

# The Last Word

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THE LAST WORD  
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# Council Report – December

by *Dave Jones*

- Minutes from previous meeting approved
- Bills approved to be paid
- Financial report given for month ending 11/30/16 - Net result was an increase in cash from beginning balance to ending balance of approximately \$18K
- Discussion of the property at the end of Highland Court was raised by a resident. The previous discussions and minutes were referred to for the benefit of the resident. It was concluded that further clarification of that paper alley and claims to it would need to be clarified outside of council.
- An abandoned property on Rosslyn Road was discussed. Taxes are current and there was a question of whether or not the property was habitable.
- Jonathan Glance made a presentation of his research and general findings for possible Parrish Park improvements. Council will continue the discussion with Jonathan which may include walking the park and reviewing ideas discussed. Ultimately will develop more defined concepts and a budget with cost estimates
- Discussion took place of remaining sewer issues and flow improvement.
- Parks and Recreation report noted a fairly large crack in the pool building. Charlie will look at it.
- Discussion took place around COG and the cost /benefit relationship of being a member. Steve was authorized to accept up to a \$625 increase for the upcoming year for dues.
- Duquesne Light tree trimming project is complete
- Final budget adoption /approval was given and ordinance 392 identifying 8 miles (unchanged) was discussed
- Approval was given for Alcosan increase from \$6.23 to \$6.91 per 1,000 gallons and a service charge increase from \$13.07 to \$14.51

**January 14 Whiskey Tasting**  
7 p.m. at the Community Center

**February 11 Brew-Off**  
7 p.m. at the Community Center



The Garden Club sends its Best Wishes and Thanks to the neighborhood for supporting its outdoor beautification efforts throughout the year. The Annual Plant Sale and Harvest Festival were both successful and provided funds for ongoing projects such as the Adopt-a-Gardens. Our volunteers once-again decorated the street signs with festive swags of ribbons and fresh greens. Thanks to the gargantuan efforts of several of our members, the former "PennDot Village" eyesore has been returned to a more befitting entrance to our borough. A Community Garden is a reality along with newly planted meadows.

*Our club has many new adventures planned for the New Year. We welcome suggestions and of course new volunteers. If you are interested in donating any amount of time with our friendly group, please contact me at [nhbinteriordesign@gmail.com](mailto:nhbinteriordesign@gmail.com) or 412-276-3496.*

Nancy Barsotti

*maybe christmas  
doesn't come  
from a store.  
maybe christmas  
perhaps, means a  
little bit more!*

**"And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. **What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more.**"**

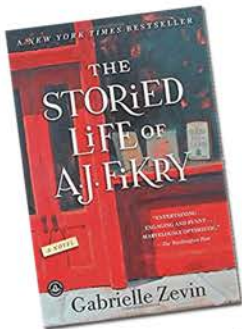
*– Dr. Seuss, How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*

*This year all the wassail was gone with a great turnout on Christmas Eve...thanks to the balmy evening?*



# 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!)



January 19th  
at the home of Kay von Reyn  
500 Christopher Circle  
(Cambridge Park)  
*The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*  
by Gabrielle Zevin

Hope to see you there.



Wow – a huge thank you to everyone who dropped off donations to the Crafton Ingram Food Pantry on election day. In addition to all the non-perishable donations we also were able to drop off a box of fresh peppers from the Harkins garden. The director of the food pantry was amazed with how much we gathered and she commented that our community's donation was like receiving an order from the Pittsburgh Food Bank. She couldn't thank us enough. Thank you again for your generosity.

Will Ford

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



from Jordan

Happy Holidays! I hope you've had a wonderful December. Don't forget to get your membership dues and form for 2017 to Tara at 2 Revere Road.

Our Holiday House Tour was very popular. Thank you to the Nelsons, Werner and Constanzo, the Gladus, and the Gegicks for showing their great houses. After expenses, the RFCC earned over \$200, which is exciting, and will help fund our welcome basket program for new neighbors.

Thank you also to Anne Lackner for the Christmas Caroling and Sylvia Bergstedt for Teen Movie Night. Also, a special kudos to some neighbors on the Garden Committee who decorated our street signs: Judy Bergman, Barbara Bigham, Jeff Hebb, Ingrid McCullough, John Repine, Patrick Rodgers, Marcie and Jim Strutz, and Nancy Barsotti. How lucky we are to have neighbors who care!

On **January 14** at 7 p.m., stop by the Community Center for our Whiskey Tasting, hosted by Jack Follmer (\$30 per person, bring a snack, friends and family welcome, limited space, RSVP to follmers@comcast.net). Next month, on **February 11** at 7 p.m., we'll have a Brew-Off, where several neighbors will offer samples of their fabulous concoctions. The brews will mostly be beers — ales, lagers, etc. — but we'll also have some wine. The price is \$10 per person, space is limited and bring a snack to share.

### Holiday Trimming Contest winners!

**Classic Elegance:**

The Griffins at 109 Puritan Road

**Fest for the Eyes:**

The Rodgers-Schaifers at  
404 Kings Highway

**Holiday Spirit:**

The Proch-Ziembickis at 24 Club Road

**Griswold Fun:**

The Strutzes at 101 Alden Road

**Best Santa or Snowman:**

Michael Cuddy at 200 Kings Highway

Fear is a powerful motivator. I am fearful for our planet and concerned about how we use our resources. At times, I am a little overwhelmed by this concern and feel helpless to do anything about it. With this in mind, I have decided that instead of allowing fear to prevail, I will seek empowerment through education. If you are like me and want to learn more about the effects of climate change including how you can help, please come to the

**Climate Reality Project Seminar  
Sunday, February 12, 2017, at the  
Rosslyn Farms Community Center.**

**WHERE:** ROSSLYN FARMS COMMUNITY CENTER  
**WHEN:** SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.  
**COST:** FREE

Light refreshments will be served to attendees. The speaker, Rod Elder, represents the Climate Reality Project. His presentation is general in nature and addresses: What is happening to our planet? Why this is happening. What you can do about it.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the email address below just so we have an idea of how many to expect. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions. Hope to see you there!

*Sincerely, your neighbor,  
Chris Simcic  
cmsimcic@gmail.com*



101 Puritan Road  
Ben and Lorianne Holt

8 Old Farm Road  
Tony Traci

405 Revere Road  
Jeffrey and Jamie Harvey

22 Club Road  
Nicole Portman & Shane McKeel

24 Club Road  
Jenny Ziembicki & Daniel Proch

28 Priscilla Lane  
Peter & Amy Suchar

104 Kings Highway  
Travis & Meagan Brannon

22 Priscilla Lane  
Laura Franco & Giuseppe Ragozzino

2 Scheffield Road  
Andrew and Ashley Lightholder

215 Puritan Road  
Chad and Christine Green

WELCOME TO ROSSLYN FARMS

**GARBAGE AND  
RECYCLING CALENDAR**

Friday, January 6 - Garbage

Friday, January 13 - Garbage/Recycling

Friday, January 20 - Garbage

Friday, January 27 - Garbage/Recycling

Friday, February 3 - Garbage



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# Rosslyn Farms Community Club

A Not-for-Profit 501(c)(4) organization  
Membership Form

Thank you for supporting the Rosslyn Farms Community Club! Your yearly membership allows the club to continue to thrive: hosting events, connecting neighbors and contributing to beautification projects in the community. Members receive voting privileges and discounts on some events, also allowing us to make some events free. Every other year, members receive new directories.

**Basic membership in bold below (just \$40 or \$25 per year) also includes a digital subscription of our monthly newsletter, *The Last Word*, which can be found at [www.rosslynfarmspa.com](http://www.rosslynfarmspa.com).** If you wish to receive a print copy, please choose either "print family" or "print Individual" — the additional charge of \$15 covers the price of printing.

Anyone older than 75 that wishes to have a print subscription, can receive print at the basic price, complimentary. Simply choose one of the third options, so we know you want print, and confirm your age by phone. Anyone over 75 that wishes to save trees, however, is welcome to instead choose the first option, basic digital.

**Membership type:** (Circle)

**Family \$40,**

**Individual \$25,**

Print Family \$55,

Print Individual \$40,

Print Family 75+ \$40

Print Individual 75+ \$25

**Membership information:**

Names of all adults: (Circle) Mr./Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle) Mr./Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Circle) Home/Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we publish your email address online? (Circle) Yes/No

What new events you would you like the RFCC to do? \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to assist with event(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail form along with your dues to:

**RFCC**  
**Attn: Treasurer Tara Benner**  
**2 Revere Road**  
**Carnegie, PA 15106**