

The Linksletter

Fall 2018 Edition

Key Upcoming Events

Nov 14 – 7-9 pm: Master HOA Annual Meeting, Premier Club House

Dec 8 - Links Holiday Party, Premier Club House

Dec 15: Next Newsletter deadline for articles and pictures.

POC Contact Info

For POC contact information not published, please refer to your Links Directory to protect individual privacy.

A special thank you to all contributors to this edition and those who work to make the Links the great community that it is.

Master Association Notes

Master Association to Fight Aqua's Proposed Rate Increase

August 17, Aqua Pennsylvania filed a request with the PA Public Utilities Commission to raise its water and waste water services throughout the state. For residents at the Links at Gettysburg, the increase would average about 38%. Residents should have received notice of the proposed increase. Unopposed, the increase would take effect in October. However, on behalf of Pennsylvania consumers, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) in Harrisburg has filed a formal complaint objecting to the increase and temporarily staying it until May 2019. This will lead to an investigation by the PUC and litigation before an administrative law judge, in which Aqua's justification for the increase will be challenged. Preliminary, Aqua states that the increase is required to pay for extensive infrastructure repairs and upgrades.

The Master Association and the combined HOAs at the Links will file a formal complaint with the PUC as well and will thereby become parties to the litigation. Bud Vance and Dave Larson will act as representatives of the community in this respect and will be helped considerably in preparing the community's position by Stu Kravits, Dennis Bowman, and John Love. These three led the fight against the last proposed rate increase in 2008/9. Counsel will be retained and, along with the OCA, will represent our interests. If an increase is approved, it will not take effect until next May at the earliest.

Community homeowners are strongly encouraged to register what the PUC calls an "informal comment to a proposed rate increase." There is a form for this comment that can be found (and downloaded) on the PUC website at http://www.puc.state.pa.us/filing_resource/filing_complaints. Objections by a high percentage of residents strengthens the community's position before the PUC. Please refer any questions to Dave or Bud.

Around the Links' Communities

Note: We are trying a pilot feature to showcase news within the various communities of the Links. All Links' Homeowner Associations are encouraged to contribute in future editions. It is an excellent opportunity to update ongoing efforts and welcome new owners.

Courtyards Update

Annual Meeting:

The Courtyards HOA's Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, OCT 10, 2018, at 7 pm in the Premier Clubhouse. We are seeking candidates to apply for membership on the Courtyards Executive Board. Members serve for a period of three years, with one Board Member elected annually. If you are interested in serving our community as a member of the Courtyards Executive Board, we encourage you to complete a questionnaire/resume and submit it by the deadline of 5 pm, Tuesday, September 25, 2018. If you have questions with regard to serving on the board, any board member will be happy to talk with you. We strongly encourage our Courtyards homeowners to attend this very important meeting.

Streetlight Upgrades:

The Courtyards has completed the transformation of all its streetlights from metal halide to light emitting diodes (LEDs) light bulbs, with approximately 100 bulbs being switched out. This project took several months to complete, mostly due to the delay in procuring the light bulbs. Battery Ridge was completed in the May time frame and the remainder of the Courtyards in September. Although there was an initial cost outlay; in the long run, the energy savings should more than make up for the initial expense. The switch to LEDs offers energy savings since they consume less energy and last longer resulting in less maintenance costs. You should notice that the LEDs provide sufficient lighting with a softer light and less glare.

Roof Damages:

A severe hail storm passed through the Links during mid-May, 2018. The Courtyards homes were severely impacted by the storm. If CY homeowners have not had your roof inspected for damages, we strongly urge you to get a roof inspection. After inspection, if you will be repairing/replacing your roof, please submit an ARC form for approval PRIOR TO COMMENCING ANY WORK. ARC Forms may be found at <http://www.linkshoa.org/arc>.

As of September 15, 2018, the Executive Board has approved roofing replacements for forty-six CY residents. The Board is aware of many other pending roof inspections and some homeowners that have been approved for new roofs, yet not submitted an ARC. The CY Executive Board does not endorse any contractor or estimator concerning the damages to the CY roofs. **Please note, as with all repairs/improvements, residents must have written approval of the Executive Board prior to any work commencing.**

The Courtyards Executive Board

Local Interest

Adam's County Arts Education Center

Great happenings this Fall and Winter at the Adam's County Arts Education Center

New classes for children and seniors have been added.

New wine tastings and cooking classes

Monday theme luncheons

Community Events hosted by the Arts Council

1. Masquerade Costume Party at Gettysburg Hotel
2. Gingerbread Festival during Christmas week
3. The Jingle Ball Gala at the Visitors Center December 15

For questions please contact Stu Kravits and/or Karen Landry www.Adamsarts.org

Also, check out the National Apple Harvest Festival at the South Mountain Fairgrounds in Biglerville during the first two weekends in October. More info at: www.appleharvest.com.

Activities Around the Community

COMMUNITY POOL

Our beautiful pool saw many new renovations and the addition of several Handicap Parking Spaces to improve access. The pool was host to several activities this summer that provided entertainment, enjoyment and good health to many. Our thanks to Bill and Mary Thompson and all of the volunteers that made the summer a good time.



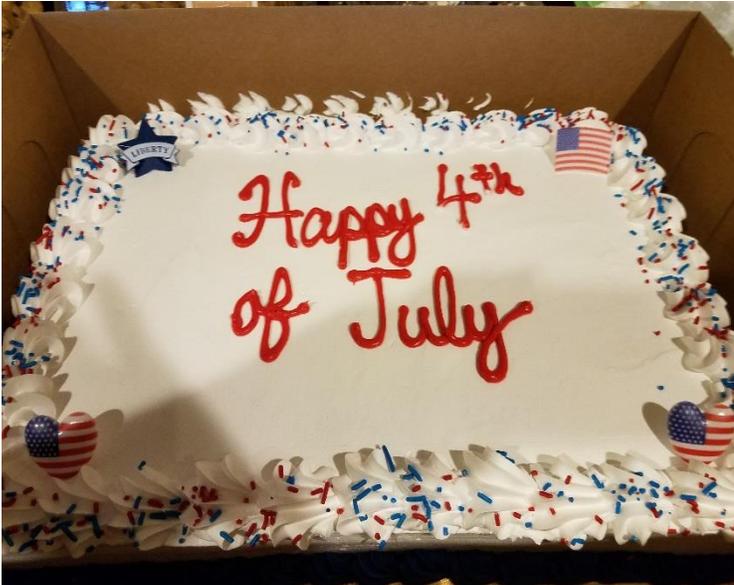
Links Water Fitness participants, aka the Mermaids, enjoyed another wonderful summer in our pool, despite the sometimes uncooperative weather. Always a fun-loving group, the Mermaids worked hard in both the shallow and deep sections of the pool to strengthen their muscle tone, improve their balance, and raise their heart rates. We cycled, ran, leapt, and “frogged” as we sang (and often danced) to a mix of Motown, the Beatles, and classic rock. Many thanks to Mary “Gunny” Thompson, who led the class for several weeks. Another big shout-out to Dave Montgomery and his mixology skills; those margaritas (in plastic cups, of course) were a real treat for all of our hard work!

Please join us in 2019 for another great summer of hard work and fun! No prior experience is ever required. *Connie Feldman*

LAST FRIDAY EVENTS



The August LUAU event was so successful that it's earned the privilege of becoming an annual event with 71 residents attending. It was a perfect warm summer evening for us to gather around the pool, lit by tiki torches and candles. Under the tent was a catered meal of BBQ pulled pork, chicken and beef. Deborah and Dan provided us with a DJ which later led to line-dancing poolside. A DJ provided a number of favorite tunes inspiring participants to dance the night away.



Our Fourth of July celebration was a soggy reminder that Mother Nature often has the last say. We escaped from the pool area to the dry upstairs of the Community Center. The rain, however, did not dampen our spirits.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Octoberfest is next on September 28. Yes, "Oktoberfest" is held in Germany at the end of September, and the Links will to. Cynde and Bud Vance are offering us an evening of traditional German food, including fresh sausage (pork or chicken) from a local butcher shop and wonderful homemade potato salad, sauerkraut, and cucumber salad (prepared by Links residents). Dinner will be followed by Black Forest style cake for dessert. We'll skip November and December due to the end of the months' holiday celebrations but watch for us to return in January 2019.

The Social Committee hopes you will join us to enjoy fabulous food and to, of course, SOCIALIZE!

The Links Social Committee plans special events for our community at the end of each month, usually on a Friday evening. *Deborah Thomas*

FAMILY COMMITTEE FALL GET-TOGETHERS

This Fall the family committee will be hosting two exciting family events. The first event is the **Links Hay Ride and Halloween Potluck!** This event will be held on **October 27**, starting at 4pm for dinner and hay rides and pumpkin painting and cookie decorating! At 6 pm, trick or treating begins across the neighborhood. We would like to remind all neighbors to turn on their porch lights and have their candy ready! Last year, I heard we had a wonderful turnout in both children participating and neighbors handing out candy! So thank you in advance for treating our children and grandchildren so wonderfully!

Our second event is **Breakfast with Santa and Socks of Love Fundraiser!** This event will be held on **December 8!** Starting at 9am and going til 11am. This event is a breakfast potluck with crafts and a surprise visit from Santa who treat our children and grandchildren to a story along with photo opportunities! We had a blast last year with Santa and can't wait to meet him again! Robyn Robinson will be running the Socks of Love fundraiser. She will begin collecting items soon so stay tuned for her list of donations! The kids learned so much last year stuffing socks for the needy and we are so thankful for her leadership!

If you have any questions, please contact *Anna Domzalski* annabrown06@gmail.com

THE SECOND TUESDAY GROUP

The Second Tuesday Group has enjoyed poolside lunches this summer. Our last one for this year was Tuesday Sept. 11 at noon. We tried to stretch summer just a bit longer, but the weather didn't cooperate, and we ended up moving inside to our beautiful Community Center Lounge area. Over the summer we talked about the upcoming months and below are the current plans. If something interests you, please join us. *Cynde Vance*

Oct 9, 2018 – Fall Swap – Fall/Winter Seasonal Items (Home Décor, Jewelry, Clothing, Personal Accessories)

Nov 13, 2018 – Finalizing Cookie Exchange plans and sharing any local events that might be of interest to neighbors

Dec 11, 2018 – Cookie Exchange and/or Family Recipe Exchange

THE LINKS WINE CLUB



The Links Wine Club met on Saturday August 11, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the Community Center. Our theme this time was West Coast wines and we shared some wines from the West Coast US and Canada. The event was hosted by Bud and Cynde Vance. Many Links neighbors attended this fun event with a new format which included putting out tables so neighbors could continue socializing after the wine presentations.

Our **next meeting** is scheduled for **Saturday, Nov 10, 2018**, at the Community Center. The theme for the November meeting has not been set yet but more information will be coming out soon from our hosts Betsy and Jerry Dougherty.

The Wine Club has become very popular and we have a number of residents who have stepped up to host the next few. Come join us for some food, fun, and learning a little about wine.

February 9, 2019, meeting will be hosted by Shelly Anderson.

All meetings are held at the Community Center with a different volunteer host/organizer each quarter. NOTE: The hosts get to choose the theme. For questions or if you would like more information, please email *Bud & Cynde Vance* bacvance@gmail.com or give us a call at 717-359-0366.

LADIES BOOK CLUB

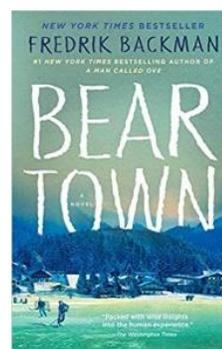
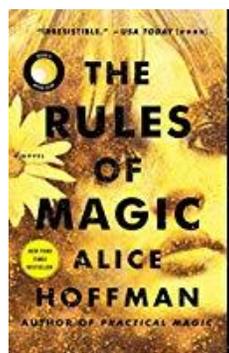
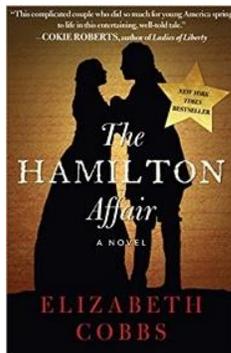
The Ladies of the Links Book Club welcomes our fall program with three interesting and varied novels:

- September 26 – The Hamilton Affair, by Elizabeth Cobbs
- October 24 – The Rules of Magic, a novel by Alice Hoffman
- November 27 – Beartown, a novel by Frederick Backman

Our friendly group meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday at 10:00 am in the lounge at the Community Center and is open to our neighbors who love to read.

For monthly update and reminders please contact Claudia Clark

For the love of books and good conversation, *Claudia Clark* cclark3344@gmail.com



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The men's monthly breakfast usually falls on the same morning as the Ladies Breakfast. Notices go out to the Community the Sunday before. RSVPs are due to Stu Kravits by Wednesday noon. Car pools are set up using those men that reply with an "I can drive." We leave the Links at 9 am for the Wyndam in Gettysburg. The cost is \$16, which includes tax and tips. Thus far, breakfast offers unlimited juice, coffee and tea, fine Danish pastry, fresh fruit, and a selection from 7-8 entrees all priced the same. Partakers are never at a loss for conversation or the latest jokes. Everyone leaves fully stimulated and satisfied. *Stu Kravits*

BILLIARDS ANYONE

With the winding down of golf season it's time to start thinking about playing pool. The Men's Billiard League, which begins its 10th season this Fall, offers a variety of playing opportunities from October to April. The primary activity takes place from January through March. This is the Winter League, which for ten weeks pairs members up on doubles teams for alternate shot 8-ball play. The Winter League concludes with an optional double elimination singles tournament. Prior to the onset of league play in January, informal "warm up" sessions are offered during the month of December. These sessions are scheduled randomly to meet the schedules of the pre-holiday season. Many of our league players do not have a pool table and this gives an opportunity to warm up for the League in January. A recent development in the League schedule has been a Fall singles session. This is a semi-competitive but mostly fun activity that starts the first week of October and runs into the middle of November, depending on interest.

If you wish to play in the Fall singles session contact its director, Andy Muenzfeld, at acmca73@gmail.com. The League welcomes players of all abilities. The primary purpose of the League is social but, to be totally transparent, in the Winter League scores are kept. You may be as competitive as you wish but you must have fun. The only pre-qualification to participate in any League session is that you have played pool at some point in time. If you desire to learn how to play or to polish your skills, instruction is available. All play takes place on Wednesday night within our community on pool tables provided by League members. For general information on the League, including the Winter League, contact *Gil Clark* at gilclark7@comcast.net.

BUNCO LADIES



Bunco-Ladies of the Links:

We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month, rotating at each member's homes. Although we currently have our 12 committed players, you can be added to our sub list. We would love any neighbors to join our group for fun, laughter and great times. If you would like to be added to our substitute list, please send me an email colleenarrighi@yahoo.com. Thanks, *Colleen Arrighi*

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 from 7-9pm once a month during Spring & Summer. We meet on the patio outside the grill.

Meetings are open to non-smokers as well who like to enjoy fine spirits and interesting discussions as well as don't mind cigar smoke. The club is inactive for the winter.

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

RED HAT DIVAS



The Links Red Hat Divas visited the National Cathedral in July. Hostess Mary Thompson arranged for a wonderful tour included an afternoon Tea. If any of the Links Ladies would like to be included in our adventures they should send an email to me so they can be added to the distribution list.

Barb Greeley.

New Arrivals Across the Links: We are pleased to welcome new residents to the Links since our last newsletter. Please make an effort to meet each of them.

Lauren Austin, 6 Shiloh Ct.

Bruce & Nancy Bennett, 135 River Rd.

Paul & Deborah Bowersox, 145 River Rd.

Christian & Robin Burne, 1 N. Chamberlain Ct.

Joe & Phyllis Calloway, 56 Cooper Ln.

Jon & Clari Claus, 12 River Rd.

William & Bonnie Hampton, 65 Cooper Ln.

Russell & Nancy Larsen, 11 Evergreen Ct.

Paul & Charlotte Oswald, 24 River Rd.

Ted & Eileen Schwartz, 60 Cooper Ln.

Carolyn Sentz, 23 Cooper Ln.

Jim & Kathy Siglin, 40 Cooper Ln.

James & Diane Sullivan, 64 Cooper Ln.

Henry & Dona Wilson, 5 Laurel Hill Ct

Really!



Garrison Falls residents Dave and Pat Adair had an unexpected visitor last July when a hot air balloon came far too close to their home as it drifted through the Links--eventually coming to rest in a nearby field. The reason for the unreasonably low altitude was never explained. Thanks to neighbor Julie Muenzfeld for grabbing her smart phone in time to take this great picture.

Recurring / Scheduled Links Activities

Chair Yoga at the CC on Mondays, 10:30 -11:30 am. (Brenda Insalaco)

Men's Yoga Class at the CC Fridays, 9 -10 am. (Brenda Insalaco)

Ladies' Yoga Class at the CC Fridays, 10:30 -11:30am. (Brenda Insalaco)

Ladies' Breakfast on a Thursday each month, at the home of a Links' hostess at 9:30 am.
(Betsy Dougherty)

Men's Breakfast on a Thursday each month, corresponding to the Ladies' Breakfast at the Wyndam in Gettysburg. (Stu Kravits)

Ladies' Book Club at the CC at 10 am. on the 4th Wednesday of every month. (Claudia Clark)

Ladies' Mahjongg Group on Thursdays, 2-4 pm. (Linda Feldman)

Ladies' Second Tuesday Club on the second Tuesday of each month, at 10 am. in CC.
(Cynde Vance)

Ladies' Antiquing Group monthly outings. (Shelly Anderson)

Links Wine Club at the CC, on Saturday afternoon, once a quarter. (Cynde & Bud Vance)

Links Red Hat Divas monthly outings and activities. (Barb Greeley, Queen Diva)

Men's Cigar Club meets monthly, usually on a Thursday at 7-9 pm on the patio outside the Pro Shop. (Joe Hunter)

Produce Gardens takes place in the warmer months. (Bruce Bradshaw)

The Links Family Activities Committee organizes seasonal activities such as the Halloween Festivities and the Easter Egg Hunt. (Stacey Rice/Cathy Short)

The Links Christmas House Tour. (Betsy Dougherty)

(NOTE: If there are other organized activities not listed above. Please let us know and we will include them in the future.)

This newsletter serves the entire Links community. Residents are welcome to contribute articles, photographs, and suggestions/feedback to the Links Newsletter. Please contact Jerry Wright or Kay Larson via email or phone. Deadline for articles, pictures, and updates for the Winter edition of the Linksletter is December 15.

Distribution of this newsletter and announcements of community activities depend on accurate email and contact information. Please contact the Links Neighborhood Directory Keeper Cliff Feldman or your neighborhood HOA representative to ensure contact information is up to date.