

# The Linksletter

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# **Upcoming Events**

- Saturday, Aug. 6: Lemonade Stand on the pool deck sponsored by the Family Activities Committee to raise funds for the Halloween and Easter activities (Noon-3pm)
- Saturday, Aug. 13: Links Wine Club at 4pm in the Community Center
- Sunday, Aug. 21: Ice Cream Social hosted by the Family Activities Committee at the pool deck (Time TBD)
- Wednesday, Aug. 24: Links Red Hat Ladies Luncheon at Pakha Thai Restaurant in Dillsburg, PA at noon
- Thursday, Aug. 18: Men's and Ladies Breakfasts
- Thursday, Sept. 15: Men's and Ladies Breakfasts
- Friday, Sept. 16: Links Red Hat Ladies tour of the National Cryptologic Museum in Ft. Meade, MD with luncheon afterwards

# **HOA CORNER**

# **HOA Updates**

For newer Links residents, here is some information to help you work with your Home Owners Association (HOA) representative(s) in Links neighborhoods.

Some HOAs have assigned roles and responsibilities to their officers, specifically:

Garrison Falls HOA:

Sal Ferlisis is responsible for:

**Snow Removal** 

Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

interface

Dave Larson is responsible for:

Landscaping

Lawn Service

Barb Greeley is responsible for:

Budget

**Financial Statements** 

Mary Thompson is responsible for:

Meeting minutes

ARC member

The Courtyard HOA:

Bud Vance is responsible for:

Landscaping

Lawn Service

Recycling and Trash

Liz Zaic is responsible for:

**Sprinklers** 

Webpage

Newsletter

Tom Fischer is responsible for:

Budget

**Snow Removal** 

**Pavers** 

Electrical

For example, if a Courtyard resident has a problem with the sprinklers misdirecting water to the master bedroom window at 7 am, the resident would contact Liz Zaic. Liz, in turn, would get in touch with John Long, the Links Golf Course Superintendent, whose team would fix the problem.

Karen Hollerich-Kopp is the point-person for the Villas at the Retreat. The key is for residents to contact their HOA Board members for any HOA-related issues.

In addition, Dave Larson has replaced Sal Ferlisi as the Garrison Falls representative on the Master Association. However, Sal is still the President of the Garrison Falls HOA and continues to work on the ACCESS card upgrade for the entire Links community.

# **Community Center Update**

# **Community Center Pool Opening**

The Community Center Pool opened on Memorial Day weekend. Prior to the opening, a group of neighborhood volunteers worked hard on Saturday May 14 to clean and set up the pool area. Among the volunteers were Karen Hollerich-Kopp, Mary Thompson, the Steve Rice family, the Mike Short family, Pat Adair, Dave Birdwell, and a few others. Kudos and thanks to all who were there to lend a helping hand!

## **Community Center Access Cards**

The Links Community recently upgraded the ACCESS Security System (Community Center and pool area key cards). The new system software uses a code number embedded in individual access cards and requires that every access card belonging to residents be rescanned, which takes only a couple of minutes. Please contact Sal Ferlisi if you have not yet had your access card rescanned. Kudos to Sal for leading this important security upgrade. Other recent security improvements include the installation of a card-activated lock between the tot lot and the pool area.

For those homeowners who have not yet had their ACCESS cards rescanned, it isn't too late. You can expedite the process by placing your card in an envelope with your name and phone number in the accumulation box located in the Pro Shop by Wednesday, and the card will be rescanned and returned by Sal no later than Saturday. Please note that cards not rescanned by 31 August 2016 will be de-activated.

#### **Links CCOC**

The Links Community Center Oversight Committee (CCOC) is a volunteer group that recommends repairs and improvements to the Links Master Association. CCOC members are responsible for the care of the Community Center, including the fitness center, pool, tot lot, and the recreation area near the tot lot. The CCOC oversees the booking of the Community Center for parties and events, making sure everything is ready before the party/event and cleaned up afterward. The CCOC is also responsible for hiring a lifeguard for the pool season. Individual member responsibilities are as follows:

David Birdwell is the CCOC chairman.

Catherine Short helps with Community center reservations, checking the calendar, issuing paperwork, and collecting deposits.

Stacey Rice handles issues pertaining to the pool, lifeguard, and tot lot.

Rich Dassing handles fitness center issues.

Bruce Landis is the point of contact for residents to report problems with the gym equipment.

Bonni Klein acts as liaison to the Master Association and various Links employees who help maintain the area.

Kat Gregory is our lifeguard this summer. She works most Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from Memorial Day until Labor Day. She is at the pool from 12-8pm. As lifeguard, she oversees safe use of the pool and hot tub, and she makes sure the pool rules are followed. She also helps to keep the pool and surrounding area clean and tidy, and she empties the brown, lidded trash cans in the pool area.

The CCOC respectfully asks residents to clean up after themselves and keep the furniture and the facilities free of debris. There are paper towels, soap, and water in the restrooms and the kitchen. Thank you!

Reminder! The Links Community Center Library (located to the right of the entrance on the main floor) is growing and residents are encouraged to stop by to take a book or leave a book. Please make sure that the books you leave are in good condition so that these books can be enjoyed by your neighbors.

# **Links Activities**

#### **Golf Raises Funds**

The Wounded Warrior Patrol Tournament at the Links Golf Club on 10 June raised upwards of \$30,000 this year. A number of Links residents participated in this event, raising money to support the recovery and family bonding of Wounded Warriors, Warriors spouses, caregivers, and their children

through the recreational therapy of snow sports and other outdoor recreational activities. This charity is based in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The organization is run entirely by non-paid volunteers.

# **Poker Night**

Mark Williams initiated the "Return of Poker Night" on 11 June.

#### **Water Fitness Classes**

Connie Feldman is offering her Water Fitness Class again this year at the Community Center pool from 10:30 am to 11:45 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning on 5 July. The class is for Links



residents over 14 years of age and is FREE. Connie is a certified water fitness instructor. Class activities include a mix of cardio, resistance training, balance exercises, and stretching. Contact Connie if you have any questions or refer to the email that she sent to Links residents on 28 May.

# Cigar Club

The Links Cigar Club is still going strong!



## **Garden Club Bounty**

The Links Garden Club is in its 9th year of growing vegetables for families who just want to have garden fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, green beans, onions, lettuce, peppers, beets, and zucchini.

Currently, the Club has eight families participating. As the pictures show, the kids enjoy helping with the harvest. During peak harvest time, the gardeners have been known to share their bounty with neighbors, and many times those recipients will make great tomato sauces



or pickles. This hobby is not for the timid or those who want only to plant and watch the fruits of their labor grow, as gardeners occasionally have to fight ferocious rabbits, deer, ground hogs, and even hoe-hardy weeds while hoping for a few gentle rain storms to provide water in times of summer drought. (We need rain now!)

(Contributed by Bruce Bradshaw)



Stacey, Gabe, and Sarah Rice with Genevieve and Catherine Short tending their garden.

# **Second Tuesday Ladies Group**

The Second Tuesday Ladies Group met on 12 July to celebrate Bastille Day with a pool-side



luncheon of French delicacies, including croissants, soft french cheeses, quiche, macarons, and many other goodies.

## **Red Hatters Outing**

Links Red Hat Ladies toured the Oatlands Historic House & Gardens near Leesburg, Virginia on 19 May and had lunch at the Lightfoot Restaurant in Leesburg afterwards. A great time was had by all, thanks to Claudia Clark who organized the trip.



# **Links Ladies Lead Gettysburg DAR**

Barbara Greeley, the Links' Red Hat Queen Diva, was recently elected as Regent of the Gettysburg Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) for the 2016-2019 term. Among the new



local DAR officers are Links residents Sharon McFadden, Cindy Birdwell, and Cynde Vance. *Congratulations to all!* 

This newsletter serves the entire Links community. Residents are welcome to contribute articles, photographs, and suggestions/feedback to the Links Newsletter. Please contact Tai or Bruce Landis via email or phone, as listed in the Links Directory.

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