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# The Inverness "I"

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## A Message from the Council President

I want to update everyone on where we stand on five of the projects we have been working on in the village. They include the snow situation, the roofing project, the gutters and downspouts, the walkways, and the alarm systems. A former boss of mine who impressed me in many ways had a favorite expression, "Control the controllables." Not only was he referring to the obvious items we had control over, but equally important was not to lose sleep over those things we had no control over. Snow prediction is one of those uncontrollable items. This year, our area was hit with record snowfalls, and our budget will be hit as well. Although we had budgeted \$32,760 for snow removal in 2026, which was a 4% increase over 2025, it will not be enough. We completed 2025 with a \$22,600 deficit in snow removal. For 2026, we have paid \$29,800 for snow removal from January 1 through February 16. This does not include the substantial snow we received on February 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have not yet received invoices for this removal. We must now wait until the weather truly changes and we have received all snow removal invoices. Then we can reassess our finances.

In the meantime, the third phase of the roofing project is expected to begin on or about July 1. The plan at this point is to complete twenty-two roofs at that time at a cost of approximately \$484,000. That will put us at seventy-six new/newer roofs by September. In 2027 twelve more roofs will be completed, and in Phase 5 in 2028, the remaining nine roofs will be done.

Up to this time, gutters and downspouts have been replaced with larger sizes, and underground run-off pipes have been cleaned out or replaced as needed. The long-range planning committee is currently looking into the cost-effectiveness of replacing these pieces in a larger scale project. More details will follow as they become available.

The walkway replacement project is continuing. The council will have a walk-through of the village in the next few weeks to reevaluate the current asphalt walkways and update the assessment system that is used to determine their condition.

The final item regards the new alarm system. Vector Security has been awarded the contract to install, monitor, and maintain the residential alarm systems for Hershey's Mill. Inverness Village has already had a few houses completed as part of the pilot program for the new system. It is anticipated that the main installation for Inverness will begin on or about April 15<sup>th</sup>. It is anticipated that it should be completed by the first week of May. The resident/owner will be contacted before the installation date and time. The resident/owner must be at the house at the time of installation for the following reasons: the selection of where the new panel will be located; the orientation of operating the new system; and to ask any questions of the technician. The installation of the basic alarm system is covered by the Inverness HOA. Any additional devices beyond the four smoke detectors are the responsibility of the owner.

This is a lot over the next few months, and we hope to report back to you regarding the progress of each of these items.

Finally, on behalf of the council, I want to thank all those individuals who are on village committees, as well as those who quietly work behind the scenes to help make Inverness Village the gem that it is. I hope when you read this edition of the Inverness "I", you will be able to have your windows open, or are sitting on a bench, and the flowers will be on their way to Springtime beauty.

Best!

**Ed Isselmann**

## Election of Council Members

The Inverness Village meeting for the election of Council members will take place this year on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm in the Community Center. The Inverness Village Council is composed of five members. This year Ed Isselmann, President, Terry Marran, Secretary, and Bruce Cook, member-at-large, will be up for reelection. Terry Marran, Secretary, had previously indicated she would not run for another term. Terry has reconsidered and will be running for reelection this year. Although all three members will be running for reelection, I would like to remind all residents that diversity of thought and the infusion of new ideas and perspectives are what make Inverness such an amazing place to live. Reasonable competition and turnover are good.



Duties on the Council are assigned by the Council immediately following the election. The President so chosen then becomes the Village representative to the Hershey's Mill Master Association.

All homeowners will receive a letter from CSK inviting you to consider candidacy for a position on the Council. The turn-around time to indicate a willingness to run will be relatively short, so individuals so inclined should be prepared to respond to the mailing. I would like to encourage you to consider getting more involved in village affairs, whether it is a position on the Council or participation on a committee. Make your voice heard.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the role of a Council member, please reach out to any of the current Council members. We are all committed to successful and seamless transitions and are ready and willing to mentor anyone stepping into these roles.

**Penny Zimmerman**  
**Vice President and Nominations Chair**

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## Why I Bought a Medical Alert Wristband

For a number of years I've been thinking that as a single person it would be wise for me to wear a medical alert device. My unwillingness to accept that I'm getting older, and my vanity in not wanting to wear a "necklace" that shouts "Help me! I've fallen and I can't get up," both contributed to me putting off this great idea. After experiencing a fall that broke my kneecap I realized it was time. So, I talked with my Primary Care Physician, who of course thought this was a wise thing to do, and he recommended a particular brand. I also checked Consumer's Reports and found that this same brand was their highest rated device! I discovered that the alert device is now available as a wristband.

In addition to providing a quick and easy way to get emergency medical assistance, a number of options are available. I elected to purchase the fall detection option, which can be turned off when assistance is not needed after experiencing a fall. Now, when I trip over my dog, I can turn off the alarm! The wristband is waterproof so it can be worn in the shower, but it's recommended that it be taken off if doing water exercises.

My medical alert wristband gives me a much better feeling about living alone. I hope you'll look into getting one for yourself, and for friends and relatives you'd like to help protect.

**Louise Davidson**

## Getting to Know Marie Hutchinson at 774 Inverness Drive



After living in Drexel Hill with her husband, Jimmy, they decided it was time to move. The stairs were becoming a bit of a challenge. Many activities such as lawn care and snow removal were also an inconvenience. Their friends who owned Logan's Funeral Home, had moved to Hershey's Mill and suggested Marie and Jimmy look into moving there. They found the grounds beautiful. After speaking to a realtor, they began to look at homes and found that homes in Hershey's Mill sold rather quickly. Eventually, they looked at the property at 774 and decided to make it their home. Their son painted and worked to make the home more comfortable. In September, Marie and Jimmy moved in. Sadly, Jimmy's health began to fade and at the end of January, he passed away.

Marie continues living in the house, and their family helped Marie with her adjustment to living alone. Marie and Jimmy had three sons, Michael, Jimmy and Jerry. Michael lives in West Chester, Jimmy lives in Glenolden, Jerry and his wife, Jill, live in Chestnut Hill. Jerry and Jill have two sons, Cole and Neil, who both attend Temple.

I asked Marie if they had ever had any pets. She chuckled and said Michael had once had a gerbil. One day Michael went to school and the gerbil got loose and ended up in the wall. Marie tried but could not get it out. She called the school Michael attended and told Sister that Michael had to come home. His gerbil got loose and Marie needed him to catch it. "Absolutely not!" said Sister. Finally, Marie got a hold of Mother Superior who let Michael come home to catch the gerbil, and THAT was the end of pets in the Hutchinson household!

Marie did work outside the home for about 23 years. As the boys got older, Marie was a bit bored and looked for a job. She found one as an Ad Taker for Main Line Times and News of Delaware City. She worked part time, two days a week and got extra hours when people were sick or went on vacation. Marie loved the extra time at home that part time work provided and enjoyed being busy and productive in her job.

As for hobbies, Marie loved to cook, but after many years as head cook for her family, she discovered the advantages of restaurants! However, Marie's true love was travel. Her travel companions were her sister, Carol, and Carol's daughter. They traveled to Paris many times, also London, Germany, Austria and Prague. Son Michael often joined them. As a matter of fact, Marie and Michael will travel to Paris this June. What fun!

Marie does have another home, A beach home in Ocean City, New Jersey. She and Jimmy both loved the beach. The Boardwalk and the Ocean City Fishing Club on 14<sup>th</sup> St. were favorites. Sitting and watching the ocean was so relaxing. If they got hungry, Uncle Bill's Pancake House was a favorite place to go!

We welcome Marie to Inverness Village! If you can stop by 774 and say Hello, Marie would love to meet you!

Pat Aubry

*Welcome to Inverness Village, Marie!*

## Committee Reports

### Decorating Committee

We are getting the ready to decorate our village for SPRING if the weather gods permit!

**Barbara Harvey, Chair**  
**Richard Hammock, Council Liaison**



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### Maintenance Committee

The Maintenance Committee has nothing to report.

**Carl Griffin, Chair**  
**Ed Isselemann, Council Liaison**

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### Landscape Committee

SNOW!!! The winter months had brought some quiet time for planting, but the winter storms set us in motion. We worked with CSK to identify urgent needs and hopefully much of the tree and limb work has been completed as this is published.

Our Canopy/Understory Tree Layer is a critical part of maintaining a healthy, safe and attractive environment in Inverness Village. As planned, we have sent out requests for a three-year proposal to three area firms who have expertise in evaluating, pruning and removing trees in these layers. The work would include replacing removed trees where appropriate or finishing off the area with grass or ground cover. It is anticipated that this vendor would also be on call for emergency tree work and would be on file with CSK.

Now that Spring is upon us the final work on the 2025 Exhibit F's is a priority with purchasing and planting to begin as soon as possible. Our 2026 projects will coordinate resident Exhibit F requests with the Dead Bush/Planting 2026, and the new Back Yard Spruce Up project, while keeping a focus on our budget.

**Barbara House, Chair**  
**Terry Marran, Council Liaison**



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## Committee Reports (continued)

### Architecture Committee

Now that we are about to see Spring once again, please remember to submit any architectural changes you are planning to do to CSK.

All forms for changes can be found in the Bylaws. If you have any questions or need help with your project, please feel free to contact Mary Cairns.

**Mary Cairns, Chair**  
**Penny Zimmerman, Council Liaison**

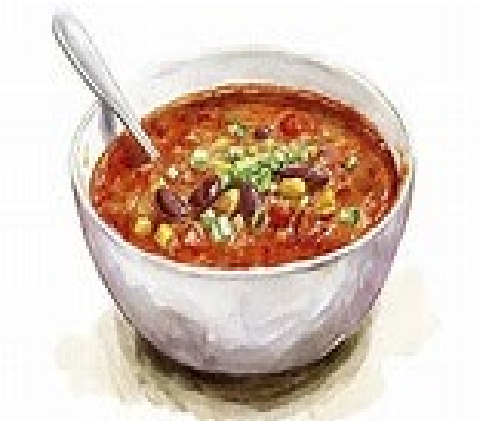
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### Social Committee

During a long and challenging winter, over 30 people showed up for a Soup and Chili dinner with their neighbors. Everyone had a good time eating and playing a fun trivia game organized and led by Roger Schreiner. On March 24, we held a Wine, Beer and Cheese event at the community center. In addition to cheese, we had appetizers and another fun game. In April we will gather for lunch.

We are happy that Kathy Everhart has joined our committee with her energy and enthusiasm to help organize fun times. If anyone else would like to contribute, please join us. We can always use new ideas.

**Sandy Yeager, Social Committee Member**  
**Richard Hammock, Council Liaison**



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## Committee Reports (continued)

### Long Term Planning Committee

Below are the results of the survey taken to determine what issues Inverness residents would like the Long Term Committee to address.

**William Dinehart, Chair**  
**Bruce Cook, Council Liaison**

<b>Inverness Long Term Planning Survey Results</b>	<b>Approximately 43% Of Households Responded to the Survey</b>				
<b>HOW TO INTERPET THE SURVEY RESULTS</b>					
Rank of "1" Means <b>MOST IMPORTANT</b>	Percentage of Respondents Who Provided This Rank				
Rank of "5" Means <b>LEAST IMPORTANT</b>					
<b>BUDGET ITEMS</b>	1's	2's	3's	4's	5's
Check Storm Sewer and Repair as Needed	28%	44%	16%	9%	3%
Replace All Gutters	47%	25%	9%	3%	16%
Remove/Replace old Trees and Shrubs	29%	21%	26%	18%	6%
Seal Coat Roadway	3%	10%	24%	21%	41%
Replace All Garage Roofs	0%	12%	33%	30%	24%
<b>NON-BUDGET ITEMS</b>	1's	2's	3's	4's	5's
Minimize Increases in HOA	82%	7%	5%	5%	2%
Resident "Comment Period" Prior to Council Meetings	0%	7%	28%	31%	34%
Build Reserve Dollars to Avoid Special Assessments	18%	38%	24%	12%	9%
Continue Good Common Sense Governing	27%	30%	18%	18%	6%
Hire a Part Time Maintenance Worker	0%	16%	32%	16%	35%

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## Committee Reports (continued)

### Long Term Planning Committee Report (continued)

A GENERAL SUMMARY OF SURVEY	
The Number One Most Important Item Was "Minimize Increases in HOA" 82% of the Respondents Considered This Their Number One Issue	<b>82%</b>
Another Important Issue was: Replace All Gutters	<b>47%</b>
Another Important Issue was: Check Storm Sewer and Repair as Needed	<b>44%</b>
<b>Other Areas of Interest</b>	
Build Reserve Dollars to Avoid Special Assessments	<b>38%</b>
Continue Good Common Sense Governing	<b>30%</b>
Remove/Replace Old Trees and Shrubs	<b>29%</b>
Check Storm Sewer and Repair as Needed	<b>28%</b>

COMMENTS
Snow-Open Walkways Earlier
It's becoming too expensive to live in Inverness!!
Drainage away from homes / Protect wet basements
Review 2 times a week Trash
Recycling pick up by neighbors
Leroy is good Re: Availability & Workmanship
Have a residence "Question Period"
Get a "GOOD!" lawn service
Replacing old trees would also preserve our sewer lines
LONGER COMMENTS
This needs clarification. Would the Maintenance Committee distribute work to the "handyman," like the Landscape Committee delegates? Work to arborist and Landscaper?
With regards to residents having a "comment period: ...at beginning part of meeting, so included in minutes.
Many of the lawns around our homes are patches of grass with mud! The mowers destructive when mowing and never repair the damage. Work on lawn and trees is important to retain the value of our homes. Please get a good lawn service.

## Inverness Winter Luncheon

The first Inverness luncheon of the year, organized by our Social Committee, was held at The Jockey Tavern on January 14. Twenty-five residents attended, with a nice mix of couples and singles, which is something I love about our Village. We all seem to blend together so well! We had people who came with various mobility aids – a cane, a walker, and one in a wheelchair – which shows how much everyone loves to gather together.

We were at the front of the restaurant which has windows, making it bright and providing a pleasant atmosphere. The food and service were great; food portions were generous, and many took leftovers home. Thanks to the Social Committee for a successful event. I think all of us who attended enjoyed ourselves and are already looking forward to the next luncheon!

**Mary Lou Perry**  
Photography by Mary Lou Perry



Tre Carrone, Marge Hill, Marge Brolly



Jim Hill, Joe Carrone



Nancy Schwab, Mary Lou Perry, Dodie Galbusera, Mary Flanagan, Debbie Wallace

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**Inverness Winter Luncheon (continued)**



Penny Zimmerman, Sandy Yeager, Bruce Yeager, Karla & Bruce Cook



Bill & Dorothy Dinehart, Joe & Tina Scaperotto



Bud & Lorna Kauffman, Terry Marran



Louise Davidson, Joanne O'Connor, Kathy Everhart

## Soup and Chili Supper

Our annual Soup and Chili supper is in the books! It was wonderful to see so many Invernessians enjoying the company of each other, and as always our cooks did not disappoint! Minestrone, Creamy Tortellini, Taco Chili, Chicken Chili and even a Shrimp Chowdah were enjoyed by all. The dinner was complete with delicious cornbreads, salads and shrimp cocktail. Chocolate cake was the finishing touch. The 50/50 had a different twist, using playing cards as an alternative to traditional tickets. Roger Schreiner facilitated the traditional "Guesstimation" game. Who knew the average hen lays 300 eggs per year?? Winners were awarded Wawa gift cards. The Social Committee hopes everyone enjoyed the evening and if you missed it, WE missed YOU! Thank you to all of our neighbors who attended and we look forward to seeing you all at our next event! By the way, if you are interested in joining our small but powerful committee, please reach out to a committee member or Bev Cella or Mary Schreiner. Bon Appetit!

**Mary Schreiner**  
 Photography by Pat Aubry



Lorna Kauffmann, Barbara House, Bud Kauffmann



Mary Schreiner



Jim Aubry, Tre & Joe Carrone



Sandy & Bruce Yeager



Penny Zimmerman, Jean Norsworthy, Pat Aubry, Joyce Cadwallader

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### Soup and Chili Supper (continued)



Ed & Eileen Isselmann



Barb Fox, Ginny Kettering



Mary & Roger Schreiner



Kathy Everhart, Jim Aubry



Karen & Richard Hammock



BJ Rodgers, Marianne Pavlosky



Joe & Tina Scaperotto



**Upcoming Events**

*Annual Shredding Event*

Saturday, April 25, 8:30-11:30 AM  
Community Center Parking Lot  
Sponsored by The Dorsey Group  
Look for emails with details

*Hershey's Mill House Tour*

Thursday, May 7, 10 AM - 4 PM  
Proceeds benefit Paoli Hospital  
See HM Guide & Digest for details

*Inverness Election Meeting*

Wednesday, June 3, 4:00 PM  
Community Center

*Hershey's Mill Players*

June 25, 26 and 27  
East High School  
See HM Guide & Digest for details

*Concert: "Young Angry Men" Tribute Band for Billy Joel*

Sunday, June 14 (Rain Date June 21)  
HMGC Parking Lot

**Local Area Events of Interest**

*Immaculata Symphony Spring Concert*

Saturday, April 11, 7:00 PM  
Alumnae Hall, Immaculata University

*Immaculata Symphony Concerto Concert*

Saturday, May 2, 7:00 PM  
Alumnae Hall, Immaculata University

*E-Recycling Event - "Anything with a Plug™"*

Saturday, May 2, 9 AM - Noon  
East Goshen Township Park

Visit [eastgoshen.org](http://eastgoshen.org) for details on what is accepted **and to register for the event.**

*West Chester Area Community Chorus Concert*

Saturday, May 16, 7:00 PM  
East High School  
450 Ellis Lane, West Chester

**Inverness Directory**

If you have any changes to your directory listing, please contact Mary Lou Perry.

**In Memoriam**

**Jim Hutchinson (#774)**

January 28, 2026

*Our sincere condolences to Marie and her family.*

**West Chester Gay Street Open Air Market**

*Friday, May 1, through Sunday, September 27*

The borough of West Chester will close down several blocks on Gay Street to vehicles on the weekends. Pedestrians and diners can enjoy walking and dining in the street.



**Inverness Village Council Members**

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| Treasurer              | Richard Hammock |
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