

# The Last Word

MAY

2017

Painting for Adults - May 10-31 ~ Garden Club Plant Sale - May 13



Yard Sale - May 20 ~ Thrill on the Hill - June 3



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## Council Report – April

by Greg Overstreet

### Mayor's Report

It has been determined that our swimming pool area is not required to have an AED (automated external defibrillator). The police report for the month included the egging of a car and a house and a hit and run that resulted in a side mirror of a car being knocked off.

### Curbing Storm Water Runoff

Line painting planned for the surface of Pilgrim Road will be delayed until after new asphalt wedge curbing is installed along the road to address runoff of storm water from the street onto residential properties.

### Swimming Pool Commission

Michele Robb gave a comprehensive report with graphs to explain the status of the Commission including pool membership trends, a comparison of local rates with those of surrounding communities, and results of a recent community survey. The survey included evaluations of pool membership, solicitation of suggestions for changes and improvements, and an opportunity to volunteer personal skills to benefit the pool. Several volunteer offers were received. The survey provided helpful information regarding possible facility improvements, policy adjustments, and a suggestion about possible addition of a snack vending machine. The Commission has been considering adding social events, holding a fundraiser to help with needed repairs, and seeking additional members from surrounding communities through advertising and a presence on Facebook. The Commission also consulted with area real estate agents who confirmed that the presence of a community swimming pool significantly increases their ability to attract buyers and to sell homes. Proposed membership categories and rates for this year were approved by Council.

### Council of Governments

It was reported that four municipalities have recently dropped out of the Char-West COG.

### Community Center Commission

The Commission requested that Council begin to move old records stored in the basement to the room now available upstairs and to give consideration to fireproofing the new records storage area. Solicitor Molinaro also advised that Council establish a policy and system for the regular destruction of documents that are no longer needed.

### Community Security Surveillance Cameras

Council is continuing to gather information about service providers and details for the most effective placement of the cameras.

### Borough Building Addition

The currently projected total cost for the addition is \$19,800 and the budget for the project is \$30,000. Council approved expenditure of \$1800 to acquire an architectural drawing.

### Next Council Meeting

Monday, May 8, at 7:00 P.M. Open to the public.

## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Scott Township Police responded to the following reportable events in March. Reports were written concerning a tractor trailer that was stuck near the Parkway ramp, a drive thru egging of a car and a house several doors away, a family dispute, a tree down and a car that had a side mirror hit while parked on Kings Highway.

Another aspect of Rosslyn Farms public safety involves the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department. All residents recently received a letter requesting donations to the Crafton VFD. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to this vital organization. As their mailing stated, the department consists of 35 unpaid men and women who last year logged over 3294 hours of training. These volunteers quickly respond to fires in our residential areas and also in the industrial area. In the past, they have rendered valuable assistance to residents when a broken water line has flooded homes or when a power line has come down. In addition to taking time away from their families to fight fires and to train, these individuals have also taken time away from their families to be with our families at the annual 4th of July parade and to escort Santa around the borough just before Christmas. Last year under 27% of our residents made donations to our fire department. Please consider all they do to protect and serve Rosslyn Farms residents and businesses and send your tax-deductible contributions to Crafton Volunteer Fire Department, 8 Stotz Ave., Crafton, PA 15205.

*Jim Stover, Mayor*

## Pool Committee Update

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Pool Survey! We received some very helpful feedback. As a result, please note the following:

- Pool membership rates will remain the same as last year. There is going to be one change -- Sitters will now be included in the family rate.
- Four free guest passes will be given to those who purchase their membership prior to opening day.
- We are considering a few social events to be hosted in the pool area, along with an Open House event. As soon as details have been settled, we will pass them along.
- We are also determining the feasibility of adding a few lounge chairs and following up on some landscaping/aesthetic suggestions.

We were so pleased to note that the majority of survey respondents consider the pool to be a community asset and a good place to socialize with neighbors. We are working hard to keep adding value for our community. In that regard, some necessary pool repairs have gone beyond the scope of what can be handled by local maintenance staff. The pool lining is an issue that will need an outside contractor for resolution. A fundraiser to help with that effort is being planned. Please watch for upcoming information.

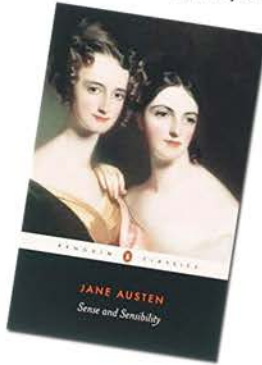
*Your suggestions and support are greatly appreciated. We look forward to a cool, refreshing, fun-filled summer!*





# 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!)



**May 18**  
at the home of Marie Guerra  
30 Club Road  
*Sense and Sensibility*  
by Jane Austen

**June 15**  
at the home of Susan O'Toole  
(Heidi Peck, co-host)  
108 Kings Highway  
*I Am Malala*  
by Malala Yousafzai

## PLANT SALE Saturday, May 13th from 9-1 at the Community Center

Spring is finally here and the Rosslyn Farms Plant Sale will be in full bloom. The Plant Sale is the perfect way to welcome the season.

Come and celebrate spring, greet your neighbors and purchase your Mother's Day gifts and plants for your yard.

There will be flowering shrubs, perennials, flower and vegetable seedlings, baskets of ferns and flowers, garden ornaments and reusable garden items for sale.

Refreshments will be available too.

If you have any garden items or plants you wish to donate please contact Nancy Barsotti at 412-276-3496 or nhbinteriordesign@gmail.com or John Repine at 412-279-7368. They may be dropped off at the Center on Friday, May 12th.

**All proceeds will be used to beautify the gardens around the neighborhood.**

Hope to see you there! - "The Green Team"



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



from Jordan

We are currently looking for a co-vic president to work alongside our current VP and hopefully take over a co-presidency in 2018. We have a great group of officers and volunteering is a fun way to make lifetime neighborhood connections.

Thank you to the Schells and Johnsons for making our Easter Egg Hunt another success. Redd UP Day and the Wine Tasting also came together very nicely, thanks to Isabel Ford and Jeanne Rosen, respectively.

Creativity must be in the air, because we'll be offering Painting for Adults on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in May, a yard sale on May 20 and Thrill on the Hill on June 3. For all, please to RSVP by May 5. We are also planning another art series for kids, called Dreamscapes, in mid-June. Don't forget heck out the Garden Committee's plant sale on May 13.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Painting for Adults:** Have you ever wanted to try painting or to take your skills to the next level? In our new four-week series for adults, instructor Deneen Underwood (Bigham) will introduce students to the skills required to accurately render what they see and will provide the more advanced artist with visual and creative practice, while students paint various scenes. Space is limited to 10 students, so RSVP by May 5 to Tony Florence at (412) 370-4413 or tony\_florence@comcast.net. Classes will meet Wednesdays in May from the 10th to the 31st from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the first class meeting at the Community Center. Students will receive small portable easels to keep, but should bring their own supplies for whichever medium they choose. The series is \$80 for nonmembers; members receive a \$10 discount.

**Yard Sale:** Neighbors may host a sale at their home, reserve a table at the Community Center to sell items or simply donate items to the club by dropping them off at the designated times. Donations are not tax deductible. The price is \$10 for nonmembers and \$5 for members (to cover advertising) and the sale is May 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are also looking for volunteers to help sell donated items for the club. To RSVP, use the form linked in our emails. For questions, feel free to email me at jparker-tongross@gmail.com.

**Thrill on a Hill:** It's back! Whether you choose the easy downhill one-miler or the challenging down-and-up two, this race is one to remember. The race is on June 3 at 9:00 a.m. sharp, so arrive early. Register soon because the first 50 registrants get t-shirts — to Ben Gross at brgross@inbox.com. Either race is \$20 for ages 15 and up and \$10 for 14 and under. Rain or shine. Awards will be given to the top three in their age groups. Also contact Ben if you're able to volunteer on race day.

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## ELECTION DAY

Please consider bringing a non-perishable food donation to the polls when you come to vote on May 16th. 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*

THANK YOU

I want to thank all of those who attended the wine tasting this year. While the attendance was fewer, the enthusiasm was greater! I especially want to thank Joe and Ruth Barsotti for their insightful knowledge and friendly anecdotes about the wine offerings.

I couldn't have done any of this without the over the top help of Donna McNamee as well as the assistance of Bruce Buzza and Ben Gross for all those who came, imbibed and enjoyed. I thank you for those who couldn't make it; be sure to save the date for next year!

*Jeanne Racer*

## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CALENDAR

Friday, May 5 - Garbage/Recycling

Friday, May 12 - Garbage

Friday, May 19 - Garbage/Recycling

Friday, May 26 - Garbage

Saturday, June 3 - Garbage/Recycling



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**MAY'S CHEF:**  
**TINA ENGLEKA**

## SPICE-RUBBED FLANK STEAK

1 tsp garlic powder  
2 tsp ground cumin  
2 tsp paprika  
1 tsp chili powder  
1 tsp black pepper  
1 tsp salt  
1/2-1 tsp cinnamon  
1-1 1/2 lbs. flank steak  
Olive oil

*This is a wonderful steak for grilling this summer. It's quick and easy and the combination of spices offers some great flavors.*



1. Preheat grill to high heat.
2. Combine all spices in a small bowl. Brush both sides of the steak with olive oil, then sprinkle each side with spice mixture. Rub the spices into the steak. Let stand for 5 minutes.
3. Place the steak on grill rack coated with cooking spray and grill each side for 4-8 minutes or until desired degree of doneness. Length of time on the grill will vary due to the size of the steak and how pink you like your steak. 130°F is rare, 140°F is med. rare and 150°F is medium.
4. Be careful not to overcook this cut of steak. Overcooking leads to tough meat.

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