



# The Linksletter

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## HOA CORNER

The plusses and minuses of our beautiful home sites are off-setting each other so far this year. We weathered the winter with very little snow and thus have a plus side in our budget. Here's hoping we maintain that plus through October, November and December. The homes that turned seven (7) years old received a free face lift to the stucco and caulking. This freebee will continue in the autumn of 2012 as more homes reach their seven year anniversary. On the not-so-good side the lawns developed a fungus called 'Red Thread' which has left numerous brown patches. The soil samples we sent away showed that it was caused by a damp and cool first half of 2012. The cure is to have a long period of warm to hot weather with little water. You might have noticed that the sprinklers are going on in-frequently because we had lots of rain thus far. The other cure is to provide an anti-fungus solution every three weeks at an exorbitant cost to the homeowners. We

chose the former and will wait it out. The other item that has been on-going is the repair of the road pavers. This has kept John Kuntzman and the contractor very busy.

The Wine and Cheese party was a great success. Thanks to all of you that made it a fun evening (See Wine & Cheese article and photos).

When you log onto our website—[hoacourtyards.org](http://hoacourtyards.org)-- you will find a document entitled *The Courtyards at The Links of Gettysburg Rights and Responsibilities for a Better Community*. Please take some time to review this document. It is lengthy but discusses how we together can keep our Community first class.

Enjoy the summer,

*Alice, John and Stu*

[www.courtyardshoa.org/](http://www.courtyardshoa.org/)

### Upcoming Events

- 7/10 Second Tuesday Group
- 7/25 Ladies' Book Club
- 8/14 Second Tuesday Group
- 8/22 Ladies' Book Club
- 8/31 Hawaiian Open
- 9/11 Second Tuesday Group
- 9/26 Ladies' Book Club



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### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

## June Wine and Cheese Party

We just had our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Wine and Cheese event on June 2, 2012. We had a very successful turnout this year and I would like to thank everyone for making it a success. It seemed to be a great time for all to get acquainted and or get caught up. We also had several homeowners that brought food to the wine and cheese that really added to the event. Thank you!!

Our decorations this year were very colorful and festive thanks to Cathy Terry. She spent many hours preparing all the decorations (which she insists that she loves to do) and it really showed at the event. Thank you Cathy!

We had many wonderful people involved in this event this year and I would like to extend thanks to every one of them.

Betsy Dougherty gladly sent out the invitations and reminders and took all the RSVP's.

Bonni Klein and Hilde Young did great job keeping track of money due for the event.

Sue and Bruce Bradshaw, Betsy Dougherty and Cathy Terry helped with decorating.

Anita Friedrich, Stu and Paula Kravits and Betsy Dougherty helped with the food preparation and presentation.

Betsy and Jerry Dougherty, Stu and Paula Kravits, Karen and Keith Landry and my wonderful husband, Mark helped with the cleanup which really made the evening much earlier than I had planned.

Thank you very much for all your help.

I look forward to organizing this event each year and hopefully for many more years to come.

By Michelle Williams



**Betsy Dougherty**

**Hilde Young**

**Michelle Williams**

## WOUNDED WARRIORS

“He who serves his country well has no need of ancestors.” This quote by Voltaire in 1743 was demonstrated by the Wounded Warriors who passed the Links on April 29<sup>th</sup>. These 300 gallant men and women deserved the attention of the 100 plus members of the Links Community which came out in force to cheer them on their journey. Over \$3,000 was also presented to their organization to purchase additional bikes and medical aids to be used to speed their recovery. Our contributions of time and treasure were welcomed and appreciated by those who gave so much.

John Kuntzman



## PETS: WALKING AREAS

Questions have arisen concerning pet walking area and pet excrement areas. According to the POS, Rules & Regulations section, page 5, Rules and Regulations number 25, “Pets shall not be walked upon the Common Elements, except for such areas as the Executive Board shall designate from time to time for that purpose..... Pets must be accompanied by an individual and maintained on a leash at all times. No animals, including cats, shall be allowed to be unleashed or to roam freely about any Limited Common Elements or Common Elements or homeowners property. Each Unit Owners shall be responsible for cleaning up, removing and discarding, in the proper receptacles, all animal excrement produced by his pet immediately when walking the pet.”

So basically, all pets should be walked only on the sidewalks, walking paths, courtyard roads, the main roads, the parking lot and the grassy area close to and adjoining these areas. All pet bodily functions should take place at the “curb” or in the nearby Common Area and, as always, be immediately cleaned up and disposed of. No pets should roam onto the undeveloped areas where homes are scheduled to be built and certainly not on a homeowner’s property.

There have been too many complaints to-date so please adhere to these rules

Any questions or issues, please contact a HOA Board Member.

Alice Kabatt

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## LINKS CLUBS

### Pool Reminders:

The pool is open. Please remember the following:

1. No glass containers of any kind are allowed on the pool deck - Period.
2. A homeowner MUST be present whenever their guests are at the pool.
3. If children are in the hot tub, a parent or adult must be close at hand.
4. Anyone may use the grill; just remember to clean-up after yourself.

Any Questions? Call David Birdwell 717-329-3655

### The Links Manly Men Cigar Club:

The cigar club is focused on the enjoyment of a fine cigar and a complementary beverage with members of the Links community. Meetings are held on the patio outside the grill.

If you are interested contact Joe Hunter ( [Joehunter65@gmail.com](mailto:Joehunter65@gmail.com)) to join the group.

### Newspaper Recycling:

Newspaper recycling efforts will continue to be Thursday or Friday of the 3rd or 4th week of each month. Frank Negro will send a reminder. The Boy Scouts really appreciate our efforts and continue to receive payments when they deliver our papers to the Farms in the area. Day and week varies due to the Boy Scout's activity schedule. June will mark 6 years of recycling efforts by the Links residents. Thank You for helping the Scouts. Remember, newspapers only –no glossy or magazine print media

### Ladies Book Club:

The book club meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 10 o'clock, in the community center. Our upcoming selections are below:

JULY is a Biography of choice

AUGUST - AMERICAN EVE by Paula Urubur

SEPTEMBER - THE MARRIAGE PLOT by Jeffrey Eugenides

### Second Tuesday Group (formerly the Bring Your Own Project Group):

The Second Tuesday Group, formerly known as the Bring-Your-Own-Project Group, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Center. The name change reflects the evolution of this group from its initial crafts orientation to a discussion group covering a wide range of topics and interests in a comfortable and congenial atmosphere. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. As always, projects are optional, and bringing your own beverage is recommended. For more information, contact Liz Zaic at [LZ1716@aol.com](mailto:LZ1716@aol.com) or 359-7882.

### Sixth Annual Hawaiian Open:

The Sixth Annual Hawaiian Open will be taking place here at the Links on Friday, August 31. More information will be coming from Frank Negro in July.

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## A. R. C.

If you are contemplating making changes or improvements to areas around the outside of your home, remember that most, if not all, projects need to be approved before they are begun. Please submit an Architectural Request Form along with required attachment(s). You will find the Request Form along with ARC (Architectural Review Committee) Guidelines 06-01-09, ARC Porch and Deck Policy, ARC Fence Guidelines, and the ARC Holiday Decoration Guidelines on the Courtyards HOA Website, [courtyardshoa.org](http://courtyardshoa.org). If you have any questions, please contact one of the ARC members.

## LINKS COMMUNITY PHOTOS

