

The Last Word

FEBRUARY 2017



**BREW
FEST**

February 11
7 p.m. at the
Community Center

**ARTS
AROUND
THE WORLD**

Tuesdays, Feb 28 –
March 28
4:30 p.m. at the
Community Center

**THE LAST WORD
A ROSSLYN FARMS COMMUNITY
CLUB PUBLICATION**

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OF THE MONTH
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Council Report – January

by Greg Overstreet

Mayor's Report

In early January someone entered several unlocked cars in our community and rummaged through them in search of valuables. Footprints in the snow indicate that the same person then found a car that was unlocked with keys left inside. That car was stolen and is still missing. Other cars have recently been egged or have had windows shattered by pellet guns. Some Council members stated that they felt that police visibility needs to be increased because they have not seen an adequate amount of police cars on local patrol. The Mayor stated that the perception of patrolling frequency might be distorted by use of unmarked patrol cars, but he would also invite the Police Chief to report in person to the Borough at the February Council meeting. Another point made was that the rash of crime incidents is further validation for the frequently discussed installation of surveillance cameras at the three borough points of ingress/egress for the purpose of identifying all local crime perpetrators. It was also pointed out that the posting of signs that the area is under video surveillance would also be a crime deterrent.

Roads and Sewers

Borough Maintenance Foreman Charlie Smith is off work for two weeks to recover from knee surgery.

Parks & Pool

The bid process is underway for needed pool repairs. Architect Jonathan Glance is preparing a proposal for Parrish Park improvements.

Council of Governments

A request will be submitted to COG for a record of benefits received which can be compared to membership cost in light of the recent increase in dues, and an examination of the existing Road Maintenance Program will be made to check for possible benefit to Rosslyn Farms. A suggestion will also be made that COG set up a Finance Committee to address what appears to be financial challenges.

Community Center

New locks have been installed to increase security. Discussions will continue regarding relocating storage of borough records and future uses of areas vacated by the library and Second Helping Shop.

Personnel

Consideration is being given to employee benefit changes including the possibility of Health Savings Accounts and changes in deductibles. The Personnel Committee will have a February planning meeting to prepare for discussion at the March Council meeting.

Small Cell Tower Ordinance

The issue will possibly be brought before the Planning Board on the first Monday in February.

Other Business

Council approved expenditure of \$4200 for the annual audit.

Next Council Meeting

Monday, February 13, at 7:00 P.M.

Rosslyn Farms Community Club Meeting - January 23

by Karen Buzza

Jordan welcomed Laura Ragozzino, who is the new Community Club Vice President. We heartily welcome her input and experience to our organization! We discussed our events and expenses, both last year and upcoming in 2017. Laura will be heading the yard sale effort for the community club with Melanie Werner's help (and will need more help), and Thrill on the Hill will return, due to requests. It was reported that only half of the community is on the email list. It would be great to have full participation, as this is the best method to get information out. Residents should contact Isabel Ford to add their names. Someone mentioned also looking into next-door.org as a way to reach more people, in addition to our Facebook page and rosslynfarmspa.com. Again, if you would like a paper newsletter, please contact a club member to sign up. Also to note, members do receive a discount for some events. You will notice in this issue the upcoming events for 2017. Most events are offered at no charge or for a small fee. We strive to bring community events that most can participate in to meet new people, strike up old friendships, and enjoy the benefits a small community has to offer. Without your participation, our community club would be non-existent.

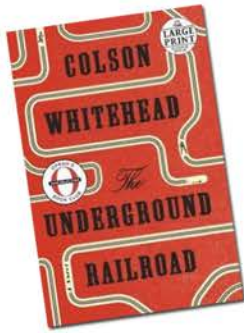
Rosslyn Farms Community Club Calendar Year 2016 Actuals 2016			
General Account	Revenues	Expenses	Profit (Loss)
Membership Dues	3555		
Advertising Last Word	190		
Revenues			3745
Directory		-316.72	
Community Center Rental		-700	
Insurance Expense		-943	
Misc Expenses		-49.6	
Last Word		-453.73	
Expenses			-2463.05
Community Club Events			
Profit/Loss on Events	5,246	3,765	1,481
Garden Club Events			
Profit/Loss on Events	2933	(2,315)	25
Total Community Club			2,788

Rosslyn Farms Community Club Calendar Year 2017 Budget 2017			
General Account	Revenues	Expenses	Profit (Loss)
Membership Dues	3500		
Advertising Last Word	190		
Revenues			3690
Redd Up Day		-100	
Website		-100	
Community Center Rental		-700	
Insurance Expense		-986	
Misc Expenses		-755	
Last Word		-455	
Expenses			-3096
Community Club Events			
Profit/Loss on Events			-50
Community Club Budgeted Profit			544



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!)



February 16
at the home of Marcy Strutz
101 Alden Road
The Underground Railroad
by Colson Whitehead

March 16
at the home of Pat Jennings
31 Priscilla Lane
My Brilliant Friend
by Elena Ferrante



A dear friend of mine had an expression about her favorite color "Any color as long as it's green." I tend to emulate her in my own choice of colors. Almost any shade of green can be found in my own home or wardrobe. Many clients over the years have also expressed their enjoyment of green in their décor.

So this year's Color of the Year as chosen by the Pantone Color Institute is one that is sure to please – Greenery. Chosen for it's refreshing and revitalizing shade, Greenery is symbolic of new beginnings.

Every year Pantone selects a color as a snapshot of what they see taking place in the global culture that serves as an expression of a mood and attitude.

Leatrice Eiseman, Executive Director of the Pantone Color Institute, stated, "Greenery bursts forth in 2017 to provide us with the reassurance we yearn for amid a tumultuous social and political environment. Satisfying our growing desire to rejuvenate and revitalize, Greenery symbolizes the reconnection we seek with nature, one another and a larger purpose."

Greenery is a fresh and zesty yellow-green shade that evokes the first days of spring. It is nature's neutral and a color that blends well with so many diverse styles and color palettes.

Because of it's yellow undertones it works well with almost all combinations of earth tones and warm colors – browns, beiges, terracotta and all shades of orange. It also would spice up navy, blue, teal and plum shades.

For a really hot scheme, add it to brighter neon-like shades of magenta, scarlet and purple. In fact purple and green make a really snazzy combination in many decors and apparel. Frankly, Greenery goes with almost anything!

With this color in mind, it's time to take a deep breath, oxygenate and reinvigorate this winter as we await the first signs of spring.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



from Jordan

Whew, what an interesting last couple of months. While lots is going on with the nation at large, on a smaller scale, lots has been going on with the Rosslyn Farms Community Club. We've welcomed a new vice president and are currently looking for a second, so the two can enjoy co-presidency roles in 2018. We've drawn up a calendar and a budget for 2017.

Our events this past year have been very well attended, and our new website, www.rosslynfarmspa.com, has lots of helpful information, including recent Last Words and a printable membership form on the homepage. Don't forget to renew your membership! We've managed to keep the membership price the same as it's been for years, allowing people to only pay extra if they choose to receive a print copy. (Online copies print out nicely.)

On February 11, neighbors will be offering their homemade brews (beer, cider, wine) for sampling at the Community Center. Friends and family are welcome. Members pay only \$5 and nonmembers \$10. I personally sampled a couple of these and am very excited to attend myself! We only have room for 30 people, so RSVP soon to Tara at bboy36win@yahoo.com and send her your check.

This March, we also have two great 5-week art courses for kids, Arts Around the World, back by popular demand. The series for teens is on Tuesdays and the series for younger ages is Thursdays. Teens will learn about and make dream catchers, Chimu mantles, Impressionism/Expressionism, Thai coffee painting and batik. The younger students will explore totem poles and teepees, Incan tapestry, Impressionism/Expressionism, metal sculpture and Indian rangoli. Both courses will showcase all their art together in one spectacular art show. The price is \$50 for members, \$60 for nonmembers.

In March or April, we'll have another Happy Hour. Also, don't miss our Easter Egg Hunt on April 8 for all ages, we'll have egg hunting, crafts, games — also button making again. Last year, even our teen volunteers stuck around and had fun. This is free for the community. Stay tuned!

ROSSLYN FARMS COMMUNITY CLUB 2017 EVENTS

February 11 — Brew-Fest

All of March — Arts Around the World, two art class series, for teens and for younger ages

March or April — Happy Hour

April 8 — Easter Egg Hunt

April 22 — Redd Up Day

April 22 — Wine Tasting

May 20 — Neighborhood Yard Sale

June 3 — Thrill on a Hill

All of June (possibly) — a tentative shakespear series for younger ages

Week of July 4 — July 4th Festivities

August or September — Woodville Plantation tour

September — Happy Hour

October 28 — Haunted Hayride

November 4 — Cold Weather Cocktail

December 24 — Christmas Caroling

December 31 — New Year's Eve Progressive Dinner



FEBRUARY'S
CHEF:
TARA BENNER

Three Cheese Chicken Bake

- 8 oz lasagna noodles
- 1/2 cup chopped onion and green pepper
- 3 Tbs butter
- 1 (10oz) can cream of chicken soup
- 1 (4oz) can sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1/3 cup milk
- 2 Tbs dried basil
- 1 1/2 cups cottage cheese
- 2 cups cooked chicken
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese



Cook noodles; drain and set aside. Cook onion and pepper in butter until tender. Stir in soup, mushrooms, milk and basil. Lay half the noodles in a 9x13 inch dish. Top with half of the soup mixture, cottage cheese, chicken, and both cheeses. Repeat layer. Bake 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Top with a little cheddar and Parmesan cheese and bake for an additional 3-5 minutes.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CALENDAR

- Friday, February 3 - Garbage
- Friday, February 10 - Garbage/Recycling
- Friday, February 17 - Garbage
- Friday, February 24 - Garbage/Recycling
- Friday, March 3 - Garbage



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