



# The Linksletter

Winter 2021 Edition



## Upcoming Events

No Links events scheduled at this time for 2021.

Date, time and details for emerging events will be published via email in Links distribution.

## Contact Information

Please refer to your Links Directory for POC contact information for privacy protection.

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 **Master Association (MA)** Annual Meeting was held on November 12, 2020. The meeting minutes were sent to all residents on November 20, 2020. The community approved an amendment to the MA Declaration to: (1) delete the provision that permits the sale of pool memberships to persons/families not residing at the Links and (2) permit notification of meetings and other events by email, eliminating hand and USPS delivery.

### Community Improvements:

- 1) Pool: The wall behind the hot tub was installed and is now in compliance with code regulations.
- 2) Community Center:
  - a) Eight new tables have been purchased to replace the old tables.
  - b) The main room and hall will be painted during the month of January.

On December 11, 2020, the common areas and amenities were closed until further notice in the interest of health and safety of our residents to minimize the spread of the Coronavirus. Governor Wolf imposed restrictions that included shutting down gyms, etc. that began December 12 and runs through January 4, 2021.

Please address all questions to the Master Association at: [linksmasterassociationboard@gmail.com](mailto:linksmasterassociationboard@gmail.com)

*Russ Arighi*

## **Garrison Falls Development News**

After several years of limited activity, home construction in Garrison Falls is on the rise. Gemcraft has two homes and a model home under construction in lower Garrison Falls. In addition, Links Builders has built a model/spec home and cleared two more lots for construction at the end of Bridge Valley Road. When these five homes are complete, the Garrison Falls community will reach 58 homes in number with 19 lots remaining to be sold. While this activity is promising, Rick Klein continues to explore options with other builders. Stay tuned! *Dave Larson*

## Welcome New Residents

Jim & Dee DeLorenzo  
Patrick & Bunny Peyser  
Sandy Ogurkis

6 Garrison Falls Dr. Garrison Falls  
15 Laurel Ct. Court Yards  
105 Clubhouse Dr. Court Yards

*If you know of a new resident to the community, please inform **Jerry Wright** along with a contact email and/or phone number for the new resident. To respect privacy, he will coordinate with our new resident to determine appropriate contact information for our directory and distribution lists.*



## Fall at the Links



Although restrictions have come and gone and come back again, many of our residents have found creative ways to safely play, socialize, give back and just plain LIVE! The Links remains vibrant and engaged despite the pandemic. The articles and pictures that follow capture the spirit of our great community.



## **WHAT IS HALLOWEEN WITHOUT CANDY, NICE WITCHES & DECORATIONS?**



Witch Karen

In the spirit of witches, ghosts and goblins, our residents donned their finest Halloween attire to entertain the little 'trick or treaters' of the Links and provide them with an overabundance of reasons not to eat dinner and to pay the dentist an unexpected visit before the holidays. But then, who overbuys and splurges on Halloween? Those who are young at heart still, of course!



Witch Pat



**A Fall Courtyard Decorated for the Season**



## **SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

Fire Chief Dick Andrew from the Barlow Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) and Don Yingling of the Harney VFD have expressed appreciation to the Links families who strongly supported their food fundraisers this year. Our support has been extremely beneficial to both organizations given the challenges of raising money during COVID-19.

A round of applause to all who contributed...simple acts during this difficult time do make difference. What a wonderful community we live in. *Nancy Bennett*



## **GIVING TO RUTH'S HARVEST**

In spite of COVID-19, our community continued to volunteer for Ruth's Harvest this fall. Residents Fran and Sal Ferlisi, Pat Adair, Betty Ann and Ken Lepone, Sue Bradshaw, Kay and Dave Larson, and Frank and Sandy Negro prepared bags to be distributed to elementary school children in the Gettysburg School District. The bags were handed out to students each Friday to ensure that they had food to eat for the weekend.

Also, Links residents and members of Toms' Creek Methodist Church in Emmitsburg teamed up to knit or crochet scarves and hats for Adams County residents in need, supplying 112 scarves and 24 hats. A special thanks to Shelly Anderson, Kim Stavely, Pat Adair, Heidi Stone and Sandy Negro for their hard work.



*Sandy & Frank Negro*

## **FIRST AID TRAINING AT THE LINKS**

Six residents took part in the first Adult & Pediatric First Aid, CPR and AED class at the Links on September 26. The training was a success with everyone leaving certified and with the skills necessary to save a life. Some residents took the class for occupational reasons, while others took the class to be ready to intervene for a family member or friend in distress. We look forward to offering a future class in the spring for those unable to attend our fall course. In addition, based on resident interest, we are coordinating a Basic Life Support class, also in the spring, at the Community Center. Actual dates TBD but will be announced via email distribution. *Michelle Apple*



## **VETERANS VIRTUAL SALUTE 2020**

The Community thanks Robin & Chris Burne for their salute to our resident veterans.

## **Holiday Giving at the LINKS**

What a wonderful idea to help celebrate the Holiday Season. Bonni Klein, John Long, chef Tony Alvarez and the staff at the Links kitchen prepared dinners for our neighbors. Besides being totally delicious meals, the Links donated all of the proceeds to charitable causes in our community. The meat loaf dinner raised money for Toys for Tots and the chicken cordon bleu dinner benefited the South Central Community Action Programs (SCCAP). All total this year, The Links at Gettysburg Community raised \$18,400 for our local community charities!

**Way to go LINKS!**



## **NEWS ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY CENTER**

The Community Center will be given a new look with a fresh coat of paint, scheduled for January 2021. The upgrade will involve painting the large main room and the hallway.

Two color scheme proposals were obtained from Lisa, owner of Bluestone Design & Staging. Areas in the community center large room and the hallway were painted with each one of the color schemes to provide the community a visual aid for each proposal.

We would like to thank the neighbors who participated in taking the time to check the color schemes and vote on the proposal of their choice.

The majority of the votes were for:

### **Winning Proposal #2- Green Earth/ Warm White**

The wall is painted Green Earth with an eggshell finish. The trim, area above the window, the wall below the chair rail and doors are painted Alabaster with a semigloss finish. The hallway is painted Ancient Marble in eggshell with trim and doors Alabaster in semigloss.



### ***Community Center Oversight Committee***



## **HOLIDAY TIME**



Winter and that four-letter word S-N-O-W arrived in December at the Links as forecast. These two events did not stop our hardy residents from getting into the holiday spirit, adorning homes with the festive colors and lights of the season, and looking at the snow as just another opportunity to have fun, despite the weather and COVID-19. The following collage of pictures captures both the spirit of the season and of our residents. First the snow, then the decorations of the season.













## **A Letter of Appreciation for Community Service**

We applaud the many volunteers who serve our Links Community, but special recognition is due Bud Vance, a dedicated volunteer, whose term as Courtyards HOA President ended this fall.

Bud Vance and his lovely wife, Cynde, have lived in the Links for nine years and have both contributed to the immense success of the Links in many ways. Early on, Bud served on the Courtyards ARC for two years, served on the Courtyards HOA Board for the past six years, with the last five serving as president of that board, while he performed double duty serving concurrently as Master HOA Board president four of those five years. In addition to Bud's official duties, he and Cynde are active volunteers in the Links and Adams County. They have been steadfast supporters of many local charitable agencies and activities such as the Adams Rescue Mission, Ruth's Harvest and SCCAP. The food drives for some of these organizations have resulted in thousands of dollars in yearly food donations highlighting the Links support of our local community. Several years ago, they also started the successful and popular quarterly Links Wine Club that has been a neighborhood favorite.

As everyone knows, board members serve in a volunteer capacity, but they work countless hours for all of us, so we can all enjoy this wonderful little oasis in the country. Bud served this community tirelessly and selflessly, with the utmost integrity and respect, providing a welcoming and friendly place for all of us who call the Links home. During his tenure in office, Bud ensured continuous services of such amenities as lawn care, snow removal and neighborhood structural repairs, just to name a few, by diligently negotiating contracts and providing constant oversight to make sure we all have a pleasant, fun, safe and clean neighborhood in which to live.

Bud's steady hand and commonsense approach in guiding our HOAs have been greatly appreciated. Bud, we extend a big virtual round of applause for all your hard work over these many years.

Sincerely, *Chris and Robin Burne*



# Activities Around the Links on Pause

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

**Chair Yoga** at the CC on Mondays, 10:30 -11:30 am (Brenda Insalaco)

**Family Activities Committee** organizes seasonal activities (Anna Domzalski)

**Ladies' Book Club** at the CC at 10 am 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 am (Betsy Dougherty)

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

**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 the CC – A sponsor is needed**

**Ladies' Yoga Class at the CC Fridays, 10:30 -11:30 am (Brenda Insalaco) Ongoing**

**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 pm on patio outside the Pro Shop. (Joe Hunter)

**Men's Yoga Class** at the CC Fridays, 9 -10 am (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)

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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.