

June 2023

VILLAS EXPERIENCE

Pool Party Time

Val Cicconi



As everyone has noticed I'm sure – the pool is open!! Your social committee has decided this year we would like to try some low key “evenings at the pool” socials. The first will be our next social June 16th with Oldies by the Pool. Oldies Music that is not participants! We have DJ Mike, a new resident who will be spinning the tunes from the 50's and 60's for us. See the signup sheet in the mail house. Deadline for signup will be June 13th. We will be snacking on ham, turkey and roast beef sliders with chips and pretzels. While it will be a BYOB and you are permitted to bring whatever you want to drink, we must remind you that there is **no glass** allowed in the pool area so bottles will need to be left in the clubhouse and we will provide plastic drinking cups. There may even be some games to play. The festivities begin at 6:00PM. So come on down, play some games, dance, just sit around and talk, swim. Whatever floats your boat.

We as a committee have decided to implement a **guest policy** on a trial basis. Residents have let us know that sometimes they feel uncomfortable coming to the socials by themselves at least until they get to know people. Others have indicated that if there is someone in their life that they spend time with and can't bring them as a guest they go elsewhere. So since we want everyone to feel welcomed we have decided to give residents the opportunity to invite a guest or two. They will need to pay \$5.00 per guest to cover the cost of the meal when they sign up. We ask that you call Marcy Munnell or Valerie Cicconi to confirm the number of guests and provide payment. We will of course need to monitor the amount of guests to a social so that we assure we have enough space for our residents.

July of course will be our July 4th Social at 4:00PM. As usual we will provide an entrée and ask residents to bring a side so watch for the signup sheet.

Again, new members are welcome to come see what we do and bring ideas. Our next meeting is June 7th @ 1:00 in the Clubhouse.

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Special points of interest:

- Ladies Luncheon2nd
- Social Committee...7th
- Building & Roads.....12th
- Clubhouse Comm....13th
- Board Planning.....15th
- Oldies By Pool.....16th
- Finance Comm.....19th
- Grounds Comm.....19th
- Board Meeting.....22nd
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WATER AEROBICS

Karen Neubauer

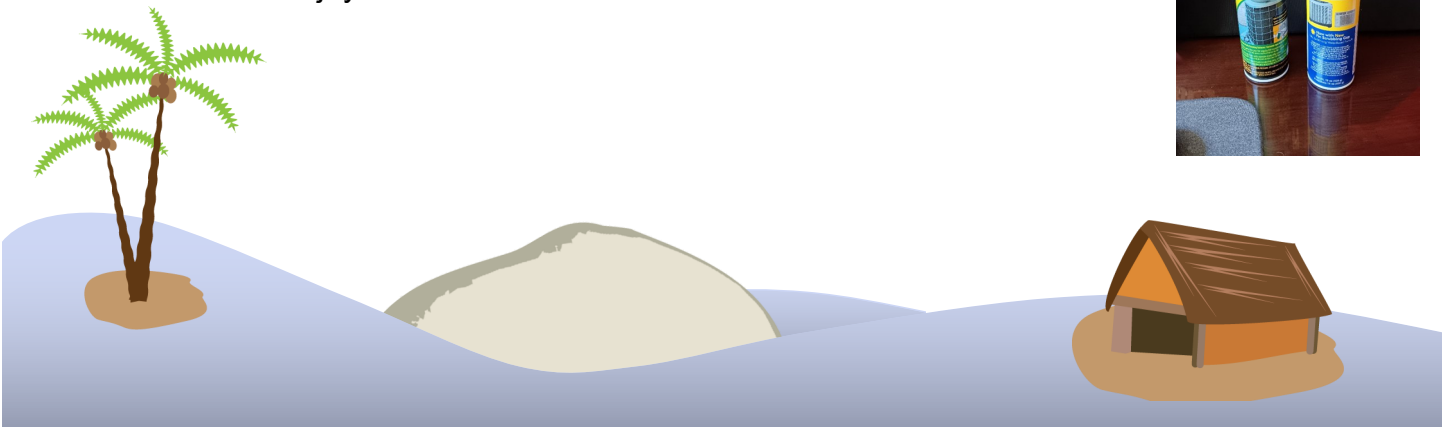
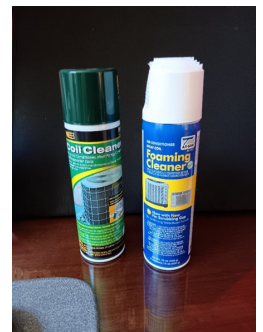
“Swans” have been sighted circling the pool as it opens for another season of WATER AEROBICS! We will be meeting on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings from 10:00 – 11:00 for our efforts in keeping fit with low impact exercises in the pool. We would like to limit each session to 12-14 participants as more tends to be difficult to do the exercises without bumping into one another. Please RSVP to Karen Neubauer at Karenneubauer@msn.com , and the first come are the first served! If we have an overflow of participants, we will try to add another series of sessions on Monday and Wednesday if another instructor is willing to take this on. Of course, not everyone can attend every session, so we are somewhat flexible in who may attend each day. We certainly welcome all who are interested in this experience and look forward to an enjoyable, healthful summer in the sun and water! So, get that suit out, the sunscreen flowing, and join us at the pool!

A/C CLEANING

Ron Richards

Each year the Association has new mulch applied to all our landscape beds. This new mulch is susceptible to being sucked into your external air conditioning cooling unit and may lodge itself on the outside of the cooling fins. Usually, the mulch is applied early in the year before your need for the A/C to be on. But some residents may be affected. MMM is instructed to clean any new mulch from the pad that the A/C unit sits on to help eliminate this from happening. Any buildup is visible, so if you have any, just spray a hose on the outside near the top, letting the water drain down the coils. Remove any resultant debris from the pad.

As a general rule, it is good to hose your unit down periodically or better yet, apply a coil cleaner, available at most hardware stores. If you have a maintenance contract for your HVAC equipment, you should be sure the contractor performs this cleaning. Your A/C will operate more efficiently, and you may enjoy a smaller electric bill.





Building & Roads Report

Ron Richards

2023 Asphalt Activity – Seal Coat for the 2022 driveway new asphalt – The Board approved the expenditure of \$2,878.04 from the Reserve Fund for the seal coat to be performed by Todd's Asphalt. Todd usually does this work in July or August. We have offered any other resident the opportunity to have their driveway sealed at their expense at the same time. To date, we have not received any requests for this year.

Should you be interested, please send an email to Ron Richards at kayrichards50@comcast.net. We will be sending our final requirements to Todd on June 9th.

2023 Asphalt Activity – We performed the annual driveway inspection in mid-March. There were 7 driveways that require action this year. Quotes were obtained. Funding was determined by the Finance Committee and our joint recommendation was given to the Board for their consideration. The Board approved the expenditure of \$129,342 from the Reserve Fund of which \$126,842 is for the asphalt work to be performed by Tarbuck Paving and \$2,500 is for the backfill landscape to be performed by Mow, Mulch & More. The asphalt work includes the repair of the Entry interface with Main Street to eliminate the persistent pothole problems there and the interface with the stamped concrete “bridge” in the Entry to bring this to level. The asphalt work for the driveways involves the full replacement of the driveways serving 117/121 FMD, 159/163/165/169 GAC, 204/206 GAC, 307/313 MCL, and 315/317 MCL, and the replacement of the remainder of 157/161 GAC and 329 MCL. This activity is expected to begin in late August.

Storage Facility Project Final Update – The Board requested that Buildings & Roads investigate for use by all Committees the purchase of a storage facility.

Previously reported: The recommendation to the Board was as follows: Acquire an 8' X 10' vinyl storage facility from Wayfair to be placed in the far-left hand corner of the Swimming Pool area abutting the retaining wall. We will assemble this storage facility. The cost of this storage facility, shipped to our site, is \$1,747.93. The Board approved the recommendation.





Building & Roads Report con't.

Ron Richards

Update: The storage facility was purchased by Jim Hazi for \$1,493.69. It was delivered on May 1. Due to inclement weather, we were unable to begin constructing the shed until May 5. Construction took an afternoon on Friday and an afternoon on Saturday. Jim, Ron Richards, Rick Hergert, Bob Romain, and George Cenkovich volunteered their time. The front corner of the shed next to the retaining wall required leveling material which Jim applied. Jim & Bob moved all the intended attic contents to the shed, mostly Social Committee & Clubhouse containers. Grounds added their tools & stuff. The Winter Pool cover was stored until Fall. All with room to spare. Well done all!

Sidewalk Crack Repair & Overlay Project – Determine coating material and plan to overlay cracked stoops. As a part of the 2022 sidewalk safety inspection conducted in September of last year, we noted for follow-up the stoops that had cracks. Phase I inspection identified 26 locations out of the 88 sidewalks with this condition. Phase II inspection identified 15 locations out of the 36 sidewalks with this condition. What is a stoop? It is the cement pad directly in front of your entry door. We planned to offer residents with the cracked stoops an opportunity to have this unsightly condition corrected at your expense, on a voluntary basis. We have had numerous requests for a solution to this cracking.

Update: In the next couple of weeks, the affected locations will receive an email with the approximate cost to overlay your stoop, for your review and final indication of interest to proceed. We will recap the locations and determine a schedule from the contractor.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY

JUNE 18TH



Welcome

David and Jeri-Lynne Bouterse 544 Fair Meadow Dr.



We've most recently moved from Kittanning, Pa. But since being married in 1995, we've lived in Eustis FL, then to Carnegie PA, then Cranberry, PA and Columbus, OH prior to Kittanning. And that's just since we've been married! Lots of moves before that too. The many moves are explained by the fact that Jeri-Lynne is a soon-to-be retired Presbyterian Minister and moving is part of Ministry. David's career path went from foreign car mechanic, to high school biology teacher, to director of IT for a company in Columbus before retiring last July.

We have a blended family of three boys, the oldest is David's son and the two younger sons are Jeri-Lynne's. Dylan is 45 and lives with his wife in wife Karla in Raleigh NC. Brian is 39 and is in the process of moving nearby with his wife Jackie. Brad is 36 and live with his wife in Libertyville IL. No grandkids. no pets, just grand dogs and one Honda Gold Wing that we love going on rides on. We spent 20 days last summer touring Nova Scotia on it. Everyone we've met here has been so friendly and welcoming and we are looking forward to meeting lots more.

Ethel and Tim Chehovin 414 Pine Brook Court



Ethel Chehovin moved from Lone Pine in Amwell Township. Her son Tim resides with her. She has two other sons and three grandchildren. Ethel graduated from the Washington Hospital School of Nursing and worked in home health care nursing.

She is very happy living at the Villas of Arden Mills so if you see her and Tim, be sure to welcome them to our community.



Theater Tickets

Hey, do you have the itch to wander? Are you tired of evenings filled with summer re-runs on TV? Karen Neubauer is trying to organize an outing to a theatrical production (or more) in Pittsburgh over the summer. The following productions are being considered, and we would appreciate your input of your interest in each. Please let Karen know your top three selections should you be able to attend, as well as whether you would like to have seating in the Orchestra or the Balcony, and we will try to accommodate the majority. A bus will be hired to drive us from our clubhouse to the door of the theater and home again. Prices will be made known as soon as selections are made. This is always a good evening to enjoy the footlights if only vicariously!

The Sound of Music I

In this Rodgers and Hammerstein classic, Maria, a young and quirky nun, fills the lives of the Von Trapp children with joy, laughter, and music. This inspiring true story won the hearts of millions with its unforgettable melodies and deeply moving message of taking great risk for the ones you love.



Once on this Island I

See this lively and colorful story of a young peasant girl who is destined for something greater. Told with Caribbean rhythms and instruments, this Tony Award winner is a testament that a beautiful story simply told, has the power to inspire all.



Mrs. Doubtfire I

Everyone's favorite Scottish nanny is coming to Pittsburgh! Based on the beloved film, Mrs. Doubtfire tells the hysterical and heartfelt story of an out-of-work actor who will do anything for his kids.



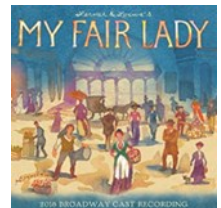
Girl from the North Country I *Music Of Bob Dylan*

It's 1934 in Duluth, Minnesota. We meet a group of wayward travelers whose lives intersect in a guesthouse filled with music, life, and hope. Experience this 'profoundly beautiful' production brought to vivid life by an extraordinary company of actors and musicians.



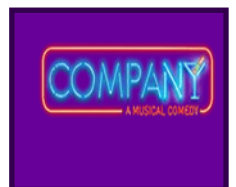
My Fair Lady I

From Lincoln Center Theater, My Fair Lady tells the story of Eliza Doolittle, a young Cockney flower seller, and Henry Higgins a linguistics professor who is determined to transform her into his idea of a "proper lady." But who is really being transformed?



Company I

Phone Rings, Door Chimes, In comes Company. It is Bobbie's 35th birthday party and all her friends keep asking why she isn't married? Why can't she find the right man? As Bobbie searches for answers, she discovers why being single, being married, and being alive in the 21st-century could drive a person crazy.



Judi Ickes Receiving an Award

Judi Ickes didn't know it at the time, but 10 years ago, when a tutor for the Literacy Council of Southwestern Pennsylvania asked if she could use a room in First Presbyterian Church 1793 to teach an ESL (English as a Second Language) student, Ickes, a retired Spanish and home economics teacher, would find a new purpose. Ickes wasn't familiar with the literacy council, but the tutor mentioned there was an upcoming tutor training class. So, two weeks later, Ickes and a few others attended.

While Ickes was there, recalled Kris Drach, a tutor and literacy council board president, three Latina women knocked on the door to inquire about classes. Drach asked if any of the tutors spoke Spanish, and Ickes raised her hand. "The rest is history," said Ickes, who was honored with a 10-year Tutor Service Award during a May 10 recognition ceremony at the literacy council's headquarters in Washington.

For Ickes, who currently teaches three ESL classes a week, tutoring immigrants was a perfect fit. Over the past decade, Ickes has taught all levels of ESL, and she respects the courage and dedication of students committed to improving their literacy skills.

"But it's much more than just helping them improve their literacy skills. We take them for driver's tests, go to doctor's visits, help them fill out forms whenever they need a little extra help," she said. "Once you get the students, you help them whenever you can. (Knowing the language) helps the students be brave enough to go out into society, get a job, be a part of their community." Ickes said she and her fellow tutors find satisfaction in their students' achievements. One former student, who now lives in Arizona and keeps in frequent touch with Ickes, told her that she and a friend who was visiting from Venezuela drove to visit her brother in New England and stopped in New York City for a few days of sightseeing.

"She was so proud of herself for being able to get around and to use her English, and I was so proud of her," said Ickes. "We're just so proud of all of their achievements, especially the women who take classes. We empower women, and that's really important. Tutoring really is so meaningful. We just fall in love with our students, and that's why we keep doing it."



Congratulations Judi

Portions taken from the Observer
Reporter



Judi Ickes right receiving her
award

Collecting Bottle Caps

Kathy Brownlee is collecting bottle caps that will be used to make park benches. Any of the acceptable lids below will be accepted. You can drop them off at the clubhouse in the party room. There is a jar for the smaller caps, and others may be left on the counter. Thank you.



Acceptable Caps and Lids



- drink bottle caps
- medicine pill bottle caps



- milk jug caps
- creamer caps
- detergent caps
- hair spray caps
- toothpaste caps
- apple sauce pouch caps
- flip-top caps (ketchup)
- spout caps (mustard)
- ointment tube caps
- baby food caps
- shampoo/conditioner caps
- deodorant caps



- cottage cheese lids
- yogurt lids
- mayonnaise jar lids
- peanut butter lids
- cool whip container lids
- Pringles can lids
- coffee can lids
- butter lids
- cream cheese container lids
- spice lids
- ice cream bucket lids (under 8" in diameter)



Never Acceptable

- ANY metal
- ANY paper
- All fast food drink lids
- caps or lids with (1) (3) (6) or (7) recycle number
- pump caps
- trigger spray caps
- ANY other plastic items

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