-stitch project, cleaned out my storage shed and back porch and begun weeding my garden plot.

And, as is the case with so many other 'confin-ees,' I have done a little more baking than usual. I found a new recipe for scones. Delicious. I Tried a peanut butter bread recipe that I saw on the news. It was good but not worth writing to my kids about. Last, but not least, I experimented with potato peel pie, due to a favorite movie about Guernsey during WWII. It was forgettable, to say the least. The pie, not the movie.

Finally, I gained nine pounds and had to cancel my trip to Alaska to visit family."



Peggy Allen (790)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE TO THE RESCUE

Peggy DelFuoco and her Social Committee didn't let the current state of affairs slow them down. With all their planned parties and get-togethers postponed, Peggy and a number of helpers decorated and assembled 146 'Goody Bags' filled with a Tastykake treat, then proceeded to distribute them to every home in our village. This creative project brought smiles to everyone in our village when it was most desperately needed. Many have said this little gift was the highlight of the season..



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to see and try out.



Welcome to



The Journal wishes to welcome the newest residents of Jefferson Village who have joined our community this spring:

Linda Mozzone—823

Helene & Richard Schectman—871

Linda & Phillip Makara—913

Cecelia Reihl & Jack Myers—939

SOCIAL COMMITTEE—PEGGY DELFUOCO



Unfortunately, due to the current extraordinary circumstances, it is necessary to cancel the June 12th JV Theme Dinner. However, we are still planning on the September JV Block Party and may be able to have this event earlier as soon as it is safe to do so. We will keep everyone informed. Thank you for your patience.

Since folks are spending a lot more time at home recently and cooking more, they may have dusted off some tried and true favorite recipes. As a result, Social Committee believes it would be fun for folks to share a favorite recipe with neighbors. We will pull the recipes together into a JV Favorite Recipes book, which will be periodically updated. Feel free to submit more than one recipe. Be sure to include your name and house number with your recipe. For now, the recipe book will be virtual, and at some point, perhaps we can make paper copies to distribute. Recipes can be submitted to Peggy at pdelfuoco@yahoo.com, or hardcopies can be dropped off at 819 and placed between my doors.

So, even though we must maintain social distancing for now, it is our hope to reschedule events as gatherings become permissible. Our committee is also planning a future food drive to help families severely affected by the pandemic.

NECROLOGY

The Journal sadly reports the passing of our resident neighbors:

Jack Jaenisch—March 16

Tom Bellwoar—April 17

May their memories be for blessings as we wish comfort to their families and friends.

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CAN WE UNINSTALL
2020 & INSTALL
IT AGAIN?
THIS VERSION
HAS A VIRUS.

My life is so out of balance. I'm stuck at home watching my waistline expand while my hairline recedes—Everyman

DON'T FORGET—HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FEES ARE DUE JULY 1, 2020

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