

The Jefferson Journal

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

THE STORMY SUMMER OF 2020



Above: Jefferson Pond overflows first time in village memory. Right: Tropical Storm raises Ridley Creek, flooding swale next to the Lagoon.



Above: Tropical Storm Isaiahs overwhelms village gutter and drainage systems.

Summer Weather Challenges Village

This year has been anything but normal. Even while adjusting to the new norms created by Covid-19, village residents, along with the rest of Hershey's Mill, have been torched with continuous heat waves and drenched by increasingly violent storms. The infrastructure that had remained adequate for over 3 decades broke under the stress of these extreme weather conditions.

Local rainfall amounts have neared or reached 70" annually these past 2 years. Normal rainfall for our area is about 49" per year, and 2020 is already near that total at mid-August. Isaiahs and its subsequent storms created havoc in our community, overflowing ponds and creeks, and flooding every entrance to HM. Basements were flooded as gutters and downspouts were inundated with much debris and torrents of water.

Power was also lost to the eastern half of Hershey's Mill for well over 2 days. The outage ruined food in freezers and refrigerators and locked many people out of their garages. When power was restored, the initial surge damaged sensitive electrical equipment. Long time residents claim this was the worst power outage in village history.

The Jefferson Way by Kim Morton-826

Those 60 hours of no electricity took it out on all of us, in different ways. It was steamy hot with no options for relief. (Our poor Newfie may never recover—only kidding.). It was also stressful as several homes (ours included) that have never had water issues had to address water problems. While patience and energy may have run thin, the truly bright spot in the storm...neighbor helping neighbor.

I witnessed neighbors helping to release trapped cars from garages. When garage doors could not be opened, the offers of, "I can give you a ride to work tomorrow" were heard. I was asked, "I am going for a cup of coffee, what do you take in yours?" Others with generators were offering, "I have a generator, what can I charge for you?"

It was also great to see Hershey's Mill Golf Course throw open their doors to all, member or not, setting up charging stations and air conditioned rooms to just sit and get out of the heat for awhile.

It was not perfect, but we all did our part. It was comforting to see the best in people. It makes me proud to live here. Thank you, my friends.

A rainbow graces the morning sky of Jefferson Village following an early August storms.

photo by Robert Upton-932



Preparing for Storms of the Future

Through the efforts of Jefferson Village Council, the HM Master Association has begun work that will help alleviate a number of the water intrusion issues created by local landscape and climate changes that have taken place since the village was planned in the 1980s. Creation of new drains helped control some of the flooding created by the nearly 6" of rain dropped by tropical storm Isaiahs in just a few hours.





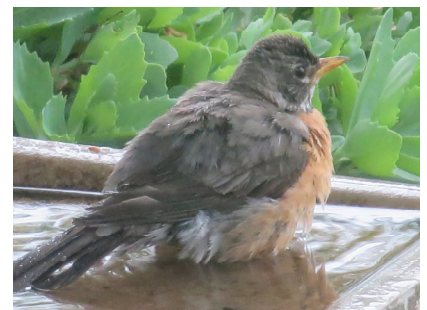
Jan Foot (left) and Linda Kane celebrate Linda's 'graduation' from Jan's Hershey's Mill Basic Birding' course.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Linda Kane and Jan Foot have found an excellent way to get out and about even during quarantine restrictions. They have been taking regular walks, with binoculars in hand, throughout Hershey's Mill, discovering the wide variety of wildlife in our midst. Linda describes the experience in her own words:

"Did you know that we have all sorts of wildlife right outside our door. I have seen deer, squirrels, rabbits, geese, snakes and more. Here are a few pictures of our neighboring wildlife. A robin taking a bath, a Great Blue Heron, and a fox carrying a snake he just commandeered. We were extremely lucky to be able to investigate areas on or near the golf course prior to it reopening and much wildlife was present. The fox was along the side of the golf course. However some of the bird pictures were taken right outside the house at the bird feeder or bird bath. Earlier in the year the birds are easier to see in the trees but now the foliage is good camouflage. Jado's (Jan Foot) musical abilities are most obvious when birding as she is able to identify the birds merely by their song. Her knowledge about their behavior and habitat helps locate a bird even through lush foliage. The nature trails, lagoons and ponds are some of the best locations for the birds.

Linda Kane—915



All Residents, Please Note

Council wishes to remind all Jefferson residents that village regulations prohibit the placing or removing any items on common ground. Any resident wishing to do any work or to have any work done on village lawns, streets or walkways, must submit proper requests to Village Council and must get written authorization from the Property Manager (Steve Erney). Council has the right to remove any object placed without authorization at the resident's expense. Please ask for permission, not forgiveness.



COME AND SIT A SPELL

You may have noticed the picnic table under the tree grove off the 12th fairway. Jefferson Village Council is experimenting with the idea of having some picnic tables and/or benches throughout the Village. This would be similar to the benches around Chandler Drive and the lagoon area, but within our Village. We are currently looking at wood and composite options. We are also considering possible locations within common areas for the benefit of all Jefferson Village residents, regardless of location. Council would like to hear your thoughts or ideas about this potential amenity for the benefit of our residents. Please send your ideas to Kim Morton at kdm@mkfamilylawyers.com.

He's seen quite a lot happen since the day he was born, March 14, 1920. Yet Stanley Mandler claims he never saw anything like the events of this year.

Born in the Bronx, Stanley grew up in the Roaring 20s, and later as a teenager during the Depression. As a machinist in the Department of Defense, Stanley could have stayed out of WWII. Instead he volunteered for service and joined the US Navy Construction Battalion in 1943, eventually serving with the US fleet in the Pacific as a machinist at New Caledonia. After the war Stanley began a very long career as a machinist for General Motors.

Stanley was introduced to the woman who would become his wife by his cousin. He soon married Helene Francis in 1953 and they established their home together in Teaneck, NJ. Together they would create a family of 3 children, and 5 grandchildren.

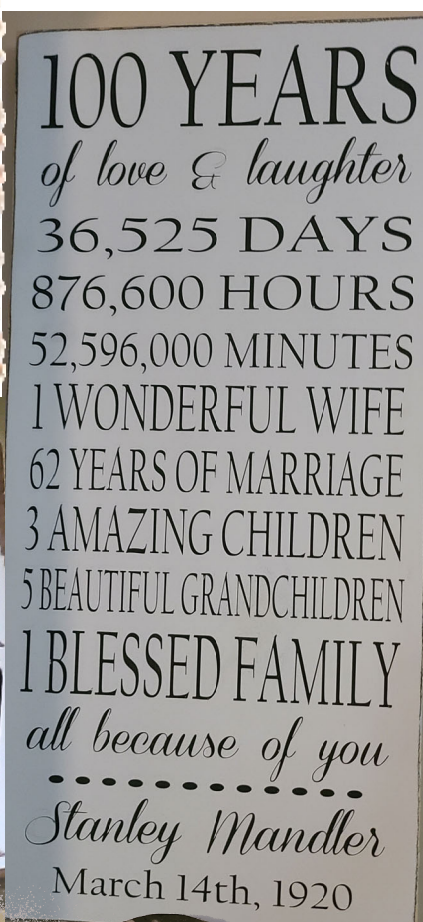
Following his retirement, Stanley and his wife came to Jefferson Village in 1999. They would be together for 62 wonderful years, until her passing in 2015. Stanley claims his family is his proudest achievement in life.

Stanley's children had planned a big birthday bash for

him to celebrate his 100th revolution around the sun with his entire family. Sadly, as the pandemic crisis was just beginning to spread throughout the country, the party had to be cancelled. Stanley and his children celebrated at home, masked, with many of his

closest relatives and friends attending virtually. But Stanley seemed thrilled at the care and attention showered on him by his family that day. He proudly shows off the gifts he received, including a collage of family photos that spell out '100.'

His home today is covered in memorabilia of his family and his career. He has been blessed with good health and a loving, caring family. He claims reaching 100 years doesn't bother him at all. His advice to his Jefferson neighbors: "Stay home and take really good care of yourself. And remember to live each day as if it's your last."





Social Committee—Peggy DeFuoco

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the Social Committee will not be hosting a block party this year. While our usual activities must be postponed, the committee continues to plan ways to keep our residents socially active during these difficult days in quarantine. There is still much we can do for our neighbors in distress, such as the very successful food drive collection in August to help restock the local Food Pantry.

In October, the Social Committee has a little Halloween surprise planned for our Jefferson Village residents. And, in November, residents will again be invited to participate in a contactless “cookie exchange.” For December, our committee has decided to donate sandwich trays to the local police and to Hershey’s Mill Security. JV residents will be asked to make contributions towards this effort.

Normally we would close out our social calendar with the annual JV Holiday Party. While we would hope this might still happen, we’re still not sure that current limitations on indoor gatherings will be suspended in time. I will be sure to keep everyone posted regarding future status of this event.

In the meantime, stay in touch with your neighbors. Wearing a mask doesn’t mean having to stay totally isolated. Let your neighbors know that you are there and that you care.

NECROLOGY

Herb Spott—July 28, 2020

Ann Marshall—August 24, 2020

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET...

...and with great sadness that we report on the passing of long-time Jefferson Village resident, Herb Spott. Herb was also a member of Council for many years. As a Member-at-Large, Herb also took on the role of Maintenance Liaison for Council, maintaining oversight on needed village repairs. Newer Jefferson Village residents knew Herb from his regular walks around our village with his favorite ‘baby,’ Miss Norma Jean.

Herb suffered a health issue a year or so back and spent the remainder of his days in a nursing home. His good friends Dorie and Bernie Greenberg adopted Miss Norma Jean, to keep her part of the only community she has ever known. Her presence in our neighborhood is a reminder of Herb and all the good work he did on behalf of the village. His contributions to the village were invaluable and he will be missed.

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

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Welcome to **JEFFERSON WAY**

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

Mary Lou & Tom Brophy—871

DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP

Jeffersonians Helping Jeffersonians is a group of village volunteers who help village residents who are in temporary need of assistance. All too often some of our neighbors, especially those who live alone, are in need of a helping hand for any one of a number of reasons.

Those who are recovering from a medical procedure, or who may have an infirmity, may need help bringing in groceries, getting mail, or just having someone to check in to make sure everything is all right. When away from home, a neighbor might need help with care of a pet. Some of our neighbors just might need the reassurance of knowing that there is someone nearby who will call just to chat or to offer assistance when needed.

We already have a few volunteers, but ideally it would be wonderful to have a volunteer from each cul-de-sac or every block of Jefferson Way participating in this venture. Whether you wish to help or are in need of help, please contact Ann Friedrich (484-431-6827) to let her know your wishes or needs. Together we will all make Jefferson Village the best neighborhood in Hershey’s Mill.

Correction

The special insert on Mental Health Wellness Tips for Quarantine in the Summer issue of the Jefferson Journal was incorrectly attributed to Sue Kelly. While Sue did contribute the article, she did not compose it. It was taken from Facebook as advice from an unknown psychologist. The Journal apologizes for this error, and thanks Sue for her contributions to our newsletter.

Members of Jefferson Village HOA Council

Jefferson Village is the largest community within Hershey’s Mill. In order to assist residents more readily, each Council Member has specific units of coverage. If you need to contact a council member, please contact the leader of your area:

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