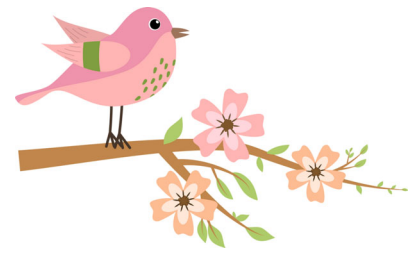




ASHTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

WHERE HERSHEY'S MILL BEGAN...



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Winter is finally over! The birds are becoming more active and entertaining. We are well into our Spring readiness for our gardens and anticipating all the beauty and glory of Spring here in Hershey's Mill. So, it's time to prepare for cleaning up our outdoor areas of clutter and unused items that may have become an eyesore, detracting from our lovely Village. We're asking everyone to take a critical look at your space and try to see it through the eyes of your neighbors (yes! this means you!) and clear out and clean up. Let's all work together on this to keep our Village looking nice and keep our property values up!

A warm welcome to our new neighbors:


- #72 - Stacy Truman
- #95 - Stacy Tribendis



*Did you know?
Ashton Village is 50 years old this year!*

Attention Ashtonians - if you have not already signed up, please join a committee! We welcome your input and ideas:

- Architectural/Maintenance/Engineering
- Ashton Woods Project
- Decorating
- Landscape
- Newsletter
- Social & Welcome



WEATHER OR NOT

By Connie Grazel

I've decided to change the spelling of "weather" and let me tell you why. Those experts to whom our attention we tether too often on accuracy go awry. They cover all bases when weather reporting with weather models from here and from there. So I've changed the spelling to capture their sorting whether or not it seems fair. As in "the forecast for tomorrow is such that we don't know whether it will rain or will snow. In addition, at this point we don't know much as in whether or where it will go." So whichever weather channel you watch is surely for you to decide. But if you're tired of watching the forecast they botch, be clever and just look outside!



ASHTON UPDATES

- **Spring Cleanup** is almost finished. DiStefano Landscaping and Council have completed the annual Spring walk-through and have identified some issues that require attention in stages. Stay tuned for updates.
- **Trash Reminders:**
 - **Bulk trash** pick up is the first Tuesday of each month - limit one item per household/month.
 - Laura, the driver for Blosenski, requested that homeowners place all trash, including recyclables, inside the trash cabinets, not outside. Trash placed outside the cabinets will not be picked up unless the cabinets are completely full inside. She mentioned that Ashton is the only village not filling the cabinets correctly. Let's try harder to keep our trash areas clear. Thanks, everyone!
- **Dryer Vent** cleaning project was a great success! Thank you to Steve Erney for organizing this and getting such a great discount for our Village. Please contact Steve if you were not able to have this mandatory project completed at your home.
- **Lights out?** Please report any lights out or repair issues to Steve Erney at serney@pencomanagement.com.
- **Mailbox Improvement/Replacement Project** - many of our mailboxes are in need of improvements, including new numbers. You will soon see Curt Varello and a few committee volunteers out and about working on this project.



Calling for Quad Captains!
Would one person from each Quad be willing to act as "captain" to monitor cleaning and ramp salt?



Ladies Lunch!

All Ashton ladies welcome!

The lunches will be on the last Friday of every month. This event is being organized by Beth O'Connell and will be announced each month.

Beth's email is: momoc01@comcast.net

Next lunch: April 26

The March Ladies Lunch was the third so far and was a smashing success! A gathering of 19 of our lovely Ashton ladies was enjoyed by all at Duffers on Rt. 352 in Westtown. The food was delicious, the camaraderie was even better. What a wonderful way to make friends, meet neighbors, and have a great time. A big shout out to Beth O'Connell for initiating and organizing this fun event. All Ashton ladies are welcome and invited, so please contact Beth to get on the email list. We hope to see you at the next one. Perhaps the Ashton gents would like to organize something for the guys?

COMMUNITY NEWS

As promised, we will be holding our second quarterly Open Meeting in early May. This is a forum for information on what your Council is working on and an opportunity to talk, exchange concerns, observations, and ideas. Encourage your neighbors to submit questions if they cannot attend. We will do our best to answer all questions at the meeting. Please come out and join us, get to know your Council and your neighbors.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Ashton Village HOA
Open Meeting For All Homeowners
May 13 at 6:00pm

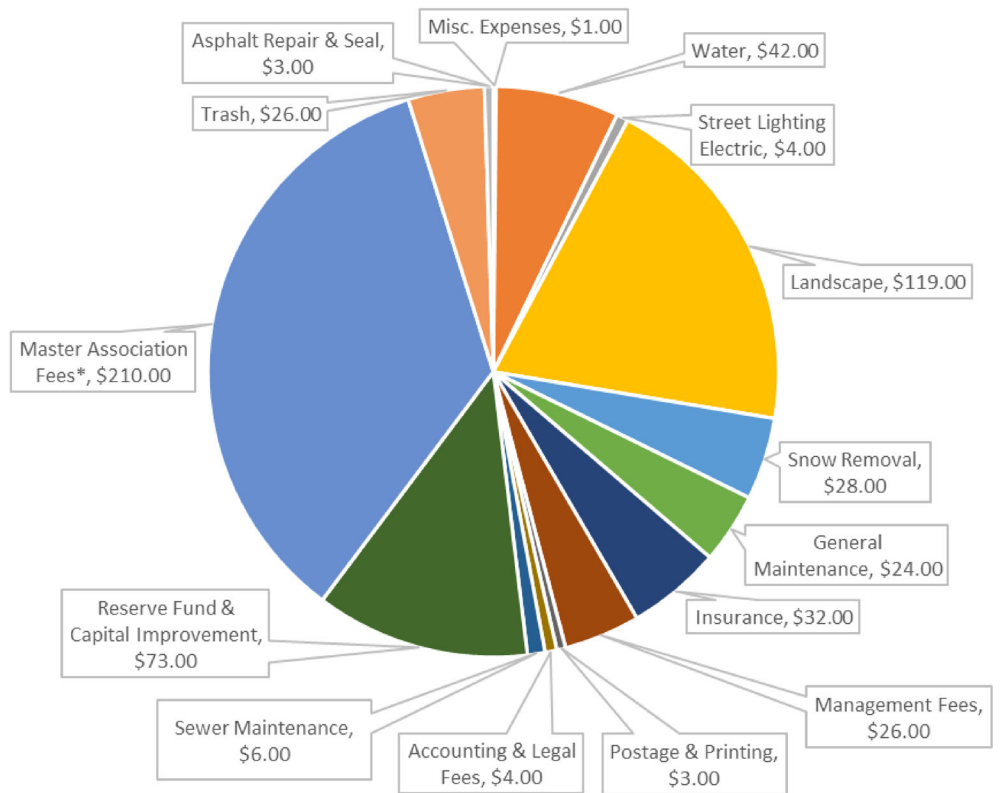
The Cove

We look forward to seeing you all there!

We have had many questions about the breakdown of what our HOA fees pay for here in Ashton. We have the third lowest HOA fees in Hershey's Mill. Please see the chart below.

Accounting & Legal Fees	\$4.00
Asphalt Repair & Seal	\$3.00
General Maintenance	\$24.00
Insurance	\$32.00
Landscape	\$119.00
Management Fees	\$26.00
Master Association Fees*	\$210.00
Misc. Expenses	\$1.00
Postage & Printing	\$3.00
Reserve Fund & Capital Improvement	\$73.00
Sewer Maintenance	\$6.00
Snow Removal	\$28.00
Street Lighting Electric	\$4.00
Trash	\$26.00
Water	\$42.00

Ashton 2024 HOA Fees per Month



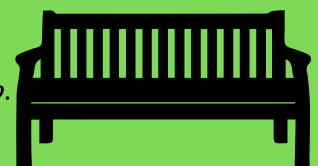
**Master Association fees include: Security, Pool, Sports Area, Wood Shop, Community Center, Sullivan House, Landscape, Snow Removal, Community Maintenance, Cable and Internet.*



Ashton Woods Project

A meeting of the Ashton Woods Project Committee was held at the Sullivan House on 3/26/24. The project is well underway and we need your help! Come out and join the effort to beautify Ashton Woods. We need:

- *Cash donations.*
- *Gardeners to plant, clear, garden, and water.*
- *Plants, bushes, trees, and bulbs.*



We're making progress and the planning stage can move into reality with your help.

Please contact Christine McCormick at christinemccormick061@outlook.com.



If you have a favorite recipe to share, please submit it!



HOUSEHOLD TIPS

Disposable Wipes:

Many brands of disposable wipes claim they are flushable and safe for sewers and septic tanks, but guess what? They are NOT!! Especially for our old pipes and sewer lines. They are bulky and leave a thick gunky residue that gums up the system and causes costly and extensive (unnecessary) clean up. So please, we urge everyone to dispose of baby wipes and adult wipes in the trash and not the toilet. It just may help our aging pipes last longer!

Septa is Free for Seniors:

Did you know seniors can ride Septa free of charge? You must have a "Senior Septa ID Card" which you can get by contacting a State Representative:

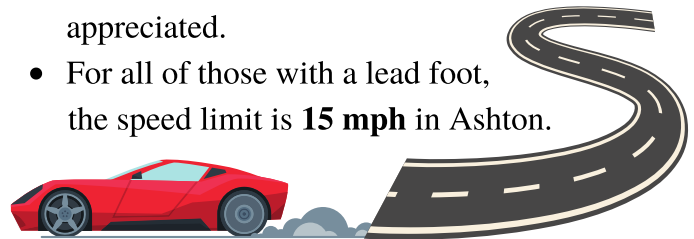
Kristine Howard (State Rep)
Greentree Office Plaza, 400 Lloyd Ave, Suite 309
Malvern, PA 19355
610-251-1070

Carolyn Comitta
21 W. Washington Street, Suite A
West Chester, PA 19380
610-692-2112

PARKING

We urge homeowners to please use their carports/garages. If you have two cars, one should be in your carport and the other in a designated parking area. If you need accommodation for physical disability or mobility issues, we understand.

- Please be mindful of how you park so the maximum amount of spaces can be utilized as a courtesy to your neighbors.
- Please avoid parking in the street (Ashton Way) to support the safety of everyone in case an **ambulance** or **fire truck** needs to access a certain address. We all know how tight our street and parking is, so everyone's cooperation is necessary and appreciated.
- For all of those with a lead foot, the speed limit is **15 mph** in Ashton.



New Ashton parking regulations coming soon.

Ashton's 2024 Council Members:

President - Kathi Sullivan
Vice President - Michael O'Connell
Secretary - Tarrissa Hockenberry
Treasurer - Linda Force
Member at Large - Linda Green

Penco Manager - Steve Erney
Serney@pencomanagement.com
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*Correction from January Newsletter:
Our apologies - we misspelled the name of our new landscaping providers! Correct spelling: **DiStefano Landscaping***