



ASHTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

WHERE HERSHEY'S MILL BEGAN...



SPRING

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to Spring! After this long, cold winter, I am more than ready for all the beautiful gifts Spring has in store for us. You'll be seeing lots of activity as we move forward with the "Beautify Ashton Village" initiative. Areas that are sorely in need of some TLC will be getting a facelift with clearing out, new plantings and repairs. Much of the concentration will be down towards the bottom of Ashton Way. The money from mulching will be reallocated to fund these improvements. Please note that if you would like to mulch your own area, you may do so. The mulch must be the untreated natural brown.

If anyone has perennials that need thinning out and you want to share them for relocation in other areas of the Village, please let us know.

A huge thank you goes to Stef Slobuski and Don Martin for all the time and effort they have devoted to working up a plan for all the improvements we will see happening soon throughout the Village.

Welcome

A warm welcome to our new neighbors:

47 - Ron & Kim Della Penna

53 - Adam Fairbanks

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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

**June 3
September 4**

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: The Cove

**We look forward to seeing you all
there!**

Take Note:

*Nothing may be mounted or
installed on the outside of any
building without the express
consent of the HOA.*

*Architectural requests forms are
available on our website or
through PENCO Management.*

PARKING

YOU MUST USE YOUR GARAGE

Reminder to all Ashtonians. You must park in your garage. No matter how many times we have posted reminders, there are some folks who continue to take up valuable parking real estate while leaving their garages empty. Please be considerate of your neighbors in our limited parking situation.



PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE FOXES

It seems some residents in Ashton Village are leaving food out for our fox friends. I'm sure you have seen them running by your backyard with pieces of raw chicken in their mouths. For those of you who are leaving food out, please STOP.

There are many compelling reasons for this, which we encourage you to research.

- They become dependent (especially the young ones) and don't learn to hunt for themselves.
- It interrupts the natural order in that they stop hunting their natural food sources, such as mice, squirrels and other small rodents. This increases the rodent population causing other issues in the Village.
- They become less afraid of people, thus endangering adults, children, and your pets.
- People food is just not good for them and you are not helping them in any way.
- Please stop feeding them for their benefit.



Beautify Ashton Village Project

- Garage cleanouts were mainly successful, but some still need attention. Thank you all for your cooperation.
- Garage rafters are not for storage. They are not designed to hold weight. Our insurance may not cover any structural damage caused from misuse.
- Please remove any items you have stored up there, even if it was there before you moved in!
- Take advantage of our bulk trash pick up the first Tuesday each month.
- The next phase is patios and outdoor areas, including common areas. Further details soon.



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by Connie Grazel

*I love to sleep, I swear I do.
To sleep and snore and dream, do you?
I can sleep most anywhere
On the floor or in a chair.
In the car or in the bed
Anywhere I lay my head.*

*My favorite place is on the couch.
I sit then slide into a slouch.
I pull the throw right over me
I'm now as cozy as can be.*

*And now that I am in position
I know I've made the right decision.
Life's cares and worries can't unfurl
Cause I've just said "good night world".*



Bulk Pickup

*First Tuesday of every month - FREE PERK.
Get rid of one large item.
Take advantage of this benefit while you are
doing your Spring cleaning!*



Ashton Ladies Lunch!

Join the group for a fun outing. On the last Friday of the month, the Ashton ladies get together for lunch at different restaurants in the area.

If you are interested in joining, please email Leslie Smith at dwigflor@aol.com. She will add you to the list.

The next luncheon will be at the VK Brewing Co. & Eatery on Friday, April 25th.

All our lovely Ashton ladies are welcome!



Did You Know?



HM has a wonderful variety of clubs, social groups and amenities. One of those amenities is the wonderful Library housed in the Community Center. It is loaded with best sellers, history, fiction, nonfiction. Whatever peaks your interest. The staff is helpful and keeps the library well stocked. It is a great source for your reading enjoyment. The bulletin board outside the entry is chock full of helpful info and services.



**REMINDERS
FROM HERSHEY'S MILL MASTER
ASSOCIATION & GOLF CLUB**

- Walking dogs on Golf Club property is **NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME**. Security will intervene if someone is seen walking their dog on the golf course or its surrounding property.
- Do not walk your dogs near other homes. Be considerate of your neighbors and their right to privacy. Just because it looks like a nice shortcut, doesn't mean you should go there. There are paths and sidewalks and a dog park for exercising your best friend.
- Multiple complaints and reports have been made that dog waste is not being picked up. Seriously? Pick up after your dog. You already know this rule. HM will be fining those who are non-compliant. If you don't want to pick up after your dog, do not walk it on Hershey's Mill property.

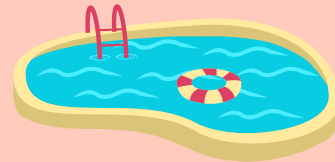


H0-6 Homeowners Insurance

For all Ashton homeowners, please check with your insurance provider to make sure you have an H0-6 policy, with a provision for the \$10,000 deductible required for insurance claims that involve the HOA. The homeowner would be responsible for this deductible. Please contact Steve Erney at PENCO if you need the correct form.

Hershey's Mill News

- North Gate entrance will soon be transitioned to the double gate system like the other two gates.
- The new pavilion behind the bocce & shuffleboard courts is almost finished. It is for everyone in HM to use for activities, picnics, parties, etc. You can reserve it for special events on www.HersheysMill.org.
- The new pool deck will be finished by the time the pools season begins.



- Security is working on updating and/or replacing the alarm systems throughout HM. It is a village-to-village project as each village has its own version of security alarms. Marc Fraser, head of security, will be presenting important information at our next open meeting on June 3. Please make every effort to attend. We will have choices as to which approach we decide on, as a village.





FREE FRIDAY *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 and their friends 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.

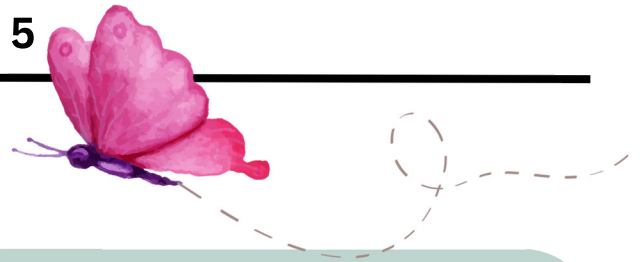


Have any old sneakers that are going in the trash? Drop them in the Sneaker Recycling Bin at the new pavilion behind the bocce courts. It will be there until April 26th.

Ring Doorbells and Security Cameras

Homeowners may use Ring doorbells or similar. Any type of security cameras or trail cameras must be directed to your own property so as not to invade the privacy of others.

Permission must be obtained before mounting any devices on the outside of buildings.



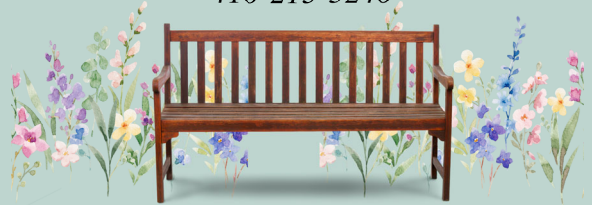
Ashton Woods

With the arrival of Spring, we will be enjoying all the new flowers and plantings done last year. A lot has been done, but with your help, we can do more. The Ashton Woods endeavor relies solely on volunteers and donations. Your help is needed and appreciated.

If you have outdoor teak furniture you're not using, it would be gratefully accepted for use in the "Woods".

A note from Christine McCormick: a look at the "Woods" shows a good survival of Columbine, Turtle Head, and Mountain Mint. The Hollies and Dogwoods are doing well. There will be more wildflowers to plant in early May.

*To donate or volunteer, contact Christine at:
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