

The Last Word

OCTOBER 2016



**OCT
16**

Garden Club's
Harvest Festival
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**OCT
29**

Haunted Hayride
Parrish Park
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**OCT
31**

Trick or Treat
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**NOV
5**

Cool Weather
Cocktail Party
Community Center
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**DEC
11**

Holiday House Tour
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Council Report – September

by *Jim Strutz*

One resident, a representative of the new Rosslyn Farms Community Garden, addressed Council to thank them for contributing \$1500 towards the project. He brought photos, including a drone aerial photo, to show how much progress has been made so far and answered some questions asked by the Council members. One Councilman remarked that the Community Garden promises to be a great community asset that will beautify the Parkway entrance into Rosslyn Farms with the garden and sitting area amid a field of wildflowers.

One Councilman asked whether the proposed split rail fence along upper Rosslyn Road was part of the Community Garden or the Garden Committee. The resident answered that it is not but he offered enthusiastic support for the proposal because the fence would help to keep out “undesirables” who may dump or cause mischief. The split rail fence was again brought up later in the meeting but no decision was made.

The Mayor reported that several cars were broken into along Edgecliff and Pilgrim Roads but nothing of great value was stolen, only some small items. He again stressed the importance of residents locking their cars at night. The Mayor also reported that Scott police conducted another speed monitoring study in the boro, similar to one that was previously done, and found one speed range that had shown a reduction.

Council discussed the mower that had been stolen from the boro maintenance building. They are looking to buy a replacement, the insurance company will reimburse a depreciated value rather than a replacement value.

The road/sewer committee reported that cracks and joints have been sealed on Pilgrim, Terrace, lower Rosslyn and Sheffield roads. Line painting on the newly paved roads will be completed soon. Scott police wants to have Vascar lines painted in some places.

As the cost for all the recent road repairs in the boro came in under budget due to depressed oil prices, one councilman asked whether we should get quotes to repave some other roads in the boro while the prices are “on sale”. Questions also arose regarding costs needed for pool repairs and maintenance. These will be discussed in a separate budget meeting.

Baker Waterproofing quoted \$2654 to reinforce the walls in the maintenance building, which carries a lifetime warrantee. Motion was approved to authorize spending up to \$3000 on this.

The maintenance department proposed adding on to the existing building to provide heated garage space for the boro trucks and backhoe. It would make it easier to start and maintain boro equipment during cold winter months. Council will consider this during the separate budget meeting.

Council discussed the proposed camera security system. The Mayor had met with a security company: it would cost roughly \$18k-\$20k to install cameras at the four boro entrances (i.e. industrial area, lower Rosslyn Road, Parkway Ramp G, and Kings Highway). One issue is whether to use IP/internet wireless cameras or wired cameras. IP/internet wireless cameras require a wireless infrastructure which does not yet exist but wired cameras require actual wiring which may be routed underground. Additionally, it would cost \$4k-\$5k to provide camera coverage of the pool and maintenance area. Many questions arose: whether there may be privacy issues with camera coverage of the pool, battery backup of security system, whether wireless system might “piggyback” existing private infrastructure (no!), real-time or 30 day look-back monitoring (30 day look-back), who has access to security videos, and warrantee and maintenance issues among other questions. Further study of these issues is required.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Food and Fun for the Entire Family

Sunday, October 16 Noon- 4:00 p.m.

The Garden Club is sponsoring this new event to be held in Parrish Park (in case of inclement weather the Community Center)

Come to purchase your spring bulbs at the annual Bulb Sale, featuring a 2017 Rosslyn Farms tulip. There will be a Bloody Mary Bar, a Bake Sale, several Food Tastings, a Chili Cook-Off and a Chinese Auction of Locally Grown Items.

For the children, there will be Pumpkin Painting.

If any resident would like to participate by making chili or contribute homemade items please contact Nancy Barsotti at nhbinteriordesign@gmail.com or 412-276-3496.



Volunteers needed to make baked goods for the Harvest Festival

Anyone interested should call Marcy Strutz at 412-279-1318.



Pumpkin Painting at the Harvest Festival

Parents of children who are interested in pumpkin painting should call Marcy Strutz at 412-279-1318 to reserve their spot and a pumpkin.





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!)



October 20
At the home of Susan O'Toole
108 Kings Highway
The Japanese Lover
by Isabel Allende

November 17
At the home of Calli Mazzoni
311 Kings Highway
After You
by Jojo Moyes

Hope to see you there.

ARTS AROUND THE WORLD

The Rosslyn Farms Community Club is proud to present: Arts Around the World, a five-week art series for kids taught by creator of the award winning art department at College Center Montessori School in La Mesa, Calif., Deneen Bigham. Each week kids will learn about and create art from a different continent, discovering new worlds, such as Aztec masks, kimono landscapes and Harlem Renaissance art.

For 6 to 12 year olds. Thursdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.,
October 20 through November 17.
The price is \$50 per child for members;
\$60 for nonmembers.

ELECTION DAY

Please consider bringing a non-perishable food donation to the polls when you come to vote on November 4th. They are always looking for donations of peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish and pasta. I will collect all the donations and deliver them to the food pantry.

Thank you -Will Ford

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



from Jordan

Happy Hour was popular, bringing out many neighbors we don't often see at other events. Thank you, Katie! If anyone has new ideas for events they'd like to host, please email me at jparker-tongross@gmail.com. Try to not be intimidated by the word "host;" help will be provided as needed.

We already have our houses lined up for the Holiday House Tour on December 4, and they are great ones! Mark the event on your calendars and invite friends. If you are desperate to show off your house, we can probably squeeze in one more, but let me know ASAP.

On October 20, we have a wonderful five-week series for budding artists, Arts Around the World, taught by Deneen Underwood (Bigham), whose husband grew up here. Also, please note the dates of our Haunted Hayride and Cold Weather Cocktail Party!

We are looking for a new vice president who can hopefully become the president in 2018. Please email me if interested. Feel free to ask questions!

Thank you and enjoy the cold weather.



October 31
All are invited to 101 Alden Road
for spooky refreshments
BE THERE OR BE SCARED - WOOO!



November 5
Cool Weather Cocktail Party
7:00 PM at the Community Center

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share
Wine, beer & soft drinks - Babysitting available
Any Questions:

Tim/Brooke Harman 412-276-8822 or
Paul/Judy Bergman 412-489-5832

Imagine this... I am standing at the top of Mt. Washington, in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, and I see a lady with a Pirates baseball cap on her head. I ask "Are you from Pittsburgh?" She responds, "Yes." I ask "Where in Pittsburgh?" "Rossllyn Farms" she answers. I am speechless! And that is how we met our neighbors, Mary and Michael Rago on a beautiful Saturday morning two weeks ago. Talk about a very small world!

My friend Jon and I were on an antique car tour in his 1934 Packard. We had taken the early morning steam train on the cog railway to the top of Mt. Washington. It was a bright day on top of this 6,288-foot mountain, the highest point in the northeast, and the location of a weather station. Here in April 1934 the highest wind speed ever recorded was clocked at 231 mph. This station continues to document and record the wildest weather in the United States. This particular morning it was 46 degrees with a mild breeze – and about 70 degrees where we boarded the train down in Bretton Woods.

The Classic Car club of America tour began at the historic Mt. Washington Hotel. As you know, I love old properties and this hotel is a jewel. Like a diamond, its white exterior and red roof shines in the middle of a green forest. We could see it from the top of Mt. Washington.

The purpose of these classic car tours is to drive the old cars. Leaving from the hotel every morning, we had car tours throughout the mountains for five days, averaging about 150 miles each day. There were 109 cars, built between 1925-1948, and included Cadillacs, Duesenbergs, Lincolns, Packards and Rolls Royce. I am amazed at the number of these classic cars that have been collected and restored to perfection.

Design Details

*"Meeting your neighbors
on a granite ledge in
New Hampshire"*



by Nancy Barsotti

We visited a number of car museums, most of them privately owned.

The tours took us to quaint small towns like Bethlehem, Littleton, Franconia, Conway, Lincoln and Gorham. At every twist and turn of the road were spectacular views, gleaming white clapboard churches, beautiful inns, covered bridges, antique stores and country stores. I was fascinated by the plethora of the cute, cozy, clean looking motels and cabins right out of the 40's and 50's. These certainly must fill up with vacationers who enjoy the activities of the great outdoors and the serenity of these breathtaking mountains. Another architectural style was the "front house, middle house, back house, barn" homes. The structures are all connected. I was told they were built that way due to the harsh winter weather as well as originally the kitchen and indoor plumbing was always at the back of the house. Very interesting and different indeed.

We drove along the Kancamagus Highway, in the White Mountain National Forest, where the leaves are just beginning to turn color. It is noted to be the best place in the country for fall foliage. Another long drive took us to Lake Winnepesaukee, where we boarded a boat for a tour of part of this expansive lake. The Wolfeboro Inn served us lunch that day. What's a vacation without experiencing the local cuisine? In New England one must eat lobster at least once a day. Our opening banquet featured a typical clambake and the lobster fest began.

Next month, on with the tour to Maine and of course, more lobster!

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CALENDAR

Friday, October 7 - Garbage/Recycling

Friday, October 14 - Garbage

Friday, October 21 - Garbage/Recycling

Friday, October 28 - Garbage

Friday, November 4 - Garbage/Recycling



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