

The Linksletter

Spring 2019 Edition

Key Upcoming Events

Apr 19 – Links Easter Egg Hunt

May 17 – Mother's Day

May 27 – Memorial Day

Jun 15 – Father's Day

Jun 16 – Summer Newsletter
deadline for articles and photos

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

AQUA: The committee representing your interests in opposing Aqua Pennsylvania's proposed increase in water and wastewater services has agreed to the settlement proposed by the parties, recommended by our legal counsel (Torren Ecker of the Becker Group in Hanover) and endorsed by the administrative law judge. The settlement is not bad for us and far better than the alternative--which would have been the 27% proposed overall increase.

The combined increase for both services will be 15.45% effective May 24. For water, the flat rate will rise from \$16 to \$18 and the usage rate will increase from \$9.07 to \$10.65 per thousand gallons for the first 2000 gallons and from \$10.35 to \$12.61 per thousand gallons over 2000 gallons. For wastewater, the flat rate will increase from \$44 to \$46 and the per gallon rate will rise from \$6.13 to \$8.50 per thousand gallons. As an example, if your household uses 3000 gallons of water per month and 3000 gallons for sewer per month (average amounts--but check your bill for your amounts), your bill for both will jump from \$106.88 to \$123.40--not counting ancillary charges.

Aqua has not raised our rates in the past 9 years and this agreement ensures they will not seek another for 3 years. Thanks to our committee members Dave Larson, Bud Vance, Stu Kravits and John Love for their wise counsel and support in this effort.

TRASH: The Association is working on selecting a location for the recycle bins. Waste Connections has been on site to assess potential locations. We will advise community once site is final.

ENTRY LIGHTING (Clubhouse Dr) - The entry lights to Clubhouse Drive are finally working and look great. We will be running a conduit underneath the roadway that will result in temporarily closing off the road one side at a time. An email will be forthcoming soon notifying residents of the date.

PROPANE - A meeting has been scheduled with Suburban Propane and Rick Kline to discuss propane rates charged to the Links residents

Spring Activities Around Gettysburg

Apr 28 Blue-Gray Half Marathon
Apr 29 North-South Marathon
May 18 Spring Outdoor Antique Show
May 27 Memorial Day Parade

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

Activities Around the Community

Welcome to New Homeowners at the Links

Belcher, Zach and Dana	74 Brookside Ln.
Burdis, Jim & Erin	14 Garrison Falls Dr.
Curtis, Jeff and Brenda	82 Brookside Ln.
Hampton, Coleman & Bonnie	65 Cooper Ln.
Leary, Tim & Margaret	38 Bridge Valley Rd.
McNevin, Tony & Lyn	127 River Rd.
Sentz, Carolyn	23 Cooper Ln.
Steen, Warren & Evelyn	7 Laurel Hill Ct.

Valentine's Day Activity



A special thank you to Paula Kravits for hosting a Valentine's Day workshop. Those who attended made Valentine cards for their special someone. A great and creative time was had by all.



Community Pool Report

The pool refurbishment contract has been approved. We held the first meeting with the contractor to discuss schedule and coordination activities. Current schedule calls for major activity to begin April 16, 2019, with preliminary activity beginning the second week of March. This project plan is a step-by-step process requiring construction over a period of one month depending upon the weather. Following the completion of the major project, a day-to-day curing process and water balancing will be ongoing until the coating is cured properly. This effort will require an additional one-to-two weeks.



Expected completion will allow the pool to open on Memorial Day weekend. Please note that weather is a very important factor in the completion of this project. Please be advised that the area in front of the pool gate will have limited parking due to trucks loading and unloading material. We recommend that residents access the front of the community center during this work. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Please note that RLK Security installed several security cameras in both the swimming pool and community center areas. The intent is to deter unauthorized use and vandalism of these areas. The cameras will be monitored if any incidences are reported.

In addition, the pool committee has had two meetings with a third scheduled at the end of March. The committee has been addressing the concerns of the community, reviewing the lifeguard duties, safety issues and updates to the pool/spa rules and regulations including renting and party activities. A report will be forthcoming to the community along with updated pool/spa rules and regulations.

Bill and Mary Thompson

FAMILY COMMITTEE SPRING GET-TOGETHERS



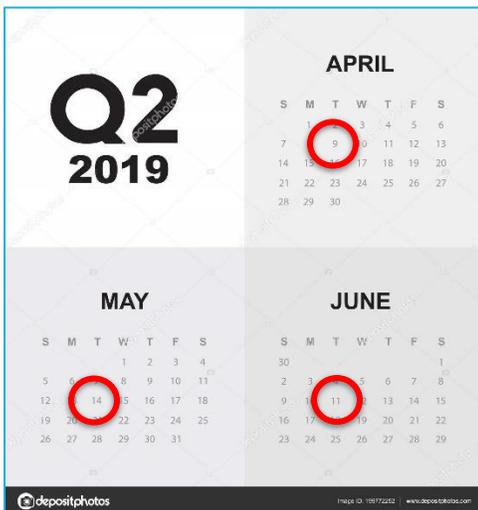
Easter egg hunt on April 19 at 2pm with light refreshments after. This year we will have a surprise visit from the Easter bunny so bring a camera to capture those special photos. The hunt will be broken up into age groups and all family, friends and relatives are invited. Contact *Anna Domzalski* with any questions.

3rd ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

On 22 February, the Entertainment Committee and Karen Landry hosted the 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off at the Community Center. Six excellent and diverse Chili concoctions were provided by our Master Chefs residing in the Links. 1st Place was awarded by popular vote to Dave Birdwell. 2nd runner-up went to Karen Hollerich and 3rd runner-up went to Tina Fortenberry. The turnout, activities and food were spectacular! *Karen Landry*



2ND TUESDAY GROUP



The 2nd Tuesday Group took a break in February and March, but we have plans to be back in action April 9 with antiquing and lunch in Westminster. We will car pool to Westminster Antique Mall then head to lunch at Forbidden City Chinese Restaurant. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details on this event and others soon.

June will start the Second Tuesday Poolside Lunches which we do throughout the summer.

If you have any questions, please contact *Cynde Vance*.

We welcome any and all Links residents.

LADIES OF THE LINKS BREAKFAST

Once a month the Ladies of the Links gather at the home of one of the residents, who graciously volunteers to host the breakfast. Several of the ladies assist with the preparation of extremely scrumptious dishes for all to partake. Below are pictures from a recent breakfast held at the home of Barb Greeley. All agree that this is a great Links tradition and an opportunity to catchup. Our thanks to *Betsy Dougherty* for organizing these events.



MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

Unable to prepare the same quality of meals as the ladies, the Men of the Links have opted for the easy way out - meeting for breakfast and socializing at a local restaurant. These breakfasts usually occur during the same time as the Ladies breakfast. Recent breakfasts have been held at the 1863 in the Wyndham Hotel, Friendly's and the Gettysburg Family Restaurant. These meals are a great opportunity for fellowship and staying out of our Ladies' ways. Many thanks to our organizer *Stu Kravits*



THE LINKS WINE CLUB



Save the date! The next Links Wine Club meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2019. Our hosts for May are Frank and Sandy Negro. Stay tuned for more information on the theme (which hosts get to choose) and how you can help.

If you're new to The Links and have not attended a wine club event it is a chance to learn something about the wines that are our theme and then to share some social time and food with other Links neighbors.

Below are pictures from our most recent Wine Club tasting held February 9. Shelley Anderson and Georgette Gut presented to a capacity crowd. All gatherings are strictly for "medicinal" purposes. For non-medicinal questions please contact *Bud and Cynde Vance*.



UPCOMING IN-HOUSE GOLF EVENTS



The course is thawing out and warmer temps are on the horizon. I've attached two flyers for the Ice Breaker and Jack and Jill Tournaments coming up on April 20 and May 5. Please refer to the flyers below for sign-up information and cost. See you on the course. *Craig Walker*



Ice Breaker
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Jack and Jill
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BILLIARDS ANYONE?



The 10th Anniversary season of the Links Billiard League concluded on March 21, when Andy Muenzfeld defeated Steve Rice to win the season-ending singles tournament. This was a rematch of last year's tournament which was won by Steve. The season began just after New Year's Day and included nine weeks of doubles play, a one night team competition and two weeks of the tournament play. Twenty-three men participated in the league this year. Twelve of these players hosted league play.

The doubles play, which pairs up players with other league members, was very competitive, but fun. Russ Arrighi edged out Steve Rice for the player with the best won/loss record. These high-scorers were followed by Gil Clark, Tim Dehan and Andy Muenzfeld. This year, with players almost equally spread between the Courtyards and Garrison Falls/Retreat, a friendly team competition, loosely borrowed from events like the Ryder Cup, was staged. The competition was dubbed the Red Rock Rumble and the Courtyards team prevailed.

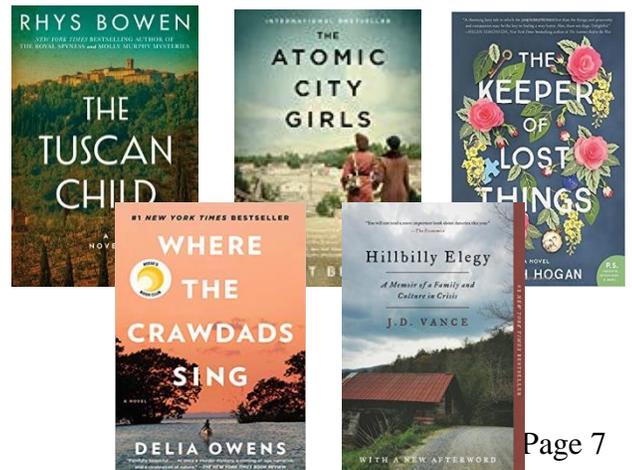
The next official event will be the Fall Poolfest, featuring singles play. This competition runs from the start of October into the holiday period. It is possible that more play will be scheduled over the intervening months depending on interest. If you want to join the fun, please contact *Gil Clark*.

LADIES BOOK CLUB

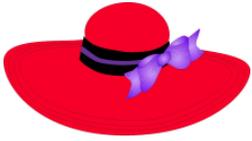
The Ladies of the Links Club was started in 2006 and has been going strong ever since. This past year we have had wonderful books to enjoy and we have more great books chosen for the next six months. There have been 20 members in our group and at least 10 ladies usually participate in our discussions. Our books are chosen from member's recommendations and by surveying various book reviews. New members are always welcome. You may have been a member of a book club in the past and been discouraged by the format, but our discussions are relaxed and informative. We laugh a lot. Give it a try; we'd love to have you join us. Selections for the next few months are:

Our group meets the fourth Wednesday each month at 10 am at the Community Center. Please join us and review our upcoming program: *Claudia Clark*

- April 24: *The Tuscan Child*, by Rhys Bowen
May 22: *The Girls of Atomic City*, by Denise Kiernan
June 26: *The Keeper of Lost Things*, by Ruth Hogan
July 24: *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens
Aug 28: *Hillbilly Elogy*, by J. D. Vance



RED HAT LADIES OF THE LINKS



The Red Hat Ladies went bowling at Thunderhead Lanes in Taneytown in February and enjoyed lunch afterwards at Flicks Pub. For info or to get added to the distribution list contact *Barb Greeley*



RUTH'S HARVEST LINKS' SUPPORT



A special thanks to Stu Kravits, Pat Adair, Mike and Pat Koziski, Fred Eichhorn, Jaci DeLaughter, Sue Bradshaw, Jan Rovecamp, Fran Ferlisi and Karen Hollerich who volunteered to pack bags on March 14th for Ruth's Harvest. These bags were distributed to 317 children from GASD. The coordinator said that one half of the donated food and money comes from Links residents. We will continue this volunteer activity on an as needed basis, being placed on a rotating schedule.

The annual Links Hawaiian Open, a golf outing, benefitting Ruth's Harvest, will be held June 6. Watch for emails with details. *Frank Negro*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: May 3-5 2019

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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)

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.