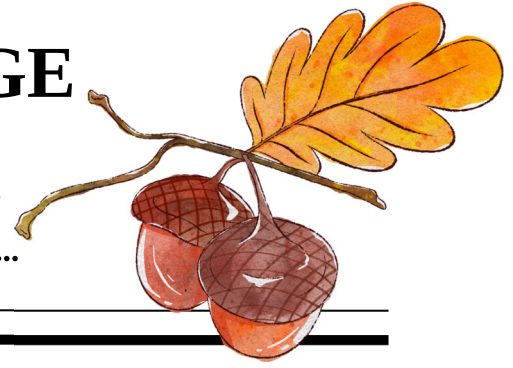


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ASHTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

WHERE HERSHEY'S MILL BEGAN...

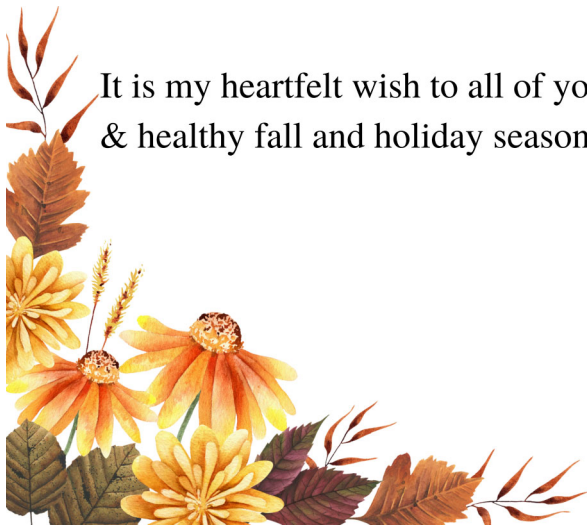


MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

After a long, hot summer, fall has finally arrived! Now that we look forward to the beautiful, colorful changes fall brings, it is a perfect time to get started with “Operation Beautify Ashton Village”! By now everyone has received the letter outlining the first phase of this initiative which is tackling a focused cleanup of our outdoor areas and garages. With all of us working together to get this done, we are enhancing our own property values by improving the appearance of the Village overall. Living in an HOA requires the cooperation of all of us to keep our property values up. This is one of the reasons we all moved here and what attracted us to Hershey’s Mill in the first place!

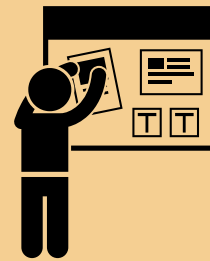
Later this fall, we will be doing a comprehensive inspection of the Village so we can move forward to Phase 2 in the spring.

It is my heartfelt wish to all of you for a happy & healthy fall and holiday season in 2024.



Need help with projects?

Please check the Hershey’s Mill bulletin board outside the Library at the Community Center - bottom floor. There are many resources listed for helpers of all kinds. Maybe you’ll find helpers for cleaning up your patios and garages!



COMMUNITY NEWS

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Ashton Village HOA
Open Meeting For All
Homeowners

2025 Budget & Election of new
council members:

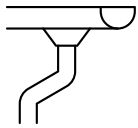
Monday, November 11th at 6pm

The Cove

We look forward to seeing you
all there!

ASHTON VILLAGE PROJECT UPDATES

- **Fall pruning** - DiStefano Landscaping will do a heavy fall pruning within the next few weeks.
- **Trash Reminders:**
 - To prevent rodents, ALL trash must be bagged.
 - Please inform your contractors and visitors of this policy.
- **2025 Budget** - coming soon.
- **Storm water pipe inspection** - completed in September.
- **Asphalt walkway project was just completed.** See details below.
- **Roofs and gutters were cleaned.** Going forward, it will be the responsibility of those with gutters to have them cleaned. Options for cleaning will be offered.
- **Council elections** will take place in November.
- New **15 MPH** speed limit signs were added along Ashton - please observe the speed limit.



Gutters: Many homeowners have gutters and many do not. In prior years, the HOA has been paying for gutter cleaning when only some benefit, but all are bearing the cost. As of this fall, in the interest of fairness, the cost of the gutter cleaning will fall on each home that has gutters. The roofs will still be blown off after all the leaves are down. We will pass along further details in the coming weeks.



Garage Doors: For those who have garage doors, this is a reminder that all costs associated with having the door (including condition, repair, replacement, and maintenance) are the responsibility of the homeowner, not the HOA. Please refer to your responsibility chart for clarification.



HOUSEHOLD TIPS AND TRICKS!

Dirty awnings, patio furniture, siding?

Try “**Wet & Forget**” - one of several products for cleaning outdoor areas of dirt and mold. No scrubbing or power washing needed.

Just follow the instructions and hook the bottle to your hose. You can purchase at Home Depot, Lowes, or Amazon. www.wetandforget.com



Asphalt Walkways Project

The revitalization of our asphalt walkways has just been completed. This is one of the Reserve Study items planned for the improvement and safety, as well as appearance of our Village.

A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to Don Martin for all of his time, expertise, and management of this very involved project.

He has an in-depth knowledge of the infrastructure of Ashton and has been instrumental in the repair, replacement, and maintenance of our storm water system over the years. He has kindly devoted his time and energy with the help of Bob Skoog, to make this project happen. We can't thank them enough!

Many of you have asked about the roads and parking areas. That asphalt project will be done at a later date due to budgetary limitations.



Ladies Lunches are back!

We had delicious Italian food at the September 27th lunch at Pomodoro's in Downingtown. It was so popular, we are returning there on October 25th!

Please contact Beth O'Connell if you would like to be added to the list: momoc01@comcast.net.

Common Senses

by Connie Grazel



WRITTEN WHILE TAKING A WALK ON A COUNTRY ROAD

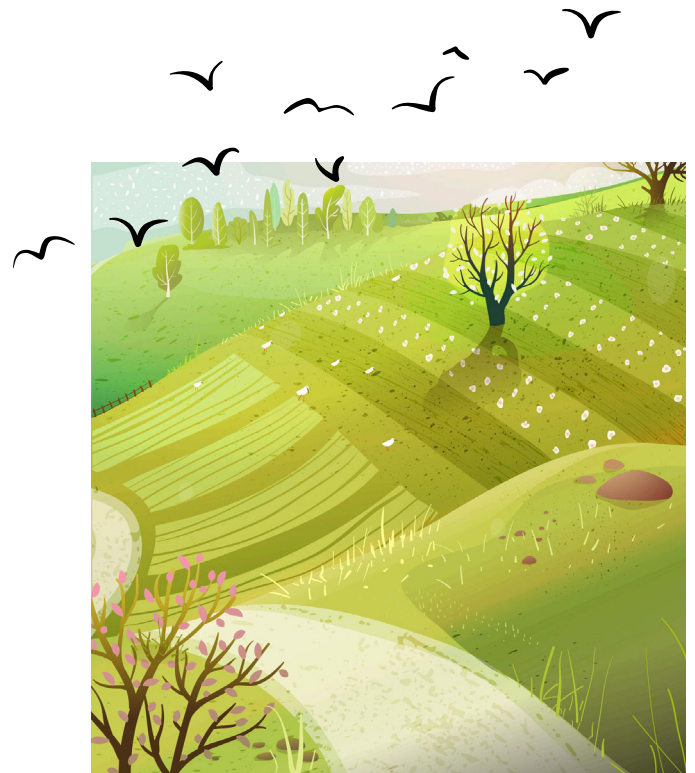
*As the dew on the morning grass is weeping
And the folks in the village are quietly sleeping
Through the quaint country lanes I silently walk
My eyes drawn to the sky at the cry of a hawk.
I hear the soft sounds of the sweet singing birds.
I'm surrounded by beauty too lovely for words.
Just through the trees lies a babbling brook.
I pause for a moment and enjoy a brief look.
A soft gentle breeze blows a kiss to my face
As the new morning sun slowly rises in place.
The fragrance of juniper drifts slowly my way
And its pungent aroma invites me to stay.
I then begin thinking as my journey commences
That I need to thank God for the gift of my senses.
For each one is a blessing from heaven above
To enjoy at each moment as proof of God's love.*

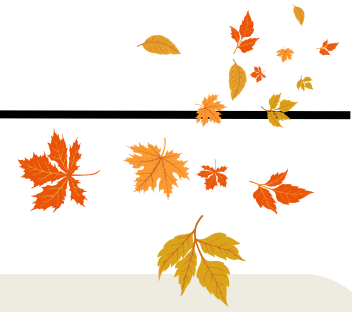


Ashton Woods Project

Thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work: Christine McCormick, Sam Blank, Don Martin, and Jill Adams!

New flowers arrived in early September and were planted in newly prepared beds - the last phase for 2024.






Friday

NEW ASHTON EVENT:

FREE FRIDAY
October 18th
 (Rain date October 25th)

Here's how it works... if you have some "treasures" or good "junk" that you don't need or want anymore, put it outside your garage by 10:00 AM on Friday, October 18th.

*Between **10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**, all Ashtonians are welcome to walk around from garage to garage and take whatever tickles your fancy.*

Everything is free!

After 2:00 PM, toss all your unclaimed goodies in your car and drop off at your donation location of choice.



COMMON AREAS IN ASHTON

- *Please remember that the property around our homes is owned by the HOA, the Masters Association, and/or the Golf Club. We are not to decorate common areas. Everything must be kept off these areas.*
- *Common areas also includes your siding. Nothing is to be mounted on any siding without pre-approval from Council. Damage to siding will be billed back to the homeowner.*
- *If there is something you want to add or remove, ALL CHANGES MUST BE APPROVED BEFORE ANY CHANGES ARE MADE, not after the fact. Please don't waste your time and money making a change unless the correct forms have been approved by Council.*

Architectural and Landscape Change Request forms are available on HM website under "Ashton" or by contacting PENCO.



Ashton's 2024 Council Members:

- President - Kathi Sullivan
- Vice President - Michael O'Connell
- Secretary - Tarrissa Hockenberry
- Treasurer - Linda Force
- Member at Large - Linda Green
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- PENCO Manager - Steve Erney
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Do you have a Ring doorbell or outdoor cameras? For the privacy of your neighbors, please make sure they are only monitoring your property and only your property.