

The Last Word

JUNE

2016

Rosslyn Farms –
Old Fashioned
4th of July
Celebration
Theme:
Totally (19)80s

**THE
80s
ARE
BACK**

Monday July 4th - Puritan Road

- 9:45 Registration if not pre-registered - corner of Kings Highway and Puritan
- 10:00 Parade - Theme – Totally 80s
- 10:30 Games and lunch (hot dogs, chips, drinks)
- 1:00 - 3:00 Field Games (Rosslyn Road) and Slip N Slide - bring your swimsuit and towel
- 4:00 Pool activities followed by free swim
- 6:00 Picnic Dinner in Parrish Park – Proteins and non alcoholic drinks will be provided - Please bring a dessert, salad or side dish to share. If you are bringing a large family, please consider bringing two side dishes or desserts.
- 7:30 - 9:00 TBD – possible DJ and dancing (to 1980s music, of course)

Council Report – May

by Greg Overstreet

Citizen Input: A resident who said that their recycling had finally been picked-up on schedule after three consecutive misses, asked the Council to begin imposing financial penalties as provided for in the contract as a way to finally get the contractor to pay attention to their obligations. Council agreed and said that future problems could be reported by residents directly to Waste Management at 412 893-4900, but should also be reported to Council liaison Tina Stacy (tbstacy7@gmail.com, or 412 279-2063) or Council Secretary Sam Maccarone (412 429-0253) so they can keep a log of problems for which the contractor can be held to account.

Swimming Pool: Some discussion took place about ways to increase pool revenues to match expenses. The two main possibilities were to either raise membership fees or to find a way to increase the number of members. It was decided that the Pool Commission should meet to discuss the issue further. An additional challenge reported was the difficulty of hiring lifeguards in light of wage competition from both the Crafton Pool and the Settlers Ridge Wave Pool, although it was pointed out that the Wave Pool presented much greater safety responsibilities. A proposal to raise lifeguard wages 15% was approved.

Community Center: Council approved an expenditure for window cleaning.

Traffic: A DOT proposal to close Campbell's Run Road near the Bus Way and reroute traffic through Rosslyn Farms was discussed. In light of major road work scheduled in the Borough, Council decide to deny the request because it will be a bad time to have additional local traffic.

Tennis Courts: The drainage easement will require sidewalk repairs on a residential property. The Borough will share the cost.

Soccer Field: The Eagle Project improvement work is progressing.

Tree Replacement: The Garden Committee has requested Canadian Hemlocks to be used as replacements for trees mistakenly removed by Duquesne Light.

Cell Tower: Since cell phone companies can insist on locating a cell tower in a general geographic area based on First Amendment rights, Council will pro-actively discuss the various ramifications of such a future proposal with Cohen Law Group. Subsequent ideas for preferred zones will be passed on to the Planning Commission for approval.

Penn DOT Village: A meeting between representatives of the DOT and Council is planned for discussion of the possibility of creating a turnaround area for truckers who erroneously exit on the Rosslyn Farms ramp before realizing that it is not the exit for I-79. In addition to adding wear from their heavy weight on our local roads, misdirected trucks have damaged residential properties, collided with a traffic sign and utility poles, knocked out electrical power, and tied up traffic at intersections while trying to make u-turns. The turnaround would be established in the "DOT Village" at the entrance to our Borough immediately following the ramp in an area which is being vacated after many months of occupation as a staging encampment for Parkway construction.

The next scheduled Council Meeting will be Monday, June 13, at 7:00 PM.

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All properly cleaned recycle items must be at the curb, in a recycle bin, the evening before a scheduled pickup.

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GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CALENDAR

- Friday, June 17 - Garbage/Recycling
- Friday, June 24 - Garbage
- Friday, July 1 - Garbage/Recycling
- Saturday, July 9 - Garbage



BOOK DISCUSSION

All are welcome to join the community book discussions which are held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 8:00 p.m.
(and feel free to join us, even if you haven't read the book!)



June 16
At the home of Judy Bergman
29 Priscilla Lane
We Never Asked for Wings
by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

July 21
At the home of Susan O'Toole
108 Kings Highway
The Secret Place
by Tana French

Hope to see you there.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER



from Jordan

May was a rainy month, a time for relaxing indoors and using the sporadic moments of sun to garden. Luckily for my garden, the Garden Club once again offered a lovely plant sale; and luckily for my weeds the rain helped everything grow big and green and prevented me from doing too much outside. The Garden Club members have been working hard around the borough. When you see the pretty flower beds, think of the our loyal gardeners working away.

Get ready for our annual July 4th festivities coming soon! These festivities are a longtime tradition in Rosslyn Farms and tons of fun for all ages! If you're new to town, make sure to check it out — especially the parade and Slip'N Slide.

Upcoming events:

July 4th , holiday festivities,
RSVP to the Glances at
jbg glance@allumni.virginia.edu or (412) 337-3727, \$15 per person or \$50 per family.

August 10, 7p.m., Pirates Game
free hats will be given out
RSVP to Beth Johnson at
bethie367@hotmail.com or (412) 429-8910.

Community Garden Initiative

By Jim Strutz

A few of our residents in recent years have kicked around the idea of instituting a community garden in Rosslyn Farms. We have long eyed the previously vacant property owned by PennDOT which is adjacent to upper Rosslyn Road opposite the Parkway off-ramp. Recent Parkway construction and the accompanying occupation of the PennDOT land by construction crews and equipment, however, precluded any thoughts of a garden there – until now. You may have noticed in passing that cleanup of the site has begun as Parkway construction wraps up.

Resident and borough councilman Dan Harkins recently met with PennDOT officials to inquire about the possibility of building a community garden on the site and to seed the unused portion with wildflowers instead of the tall grass that was there previously. As you may know, wildflowers attract pollinating insects and birds that will help make a nearby garden successful while offering a peaceful and attractive respite for gardeners.

PennDOT tentatively agreed to our proposal as long as we don't build any permanent structures there. They/Swank may even provide topsoil and gravel off-street access.

Now we need to decide how to move forward.

I have seen two kinds of community garden: one in which participants combine their efforts to grow only vegetables which they share among themselves, and one in which participants grow whatever they choose (flowers, vegetables, etc; as long as it's legal...) however they choose on their own assigned plot within the garden.

There will likely be a modest cost for fencing and other common supplies that may be shared equally by all participants. Alternatively, we might be able to offset some or all of the costs by accepting county assistance in return for contributing a portion of our produce to the food bank, which would likely require that we allocate a portion of the garden area for that purpose.

Please email me at strutzj@strutz.com to indicate your participation and to offer suggestions and comments. This is a vital step to help plan the garden.

We will schedule a follow-up meeting; date time and location to be announced.



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Evening Appointments Available

Garage/Estate
SALE

26 Priscilla Lane
Rosslyn Farms
Saturday, June 25
8am-noon

*Vintage items,
depression glass,
collectibles and more*

FLAVIN BROTHERS LANDSCAPE DESIGN & INSTALLATION

Flavin brothers is taking on new customers now.
All Flavin brothers customers receive free aeration
throughout the year.

Call and get a free estimate on any work.

Time for spring clean-ups. We have mulched 20 yards
already due to early warm weather-yours could be next.
We have a crew of 8 to finish your projects quickly.

Deliveries: all color mulches are in.
\$25 dark double shred, \$35 dyed black, brown, cherry
brown, and red.

Stone: flag stone, wall stone, We have a stone mason for all
your old wall repairs or new walls.

Limestone: #3's 2b, 1b, 2a modified.

River rock: #5-8's. 2b, shot gravel. Boulders: all sizes.

Hauling: we have 4 trucks for all your hauling
needs. We can haul 7 tons at a time.
Debris removal: hard to get rid of items, TVs,
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