



ASHTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

WHERE HERSHEY'S MILL BEGAN...



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to everyone! With the start of the New Year and throughout 2025 we will be focusing on cleaning up, cleaning out and bringing the village up to the standard we would all like to see. Operation Beautify Ashton Village is underway!

All of these measures take time and the commitment of each and every one of us to achieve this goal. As homeowners, we are required to maintain each of our own properties, keep them in good repair and acceptable condition. Improving the village as a whole positively impacts our property values.

We have much to do so it will be done in phases. The garage clean up is phase one. You have all received a letter outlining expectations and what homeowners need to do. If we missed anyone, please contact us.

Thanks to everyone for your cooperation. My sincerest wishes for a happy and healthy 2025.



Welcome

A warm welcome to our new neighbors:

#13 - EK and Sung Park

#35 - JoAnne Lichman and Robert Komarnicki

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**Ashton Village HOA
Open Meetings For All
Homeowners:**

March 13

June 3

September 4

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: The Cove

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Holiday Luncheon

Our annual Ashton holiday luncheon was held at the HMGC on December 20th.

We always look forward to this event, organized by our Social Committee.

Special thanks to Ferdie Lamb who goes the extra mile to organize this wonderful event.



We are all keenly aware that parking is very tight in our lovely village. As a reminder:

- Please be considerate.
- Each home has a garage - please use it.
- 2nd vehicle should be in an outside parking spot.
- 3rd vehicle must be in one of the larger parking areas or in the spots along Chandler.

There are some homeowners who do not use their garages for whatever reason, thus taking up valuable parking spots for others. If you do not use your garage or cannot angle your car in, please contact council for some alternative ideas.

Salt has been placed at each Quad ramp for use by residents in these units.

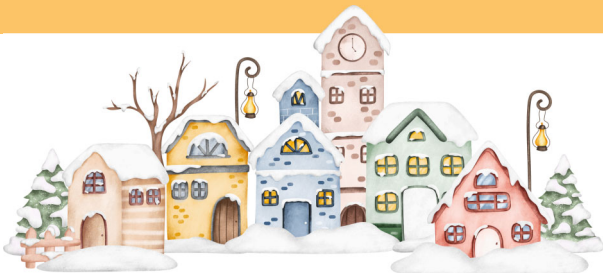
Salt buckets are also at each garage section for use as needed. Please use extreme caution if walking during the winter weather.

If you have a garage door, please leave your salt buckets outside for everyone to use. DiStefano will refill them as needed.



Trash Cabinets

The HOA is not responsible for supplying trash cans or recycling bins. This is the responsibility of each section that uses the cabinets. If your cabinets are disorganized or need supplies, please get together with your neighbors in your section to split the costs of new cans.



Did you get your chimney cleaned and inspected?

PENCO Management requires proof in the form of a copy of a receipt or other documentation from the vendor that this was completed. For the 30 of you who have not yet had this done, please do so **as soon as possible**, for your safety and that of your neighbors. If you don't use your fireplace, PENCO still needs to know. Please contact PENCO for the form you need to fill out and return. This is **mandatory** in Ashton.



Rodents in Trash Cabinets

Throughout the Village, our trash cabinets are a target for rodents if the trash and garbage are not disposed of properly. This is exactly what attracted them to several cabinets in the Village. Yes, folks, we had an infestation which is currently being monitored by an exterminator. This is not acceptable and is a health hazard.

Some garages have excessive junk piles and debris offering rodents a comfortable habitat to thrive and raise a family. The fast food drive-through trash cabinets are a convenient food source. This is one of the reasons we need garages cleaned up and organized. This is also why we have a ban on birdfeeders. If rodents can't find food, they won't stick around.

Reminders:

- **All trash must be bagged and placed inside the trash cans.**
- **All boxes must be broken down and placed in the recycling area in your trash cabinets.**
- **Do not place trash or boxes outside the trash cabinets. (The exception is the monthly bulk pickup of one large item per household.)**
- **Please use the bulk pick up option rather than leaving items in the garages.**

BRRRRRRRRRR!

by Connie Grazel

*Thanksgiving had passed with its warm cozy feeling
The thoughts of you, Old Man Winter, were far from
appealing.*

*But you entered un-noticed at that time of the year
When we were busy with Christmas drawing ever so near.*

*We were barely aware you were even around
As you moved slowly among us with scarcely a sound.
Then as we bid welcome to a hope-filled New Year,
We sensed ever more clearly that your presence was near.*

*You became more emboldened when the long nights were still
And you slowly engulfed us with your piercing grey chill.
Then the long month of January came to its end
While we prayed the first signs of spring were just 'round the
bend.*

*But you loudly pronounced as we tried to stay warm
Your refusal to leave with your signature storm.
Your art work is lovely, I have to admit
With much time to ponder while snowbound I sit.*

*The ice-laden branches they glisten and gleam
With a brief welcome visit from a golden sun beam.
The silence you bring with the new fallen snow
Is truly a gift we should all come to know.*

*Now just when I think you're becoming my friend,
The time draws near for your visit to end.
Good-bye Old Man Winter. I wish you good cheer
And I sure hope to see you the same time next year!*



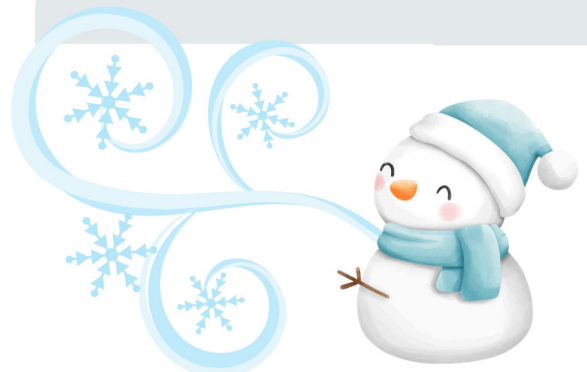
Ladies Lunch!

Our November luncheon was held at the Desmond Hotel. It was well attended at the beautiful venue, with great food and company, as well as a 20% discount!

Our January Ladies Lunch will be January 31st at Anthony's in Malvern at 11:30 am. RSVPs are required. Please RSVP to Beth O'Connell if you would like to join the Ashton ladies.


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

*Did you know?
We have a metal recycler in West Chester:
West Chester Recycling
225 S. Worthington St.
610-696-1054
www.westchesterrecycling.net
They take a wide variety of metal objects if
you are looking to de-clutter.*





Hershey's Mill News

- Construction has begun on a new Pavilion located behind the Bocce Ball Courts. The structure will be there for all HM residents to enjoy. The very steep old driveway behind Sullivan House has been removed and landscaped for safety.
- The pool deck on the far side is being replaced this year in time for the pool opening. 
- The North Gate will be updated to a double gate entry system to prevent unauthorized tailgating into HM. Both resident and guest entrances will be double gated. This project is targeted to be completed in the spring of 2025.
- Have you heard of Simple Suppers? Chester County food bank offers frozen meals prepared by a chef two Mondays a month. The meals are \$6 each and for every meal purchased, a meal is provided for those in need.
Upcoming dates:
February 3 and 17
March 3 and 17
Pick up location is HMGC parking lot between 1:00-3:00
- pre-order not necessary, just show up & pick up.
- Want more info about what is happening in HM? Go to **HersheysMill.org** for all updates. HM Master Association Minutes, as well as our own Ashton Village Minutes, are located on the website.



Back by Popular Demand!

FREE FRIDAY

May 2, 2025

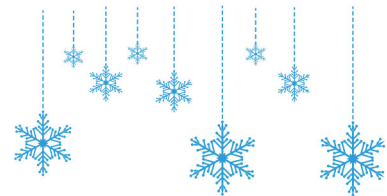
(Rain date May 9th)

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.

*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.



Welcome

Ashton Village Council

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our two new council members:

Stef Slobuski and Colleen Breene

*They will be donating their time and expertise to serve the Village.
We are looking forward to a productive 2025!*

Ashton's 2025 Council Members:

- President - Kathi Sullivan
- Vice President - Michael O'Connell
- Secretary - Tarrissa Hockenberry
- Treasurer - Stef Slobuski
- Member at Large - Colleen Breene

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