



The Linksletter

Winter 2019 Edition

Key Upcoming Events

Feb 2 – Sunrise: Groundhog Day, Punxsutawney, PA

Feb 14 – Love is in the air for Valentine's Day; see Paula Kravits' special pre-Valentine's Day activity in this edition

Mar 15: Spring 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.

Links' HOA website is: <http://www.LinksHOA.org>

Master Association Notes

The Links Master Association had its annual meeting on November 14, 2018 and forwarded the minutes to Links homeowners. We encourage each homeowner to read and review the minutes, as they provide a "Year in Review" of many ongoing activities.

Bud Vance, at the close of the annual meeting, announced he will no longer serve as the Courtyards representative to the Master Association Executive Board. Russ Arrighi will be the new member of the Executive Board representing the Courtyards HOA. The newly elected officers of the Master Association Executive Board are Russ Arrighi, President, Rick Klein, Vice President, Gayl Dustin, Treasurer, Mike Koziski, Secretary, and Bob Heil, a member of the MA Executive Board.

There are three ongoing actions in support of our residents: trash and recycling, protesting the Aqua rate increase, and the entry lights to Clubhouse drive. Andy Muenzfeld is leading the research into a new trash and recycle provider. Our current contractor, Waste Management, became untenable with excessive charges for overages, recycling, and "contamination fees." We have obtained legal representation in our protest of the Aqua rate increase. Sal Ferlisi is leading the work with the electrical contractor to fix the much needed lighting at the entrance to Clubhouse Drive. Updates will be provided to our homeowners as we work through these issues.

Aqua Pennsylvania's Proposed Rate Increase. On August 15, 2018, Aqua petitioned the PA Public Utilities Commission to raise its water and wastewater rates throughout Pennsylvania. The proposed increase for the Links would only be for wastewater services and was set by Aqua at 39% above existing rates. This statewide request was immediately opposed by multiple corporate and residential parties throughout the Commonwealth--as well as the Office of Consumer Advocate in the PA Attorney General's Office. The PUC has referred the case to two of its Administrative Law judges. The Links has joined the action as a party and has retained an attorney to help us fight the increase. The attorney is Torren Ecker of Hanover (recently elected to the state legislature). A committee of residents, consisting of Bud Vance, Stu Kravitz, John Love, and Dave Larson, has been meeting with Torren to offer testimony before the judge hearing the case and to suggest ways to counter Aqua's claims. The procedure is now knee deep in civil discovery with Aqua trying to justify why it needs the increase. It is anticipated that, later this winter or by spring, the judge will strongly encourage the parties to pursue a settlement which, hopefully, will result in an increase for Links residents far less than 39%. The committee will keep everyone informed as developments unfold. Residents are encouraged to go to the PUC website, download and file an informal comment form to show strong community opposition to the increase.

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.

Garrison Falls Update

After considerable research and debate, the Garrison Falls Homeowners Association has decided to part ways with Brightview Landscaping and engage Ruppert Landscape for 2019. Ruppert is an East Coast regional company with considerable experience in the business of landscaping in Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. The company's local headquarters is in Laytonsville, Maryland.

The Garrison Falls HOA annual meeting was held at the Community Center on Monday, November 5. Dave Larson was elected to the HOA Executive Board for another term, joining Andy Muenzfeld and Mike Koziski on the Board and Mary Thomson as recording secretary. Discussion centered around two major items: 1. a proposed change in landscaping companies (see above), which would require an increase in HOA fees, and 2. Developer Rick Klein's tentative plan to bring in Gemcraft to build homes with siding on three sides), vice stucco, in the proposed Ryan Court area of Garrison Falls. This area, which is currently undeveloped, borders on Bridge Valley Road and the lower part of Brookside Lane.

Welcome to New Homeowners at the Links

Dana & Zach Belgrave, 74 Brookside Ln
Erin & Jim Burdis, 2 Garrison Falls Dr
Robin & Chris Burne, 1 N. Chamberlain Ct
Brenda & Jeff Curtis, 82 Brookside Ln.
Bonnie & Coleman Hampton, 65 Cooper Ln.
Margaret & Tim Leary, 38 Bridge Valley Rd.
Lyn & Tony McNevin, 127 River Rd.
Evelyn & Warren Steen, 7 Laurel Hill Ct.

Local Activities Around the Area

For events of local interest around Gettysburg, check out the Destination Gettysburg website:
<https://www.destinationgettysburg.com>.

Adams County Arts Council. Thanks to all of you that support the Council. Links' residents were among the 200+ guests at the 25th anniversary gala in December at the Gettysburg Visitors Center and a great time was had by all. The year 2019 will feature various events beginning with the Arts

Activities Around the Community

Council Golf Tournament here at the Links on the 25th of April. Hope all you golfers will join in.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE FALL GET-TOGETHERS

Last fall the Family Activities Committee hosted two exciting family events. The first event was the **Links Halloween Potluck!** This event was held **October 27** and was a smashing success despite the poor weather. The food choices were outstanding. And there were plenty of treats around the Links Community for the kids and adults in costume during trick or treating ... and some special treats for the adults after the children went to bed.

A very big Thank You to All who made this event a success!





The second event was **Breakfast with Santa and the Socks of Love Fundraiser**. This event was held on **December 8**. The Breakfast Potluck offered many scrumptious dishes and sweets, fun crafts for the kids, and a surprise visit from Santa. Santa was his famous jolly self, treating our children and grandchildren to stories along with photo opportunities. What a blast! To top off the morning, the children and adults went on a “refreshing” Hayride postponed from Halloween night. Sal Ferlisi was credited with interesting Mickey Mouse pancakes hand-crafted one-at-a-time. Lastly, Robyn Robinson coordinated a very successful Socks of Love fundraiser with thanks to all who participated across our Links Community. A heart-felt and special thank you to all the volunteers and coordinators who made this event so much fun for everyone.





THE SECOND TUESDAY GROUP

The Second Tuesday Group provides an opportunity to get together and share conversation with neighbors and possibly learn about something new happening in Gettysburg or the surrounding area. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 10 am in the Community Center. Our activities vary each month based on what the group decides. It could be a game day (January), lunch at a local restaurant, cookie exchange, a swap of home décor items, or sharing craft projects.

Below are the activities that we have planned over the next couple of months. If something interests you, please join us. Submitted By: **Cynde Vance**

- Jan 8, 2019 – Noon – Brown Bag Lunch & Game Day
- Feb 12, 2019 – Recipe Swap – Make samples to share
- Mar 12, 2019 – Retro Tuesday Group – Craft Projects

THE LINKS WINE CLUB



Betsy and Jerry Dougherty hosted the **Links Wine Club** on Saturday November 10, 2018 in the Community Center. The theme of the meeting was "Love that Label." A mini-museum of wine bottles was displayed to focus on many creative labels that attempt to catch the eye of the consumer. The attendees took a brief look at the history of labeling wines and the information that is now required on every wine bottle. The Dougherty's, Dustin's, and Pienkowski's presented Walnut Block, Insomnia, and Vinaceous wines for the group tasting session. The presenters shared interesting stories about the wineries and the unique labels sported on their bottles. The evening ended with food and wine enjoyed by all.

Our **next meeting** will be hosted by Shelly Anderson and will take place on **Saturday, Feb 9, 2018**, at the Community Center. Come join us for some food, fun and learning a little about wine.



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 in email. 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 selected restaurant. A few gentlemen suggested we try other venues every now and then. The December breakfast was held at Perkins with positive reviews. We will try Friendly's in January and possibly The Avenue (or whatever it is called now) in February. I am open to suggestions with the main concerns being quality for the price, parking, and travel distance. Any suggestions contact *Stu Kravits*.

Ladies' Breakfast

The Ladies of the Links were very active with hosting of great breakfast creations across the community last fall. The meals were scrumptious, and the hostesses' houses festively decorated. A good time and delicious food were had by all. Thanks to the following for their efforts on behalf of the Ladies:

Coordinator: Betsy Dougherty
October hostess: Yuthud Oberdick
November hostess: Deborah Thomas
December hostess: Claudia Clark



BILLIARDS ANYONE



The Links Billiard League will begin its tenth season of play on January 2 and continue through the winter every Wednesday night. We welcome new members. If you are a new resident or have been enjoying the Links for a while, please consider the league to watch the cold months fly by.

The Billiard League is a low key competition with lots of social opportunities for Links men. And fun! Briefly, play takes place on Wednesday evenings. We play on tables in the homes of league members. The format is doubles, 8 ball. There are 4 or 5 players at each table, and each player partners with each of the others several times. You play with new guys each week. The season lasts ten weeks, which takes us to the middle of March. There is a 2-week singles tournament after that for those who are interested. Contact Gil Clark at gilclark7@comcast.net or call 717-359-8634.

FAMILY COMMITTEE SPRING GET-TOGETHERS

Stay tuned for announcements of upcoming events.

SPECIAL ACTIVITY

A Valentine Card Workshop will be held the last week of January at the home of Paula Kravits. No special skills are needed, just a desire to create a card or two for the special someone in your life, mother, father, child, husband, wife or grandparent, even just for yourself to frame.

All materials are included. All you bring is yourself. There will be cards to copy or much help to create your own. And it's free! This year there will be a men's only workshop included. Watch for a letter regarding the exact dates and times coming soon.



LADIES BOOK CLUB

The Ladies of the Links Book Club looks forward to another year of great reads and follow up discussions. Our last novel *Beartown* by Frederik Bachman was so enjoyable that we have decided our January 23rd meeting will feature the sequel, *Us Against You*.

Our group meets the fourth Wednesday each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center. Please join us and review our upcoming program:

January 23rd: *Us Against You*, a novel by Fredrik Backman

February 27th: *A Piece of the World*, a novel by Christina Baker Kline

March 27th: *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*, a novel by Gail Honeyman

All best wishes for comfort and joy in 2019 *Claudia Clark* cclark3344@gmail.com



Recurring Activities & Events

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 at a local Gettysburg restaurant, aligned to the Ladies' Breakfast schedule. (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)

(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.