



The Linksletter

Spring 2020 Edition

Links Spring Socials

April – TBD

May – TBD

June – TBD

4th of July – TBD

Dates/Times published in email

POC & Thank You

Please refer to your Links Directory for POC contact information not published 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

Links Community

We are receiving proposals to add steps to the playground/pool area and expect to have this completed by pool opening.

We are working with our electrician to add lighting to illuminate the handicap parking area and to increase the lighting on the stairs/ramp at the community center.

Russ Arighi

Courtyards Update

The Courtyards HOA Executive Board has received numerous positive comments with the services provided to date from our new contractor, Atlantic Management Group. They have completed a thinning of the large pear trees and removed all old mulch from our mulch beds and even edged the beds with a spade to ensure sharp edges. They are scheduled to install new mulch by the end of March and commence mowing in April.

In an effort to resolve the ongoing issue with vehicles cutting corners too close and damaging our sod, we have contracted to expand the pavers around selected corners within the area. Hopefully, this will resolve our long standing problem.

A new contract has been signed with the golf course for continuing curbside pickup of our trash at the same price as the older contract. The new contract is for three years and will carry us through 2023. Negotiations are ongoing with the Golf Course for irrigation services throughout the Courtyards areas. We are optimistic we can reach an agreement for a fair price with the golf course for these services.

Courtyards Executive Board: Bud, Mike and Russ

Welcome to New Residents

Rich & Sarah Carter	40 Cooper Ln.
Dan & Ellen Johnson	155 Savannah Dr.
Kathleen Meyers & Dorothy Pabst	11 River Rd.
Micki Peters	96 Garrison Falls Dr.
Jean White	215 Savannah Dr.

*If you know of a new resident to the community, please inform Jerry Wright (2soarbeyond@gmail.com) along with a contact email or phone number. To respect privacy, he will coordinate with the new members to determine appropriate contact information for our directory and distribution lists. Thank you. *Jerry Wright**

Upcoming Events of Interest

*Thursday 23 April 2020 tee off at 1:00 p.m. **Final status TBD. Watch Links email.***

The "Tee It Up Fore the Arts" golf tourney supports the efforts of the Adams County Arts Education Center and will be held at *The Links at Gettysburg* course. Contact Stu Kravits.

*Sunday 26 April 2020 approximately 11:00 a.m. **Final status TBD. Watch Links email.***

The World Team America "Face of America" cycle ride from Washington, D.C. to Gettysburg with over 600 riders including disabled veterans passes through our community on Mason Dixon Rd. Many of our residents support our heroes cheering and waving flags. Contact Bruce Bradshaw.

*Thursday 21 May 2020 tee off at 1:00 p.m. **Final status TBD. Watch Links email.***

Gettysburg Optimist Tenth Annual Golf Tourney supports the youth of Gettysburg and will be held at *The Links at Gettysburg* course. We had tremendous support from the Links community last year and are very hopeful for 2020. The Optimists are a501(C) organization. Contact Bruce Bradshaw.

Winter Events

VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION



The Valentine's Day grandparent party was a great success! We had 15 children attend! They dipped strawberries in chocolate, made gift boxes and Valentine's hearts, played board games and finished the night with a movie! We are hoping to make this an annual event! Other events this year will be announced via Links distribution when able.

Please make sure to go on Facebook and follow this link to like the page and pass this on to your children so that future planning events will be made easier on your part! <https://m.facebook.com/groups/564850851004940/?ref=share>





The Fifth Annual Chili Cook-off was held at the Community Center on 21 February. This annual event allows Linkers to raise their culinary experiences to new and exciting levels. As in previous years, the 50-plus tasters were enthusiastic and, by the end of the evening, fully sated. Seven different cooks provided memorable chilis which were accompanied by salads, cornbread and a variety of accoutrements. First place this year went to Phil Apple, second place was awarded to Cynde Vance and third place was given to Sherry Waybright. Phil's name will be added to the Chili Cook-off plaque that is on the wall outside of the kitchen entrance. A special "Thank You" to all those cooks who spent a lot of time cutting onions and sausages. Our appreciation goes to the social committee for the shopping, decorating, setup and, of course, cleanup. Stop by the Community Center and see the plaque recognizing all the First place winners for the past 5 years. *Shelly Anderson*



LINKS GARDENS



The Links has a parcel of land by holes #6 and #7 that Rick Klein has allowed our residents to plant gardens on plots approximately 20 by 30 feet. The Links Garden Club started out in 2008 with 12 gardeners, and this number has shrunk to five hardnosed gardeners. This next year will be our thirteenth year of growing vegetables for families who just want to have garden-fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, green beans, onions, lettuce, peppers, beets and zucchini. It is hard work, but when the harvest comes in, BLTs are to die for with freshly grown tomatoes. We do have to combat the elements including varmints, pests, drought and **WEEDS**, but when we get a harvest, it is very satisfying. The zinnia flowers we plant have been beautiful and pulled in the butterflies and hummingbirds. Please let *Bruce Bradshaw* know if you are interested in participating this next year with initial plantings going in around the first week of May.

THE LINKS WINE CLUB



The February Wine Club took place on Saturday, February 8, at the Links Community Center. Shelly Anderson was the host and the theme was, "Love is in the air...presenting blended wines that go well with Valentine's Day." Presenters included Shelly Anderson, Dan McCusker and Georgette Gut. The event was well attended with approximately 60 Links residents who brought appetizers and wine to share after presentations.

Shelly Anderson

The Wine Club is held quarterly and continues to be popular. These part learning, part social events are always well attended and fun, not to mention a chance to enjoy a glass of wine and some good food with neighbors. We will meet again on Saturday May 9, 2020. At this time, we don't have a host for the event. The host gets to choose the theme. All interested Links Community residents are invited. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact

Bud & Cynde Vance



BILLIARDS ANYONE?



The 2020 Winter Session of the Links Billiard League concluded on March 11. The ten-week session wrapped up with the Red Rock Rumble, a team event that pitted players from the Courtyards against those from Garrison Falls and The Retreat. This year The Rumble was won by the Garrison Falls and The Retreat team 33-28, avenging a narrow defeat last year.

The first 9 weeks of the session saw players engage in doubles 8 ball. This year's best winning percentage was posted

by Andy Muenzfeld, followed by Bruce Terry and Russ Arrighi. Unfortunately, the highly anticipated Singles Tournament had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 concerns. An effort will be made to hold the tournament at a later date. The next session of the League will be a singles 9 ball competition in June and July. Anyone interested in playing pool or with questions should contact Gil. Minimal prior experience is needed.

Gil Clark



LADIES BOOK CLUB

The Ladies of the Links Book Club is currently reading *Rules Of Civility*, a novel by Amor Towles.

Looking forward to upcoming selections:

April 22 *Rules of Civility*, a novel by Amor Towles

May 27 *Olive, Again*, a novel by Elizabeth Strout

June 24 *The Giver of Stars*, by Jojo Moyes

July 22 *When We Believed In Mermaids*, a novel by Barbara O'Neal

The Indigo Girl, a historic fiction novel by Natasha Boyd (no picture and no date)

As always, happy reading! *Claudia Clark*



THE LINKS CIGAR CLUB

The cigar club will tentatively kick off the new season on April 9 at 6:00 p.m. We meet on the patio outside the grill. The format is Joe Hunter provides the cigars at cost to the members usually between \$8-\$10. We try to smoke the top cigars rated by *Cigar Aficionado*. Members bring their beverage of choice, sharing with members often. If you are interested, contact Joe Hunter. This time we will smoke the #1 cigar rated at 96. Some members just come for the beverage and lively conversation. Hope to see interested parties on April 9.

Joe Hunter

THE FAMILY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE



The children in our neighborhood have been home from school for a yet-to-be-determined time. A fun activity called a Rainbow Hunt has been trending on the Internet. With the help of community residents, we held a Rainbow Hunt with our children on March 24. 77 rainbows were colored, printed, crafted or otherwise created and displayed in the windows and on the doors of our homes. Children and their parents walked the community to count and record the number of rainbows. We had several winners. The Woolgar family found all 77 rainbows, even the smallest ones. Our runners up were Lily and Avery Johnson with 69 rainbows and Isabelle Prague with 68. Congratulations to all who participated and to our community residents for making this a Special place to live!!

Anna Domzalski



World Team Sports "Face of America" Bike Ride



The morning of **April 26** at approximately 11:00 a.m., 600 riders with around 150 wounded/disabled veterans are scheduled to pass by our Links community while participating in the World Team Sports "Face of America" bike ride. This two-day ride originates in our nation's Capital and proceeds to the first stop in Frederick, MD. The second day, the ride proceeds on the backroads to Gettysburg and always passes the Links community on Mason Dixon road.

This will be the tenth year that we as a community have turned out to say "thank you" to these veterans, many of whom are disabled, as well as the active duty and civilian participants (600-plus total riders). We appreciate the veterans and active-duty participants for their service to our country and we have demonstrated that as the attached pictures illustrate.

The bike ride participants have all said that passing through the Links on the second day and getting such a great reception with so many flags has been an inspiration to them, and one they look forward to after a long ride through the back country from Frederick to Gettysburg. For information please contact *Bruce Bradshaw* or *Stu Kravits*.



Mount Joy Supervisor Update

The following information was provided by Bernie Mazer to keep Links residents informed of items commanding local, state and national interest. Changes will occur, but the websites and references will be useful in following many of these changes. Copy, paste and enter the link into your browser to reach the website.

COVID-19 Related Information:

White House Guidelines: https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf

CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html?emci=59daab80-ac6a-ea11-a94c-00155d03b5dd&emdi=6fcab804-bd6a-ea11-a94c-00155d03b5dd&ceid=4024385>

PA Department of Health:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx?emci=59daab80-ac6a-ea11-a94c-00155d03b5dd&emdi=6fcab804-bd6a-ea11-a94c-00155d03b5dd&ceid=4024385>

Governor Wolf's Declaration to close all non-life sustaining businesses

List of affected businesses: website: <https://www.scribd.com/document/452553026/UPDATED-5-45pm-March-21-2020-Industry-Operation-Guidance>.

Additional Free Sites:

<https://www.spotlightpa.org/topics/coronavirus/>

<https://papist.org/tag/coronavirus/>

Mount Joint Township Information During the COVID-19 PA State of Emergency, the township building will be closed to the public. The staff will be on duty to answer your questions via phone or email and will respond as appropriate. Should you need to drop paperwork off, there is a black box located on the wall just outside the door that will be checked daily.

BROOKVIEW SOLAR CONDITIONAL USE CANCELLATION OF MARCH PUBLIC HEARINGS

Brookview Solar Conditional Use Public Hearings scheduled for March 23 and March 25, 2020 at Littlestown Area High School have been cancelled. Littlestown School District has closed its schools for the weeks scheduled for the March public hearings. There will be no activities inside or outside of the School.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD in the LITTLESTOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOL, 200 E. MYRTLE STREET, LITTLESTOWN, PA:

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY APRIL 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Activities Around the Links

Billiards League on Monday evenings during the summer. (Gil Clark)

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

Family Activities Committee organizes seasonal activities (Anna Domzalski)

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

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

Ladies' BUNCO Group: call organizer for more details. (Colleen Arrighi)

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

Ladies' Second Tuesday Club on the second Tuesday of each month, at 10 a.m. in the CC – **currently inactive requiring an organizer volunteer**

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

Men's Breakfast on a Thursday each month at a local Gettysburg restaurant, aligned to the Ladies' Breakfast schedule. (Stu Kravits)

Men's Cigar Club monthly, usually Thursday 7-9 p.m. on patio outside the Pro Shop. (Joe Hunter)

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

Pickleball – inactive during winter (Brenda Insalaco)

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

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

Social Activities Committee schedules Last Fridays and other events throughout the year (Sal Ferlisi)

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

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.