

The Linksletter

Summer 2018 Edition

POC Contact Information

Key Events

July 4th – 4pm on: Links Picnic Poolside. See article for details.

July 1st - 7th – For Central PA fireworks events see article p.3.

Sept 15: Next Newsletter deadline for articles and pictures.

For POC contact information, 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 Update

Pool Area. Thanks again to Mary and Bill Thompson for stepping up to manage the pool this year. Please see their update article. It is imperative that we all follow the pool rules for everyone’s safety. We have had instances of glass bottles and other glass items being brought into the pool area. This is **STRICTLY FORBIDDEN** as a safety item. Broken glass creates a severe safety hazard and will result in closing the pool until completely cleaned.

Water Tower: The repainted tower and Links logo were completed this Spring.

Handicap Parking Spaces by Pool. Three handicapped parking spaces have been installed by the Pool behind the Community Center. Parking signs and markings will be installed the week of 24 June. These spaces are for use **ONLY** by people displaying handicapped license plates or valid state - issued permits.

Safety. Homeowners are reminded to be extra cautious of pedestrians, especially children within our areas and roadways. It is now summertime and our children are out of school. Please **SLOW DOWN** when driving throughout our neighborhoods.

Pets. Pet owners are required to keep their pets on a leash and not let them run free throughout the neighborhood or golf course. Pets must remain on a leash even if pet owners are nearby. Pet owners are also responsible for cleaning up after their pets. This clean-up includes when the pets use any vacant lots. Please be considerate pet owners and cognizant of lawn areas. We have experienced excessive areas of brown spots primarily due to pet urination. We all love our pets but must be aware of ownership responsibilities .



Around the Links

Cumberland Crossing. Construction has recently commenced within the new Cumberland Crossing Development. These homeowners will be a separate HOA and a part of the Master Association. They will pay Master Association dues and therefore will have access to Links amenities.

Note: We are trying a pilot feature with the Courtyards 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

New Plantings. Many of you have noticed the new plants on Todd, Chamberlain, Lookout Courts and fronting Clubhouse Drive. The plants consist of maple shade trees, dogwoods, spruce and various shrubs for landscaping the utility boxes. The Developer provided these in accordance with Phase 1C of the Mount Joy Township's approved Development Plan for the Courtyards. Once planted, this completes the Developer's obligation for landscaping of developed lots. New homes will be landscaped once constructed. Plants are being installed per the locations and plant type as identified in the Plan with only minor variations as to location due to utilities. They must be planted where approved on the Plan. We have no authority to switch from one area to another.

Lawncare. The adverse weather, primarily caused by excessive rain, has created havoc for our lawncare provider with long, wet grass and excessive weeds in the mulched beds, driveways and sidewalks. We have met extensively with them to resolve ongoing issues and are confident that drier weather and better-quality control will result in improved service.

Lighting. New LEDs will be installed at the Courtyards similar to what was done at Battery Ridge. Installation should commence later this month. The developer installed 8 new streetlights in Chamberlain Court. The streetlight's fixture shade will be replaced so that it will be consistent with the other streetlights.

HOA Fees (Courtyards Homeowners Only). Twice a year- as of 30 June and 31 December- Courtyards homeowners will be notified of any under/over payments of Homeowner Association Fees. The notification will be sent via e-mail with a recommendation on how to address the balance. Please ensure your e-mail address on the neighborhood directory is correct. Those with balances as of 30 June 2018 should receive their e-mail circa mid-July. Thank you in advance for your immediate response to our e-mail.

New Arrivals Across the Links: We are pleased to welcome new residents to the Courtyards since our last newsletter. Please make an effort to welcome them into the neighborhood.

Jaci Delaughter, Condo at 220 Savannah Dr.

Fred and Linda Eichhorn, 16 Evergreen Ct.

Bob and Darlene Lucciotti, 95 Clubhouse Dr.

Chuck and Anne Pede, 7 North Chamberlain Ct.

Joe and Linda Pekala, 91 Bridge Valley Rd.

Bob Westrick, 12 Evergreen Ct.

Vincent and Tammie Woolgar, 1 Shiloh Ct.



July 5-8, 2018

See website for ticket information and schedule of events: <https://www.gettysburgreenactment.com/>

Central Pennsylvania Firework Celebrations



The link below from Channel 43 News provides information on local fireworks events:

<https://fox43.com/2018/06/22/ready-for-some-fireworks-heres-where-to-see-them-in-central-pennsylvania-around-independence-day/>

Looking for Something Different?



Below is a site that describes some interesting sites around Pennsylvania. If you are looking for something different to do or still trying to fill holes in your summer and fall travel schedule, check out the following:

https://www.pennlive.com/entertainment/index.ssf/2015/07/pennsylvania_bucket_list.html

Upcoming Community Activities

The Links at Gettysburg Community Pool



Our beautiful pool opened successfully over the Memorial Day Weekend. We want to thank all of the community volunteer residents for their assistance on pool setup day. It took only 45 minutes to get the furniture, lounges, and umbrellas washed and put into place. We were so impressed with the diligence everyone displayed.

Much was completed this season to upgrade the pool. Our contractors worked diligently to make the opening a success. They have completed successful renovations of the pool deck on time despite the weather, completed Phase 1 of the hot tub resurfacing, providing new jets and fixing tiles. The

new handicapped parking spots have also been completed. Fence nettings were placed on the upper deck wrought iron fence to eliminate debris from getting on the pool deck. The fountains have been fixed and are now running and pumps re-inspected and fixed as appropriate. In addition, we have put processes in place for the pool and hot tub, which include statements of work for our pool contractor and lifeguard. We have also, upgraded the pool rules and regulations to assist with pool and hot tub safety.

Our new lifeguard, Sage Craver, is making himself known at the pool. If you haven't met him, please stop by and introduce yourself. In addition to his Red Cross Lifeguard Certification, Sage is in the process of completing Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training. We are very happy to have him on board.

We would like to remind everyone to be sure you have read the rules and regulations and to be sure to complete the form for large parties if you plan on having one. Both documents are located on the website (<http://www.linkshoa.org/>) for your convenience. Please don't hesitate to e-mail us with any questions or concerns. Enjoy our wonderful pool and spa. *Bill and Mary Thompson*

Links Homeowners Social Committee – 4th of July Get Together

The Links Homeowners Social Committee will be sponsoring a **July 4th picnic poolside**. Festivities will start at 4pm for social hour and food will be served at 5pm. Set up and decorating volunteers are needed at 3pm.

Cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 for ages 5-12, and under 5 is free. For this cost, we will provide burgers, hot dogs, chicken sausage, condiments, and paper products. In addition, we ask each family to bring a potluck side dish, snack food, or dessert to share. Since we are poolside, all dishes must be in plastic, paper, or aluminum containers (makes for easy clean up too). No glass is allowed poolside. If it rains, we will serve the food upstairs in the community center.

This is a bring-your-own drink event, but we will have water available. All drinks must be in plastic, paper or aluminum containers. No glass is allowed poolside. We will have an area set up on the grassy side to store wine bottles for fill up into plastic glasses or carafes. You are welcome to

bring your own coolers. You are also encouraged to bring additional folding or lawn chairs for your comfort.

If you plan to attend, please **RSVP and pay by Friday, 29 June**, to Sandy Negro, Fran Ferlisi, or Karen Hollerich. Cash is preferred. There will be no payments taken at the door for this event to ensure we obtain enough food and supplies for all.

Hope to see you there. The Links Homeowners Social Committee

THE SECOND TUESDAY GROUP

POOLSIDE LUNCH DETAILS – All Poolside lunches begin at 12:15PM

June 12 - Everyone brought their own lunch and drink. It was a beautiful day to enjoy the pool area. We discussed upcoming summer lunches as well as favorite local farm markets.

July 10 - Bastille Day Celebration - join us as we enjoy all things French at lunch. Further information will be coming out closer to the date to include who is bringing croissants, fromage, salad, eclairs, etc. This is a fun time and we all share a wonderful French al fresco luncheon.

Aug 14 - This lunch may be everyone brings their own or we each make a salad or sandwich to share. Come and join us in July as we decide the details.

The Second Tuesday Group typically meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10AM in the Community Center. If you have questions, ideas for upcoming meetings, or would like more information about the group, please e-mail or call Cynde Vance.

THE LINKS WINE CLUB

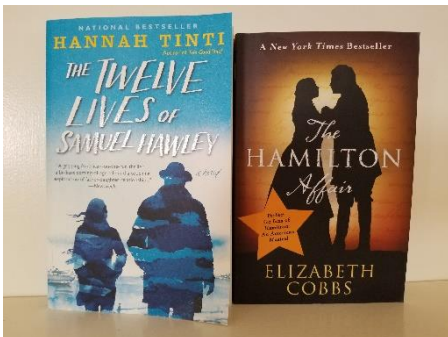


Our next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, Aug 11, 2018**, at the Community Center. The theme for the August meeting will be West Coast wines and will be hosted by Bud and Cynde Vance. More information and requests for volunteers will be out soon.

The **November 10th** meeting will be hosted by Jerry & Betsy Dougherty. All meetings are held at the Community Center with a different volunteer host/organizer each quarter. NOTE: The hosts get to choose the theme. All interested Links Community residents are invited to participate. If you

have questions or need more information, please e-mail or call: *Bud & Cynde Vance*

LADIES BOOK CLUB



The Ladies of the Links Book Club starts our summer program Wednesday June 27 at 10:00 am in the lounge at the Community Center with a discussion of *Lilac Girls*, a novel by Martha Hall Kelly. *Little Fires Everywhere*, a novel by Celeste Ng will be our selection July 25th and *The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley*, a novel by Hana Tinti will close out our summer on August 22nd. The first reading in the fall will be *The Hamilton Affair* by Elizabeth Cobbs. New neighbors are always welcome to our friendly and informal meetings. For the love of books and good conversation, Claudia Clark

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.

NEWSPAPER RECYCLING AT THE LINKS

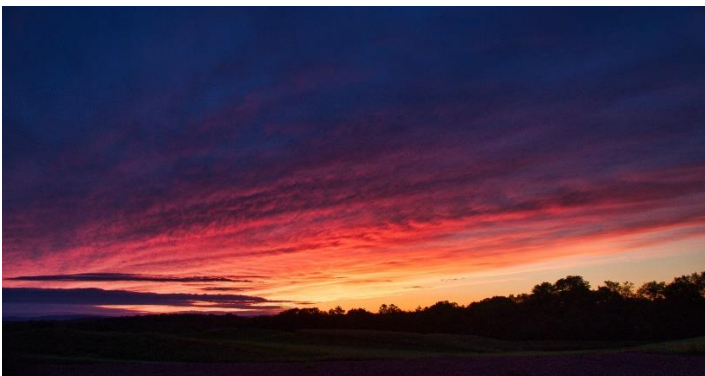
Newspaper recycling started in 2006 when many families were moving in, making new friends and exploring the local area. Several families took the opportunity to visit Mason-Dixon Farm for a tour. We were told that they were in constant need of newspapers to be used in their birthing barns. Links residents started to collect newspapers to be sent to the Farm via a Boy Scout troop located in Gettysburg and then later in Littlestown. The Farm recently stopped the practice of using the papers, but the Scout troop found another business that needed papers that was willing to pay them. The papers now go to a company located in Hanover that uses the shredded paper for padded envelopes.



The money they received goes to defray the cost of running the Troop as well as helping supplement individual activities. Our monthly contribution amounts to about 1/3 of what they deliver to this business. Our efforts are welcomed and appreciated. We help them with their finances and we reduce our carbon footprint. Everyone is a winner.

Product pick up is once a month, usually the third Friday. Products that they will take besides newspapers, include glossy advertisements, magazines, catalogues, phone, paperback and hard cover books, and paper used for packing. Please do NOT send wrapping paper, shredded paper (bills, etc.), envelopes or cardboard. POC is Frank Negro.

SUNSETS AT THE LINKS photographs submitted by Bob Stilwell



Recent Community Activities

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION AND PARADE IN GETTYSBURG



Recognize anyone? Several of our residents participated in the Memorial Day parade. Afterwards there was a moving and patriotic ceremony in the cemetery commemorating the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who sacrificed their lives in service to our great Nation. Let us never forget!

LINKS WINE CLUB



The Links Wine Club met on Saturday May 12, 2018, at 5:00PM at the Community Center. Our theme this time was Australian/New Zealand wines. The event was hosted by Donna Stilwell and Liz Douglass. Many Links neighbors attended this fun event where great food and lively conversation were shared with everyone in attendance.

LAST FRIDAY EVENT – APRIL



Ranger John D. Hoptak spoke at our April event about the political climate and issues leading up to the Civil War. He is currently employed as a Park Ranger/Park Educator at Gettysburg National Military Park. Before working at Gettysburg, Ranger Hoptak worked for eight seasons as a Park Ranger at the Antietam National Battlefield. Hoptak is a frequent lecturer at Civil War Roundtables and Historical Societies and is the author of a number books and articles on the period.

ADAMS COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL GOLF TOURNAMENT



The Arts Council hosted their annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Links on April 28. Their mission is to cultivate an arts rich community in our area. Many Adams County residents attended, including Dan Moul, our PA Representative from District 91. Our thanks for the generous donations from businesses across the region and those who played making possible a hefty contribution of \$8,500 to the Council for future programs. Special thanks to Stu Kravits organizer and the many volunteers and Links course staff who made the event possible. In photo from left to right to the winning flight are: Mark McGinnis, Darlene Brown (ACAC President), Jim Gresalfi, Steve Kargauer, Tim Dehan and Stu Kravits (2nd Vice President).

LADIES BREAKFAST



Colleen Arrighi hosted the April 26 breakfast at her home. The food was excellent and the conversation stimulating. The breakfasts are a great way to meet your neighbors and stay connected to community events. Watch e-mail for date and location.

FACE OF AMERICA RIDE



Adaptive athletes from across North America, Puerto Rico and Europe participated in the national non-profit World T.E.A.M.'s 16th annual [Face of America](#) bicycle and hand cycle ride to historic Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, April 28-29. The annual two-day journey presented by Capital One includes retired and active duty military, civilians and first responders who join in this inclusive cycling event to honor military veterans who have been injured or disabled in their national service. Nearly 100 adaptive veterans and civilians are participating in the ride, covering 112 miles from Arlington and 136 miles from Valley Forge. Many of these adaptive athletes live with amputations, paralysis, blindness, Post-Traumatic Stress and Traumatic Brain Injuries. The pictures above show the support from Links' residents as the riders pass the entrance to our community on April 29.

HAWAIIAN OPEN RAISES \$720 FOR RUTH'S HARVEST



On Friday morning, June 15th, 36 Links' neighbors gathered together for the 10th Links Neighborhood Hawaiian Open. The first Hawaiian Open was held in 2007 to bring neighbors together in friendly competition.

Winning the men's division was Jerry Dougherty, Fred Jensen, Bob Ehlers and Ken Mutzabaugh. Sue Bradshaw, Betsy Dougherty, Paula Kravits, and Kathy Comfort took 1st place honors for the women. Bud Vance and Gayl Dustin had the

straightest drives while Ken Mutzabaugh and Kathy Comfort were closest to the pin. Everyone said they had a good time. The weather was beautiful everyone received a door prize. Look for a spring announcement about next year's playing date.

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' Water Exercise Class at the CC pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 to noon, during pool season. (Connie Feldman)

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. (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)

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

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 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 Fall edition of the Linksletter is September 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.