

The Last Word

AUGUST

2017



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old fashioned
4th of July

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Hike - September 16

Ciderfest - October 8

Haunted Hayride - October 28

Council Report – July

by Greg Overstreet

Agenda

The meeting agenda incurred a major curtailment because of the absence of three Council members including the President and Vice President.

Mayor's Report

Consideration is being given to the installation of two signs warning of an upcoming road curve near the pool. Police contract negotiations will need to take place before the expiration of the current police contract.

Swimming Pool

There are fifty pool memberships this year compared with 54 at the end of last year.

Security Cameras

The Scott Township Police Chief gave security camera recommendations to a Council member who could not be present to report.

Code Enforcement

A proposal was approved for the sharing of a Code Enforcement Officer with neighboring municipalities.

Community Development Block Grants

Council agreed to support continuation of the program.

Pool Lifeguard Policies

Council approved a plan for lifeguard bonuses.

The next Council Meeting will be Monday, August 14, at 7:00 PM and will be open to the public.



REMINDER

the recycle bin at the borough lot is only for paper - newspaper, magazines, junk mail, etc.

but not for cardboard and other items



MAY POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Scott Twp. police responded to the following Rosslyn Farms calls during May.

- Five alarm calls, all of which were false or non-criminal related.
- Two damage reports from delivery trucks striking walls in driveways.
- One report of a dead deer in the yard.
- One low hanging cable wire.
- One report of kids throwing rocks at an industrial park building.
- One domestic dispute

The most concerning call came from a senior citizen who was the target of a scam. The senior had received a phone call that they had won \$750,000.00. Two "U.S. Agents" were going to come to the house to deliver the certified check. A later call told them to have money to give to the agents to cover various fees associated with the prize money. Wisely, the person notified the Scott Police who had several officers at the house at the time the "agents" were to arrive. The scam artists never showed up.

Another senior in a nearby neighborhood was scammed out of \$16,000.00. He received a phone call from a "Dade County Florida Sheriff" who told him his grandson was arrested due to a traffic accident. He would spend the weekend in the Dade County Jail if the grandfather didn't come up with \$8000.00 cash. He was told "you don't want anyone you love spending time in our jail." The grandfather gave the \$8000.00 cash to two men who arrived at his home. He received a second call that said the other people involved in the accident needed another \$8000.00 to cover medical expenses. If they didn't receive the money, they would demand criminal charges be filed. The same two men arrived and picked up the second \$8000.00 in cash. It was only later that day that the senior citizen started to think that something was wrong and then called the police. At that point his money was gone.

Never hesitate to call 911 if you suspect something or someone may be suspicious. The 911 operator will ask "What is the nature of your emergency?" Simply tell them that it is not an emergency but that you would like a Scott Twp. police officer to either come to your house or simply call you. The police would rather respond to 100 "false alarms" than to respond to a crime that could have been prevented.

Lastly, special thanks to the five Scott Twp. police officers who provided traffic control during the "Thrill on the Hill" race.

JUNE POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

During the month of June, Scott Township police officers assisted Robinson EMS on a total of 9 calls, 7 of them were to the same address and the other 2 to another address. There was a moving vehicle that struck another parked vehicle. Both vehicles were owned by residents and both had significant damage. There was a report of a stuck tractor trailer but no damage was discovered and 3 false alarms that were investigated. Scott police served a PFA on a resident and responded to a "road rage" incident involving a resident and a local contractor. No arrests were made or citations issued in any of these incidents. Thanks to Scott Township police, Crafton VFD and Robinson EMS, Rosslyn Farms remains one of the safest communities in Allegheny County. We should thank these individuals when we see them.

Jim Stover, Mayor



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!)



August 17
at the home of Judy Bergman
29 Priscilla Lane
The Bean Trees
by Barbara Kingsolver

September 21
at the home of Mary Lou Gegick
21 Standish Way
Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania
by Erik Larson

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Thanks to Jonathan Glance and Isabel Ford for arranging the July 4 festivities! Thank you also to all their helpers and all the participants that ensured a great day! Isabel Ford's grandfather, William Hayes Parrish, organized the first parade in 1907, 110 years ago, so it's a very special holiday for the borough.

This May our painting classes for adults were a welcome distraction from our busy lives; thanks to Tony Florence for hosting it. Laura Ragozzino also did a great job organizing the yard sale, as did Ben Gross for Thrill on a Hill in June. The kids at our art camp, Dreamscapes, in July continued to flourish. I have seen their art skills improving with each class. Since so many of our neighborhood kids attend different schools, it was also a great chance to reconnect.

When you read this our August theater camp will be under way. All are welcome to attend the performance on the 12th. Check your email for the time!

I've scheduled a fall hike at Sewickley Heights Borough Park with a local naturalist on September 16 at 4 p.m. and a fall cider gathering at our nearby Woodville Plantation on October 8 at 4:30. We won't just have cider, but a campfire with s'mores and docents giving tours. Believe it or not, various Rosslyn Farmers have helped to maintain Woodville for generations. So, come celebrate with the club — and the O'Tooles!

Don't forget our popular Haunted Hayride on October 28 at Parrish Park.



Gorgeous Gardens

on a Glorious Summer Day

The Garden Club's 4th Summer Garden Tour was held on Sunday, July 9th. It was a perfect afternoon to tour the gardens in the neighborhood.

First stop was the Community Garden. In just one year what has replaced the infamous "PennDot Village" was amazing. Such great progress has been made in this first growing season, evidenced by the vegetable plots tended by 18 gardeners.

Next stop was "Acorn Hill," at the gardens of Doug Florey and David Lloyd. The property was named for the large Chinquapin Oak. The landscape features many native plants and pollinators and showcases several specimen trees. Dave and Doug said "In order to keep their gardens from becoming the local wildlife salad bar" they rely on tried-and-true deer resistant plants. The wisteria-covered pergola and the shaded patio were outstanding. Originally designed in 1942, the latest plans of the landscape were displayed as well. Seventy-five years of thoughtful planning was evident in this almost hidden yard. The giant acorn in the yard was fabulous!

On the way to the next stop, attendees passed one of the Garden Club's Adopt-a-Gardens, cared for by Jeff Hebb and the sunflowers planted by the Wilchen Family. Arriving at the home and gardens of Joy and Dave Jones we were greeted by the new plantings along the street. New landscaping has been added around the perimeter of the yard.

Outdoor rooms provide restful areas for small or large family activities and gatherings. The shading from very large old trees has been challenging, as well as the local deer browsing, but the variety of plantings have overcome these issues.

The fourth and fifth stops were combined, as they are next-door neighbors – Marcy and Jim Strutz and Beth and Chris Johnson. Strutz's landscape includes many of the "native and natural food web" plants that are Jim's mantra. Marcy's whimsical wall art, yard ornaments and faux blooms are dotted along pathways. Birdhouses and feeders throughout the yard invite the local wildlife. The pergola provides cover for evening dinners and movies.

Last but not least, was the wildflower meadow behind the Johnson's home. Gone were all the invasive species and in their place was a plethora of beautiful and colorful flowers. They provide a habitat for bees, butterflies and pollinators. It was a treat to walk along the pathway of the almost shoulder high blooms.

A relaxing and enjoyable time was had by all at the after-party hosted by the Stutzes and Johnsons in both of their yards.

Tour goers loved the chance to see the different, creative and beautiful ways their neighbors have landscaped their yards – all of which are wonderful surprises not visible while driving by.

The Garden Club is happy to sponsor this annual event. We would be glad to have you join our "green team" and help us to continue to provide a bucolic and welcoming environment for our neighborhood. Contact Nancy Barsotti at 412-276-3496 or nhbinteriordesign@gmail.com

Hope to see you all next year for the tour of more secret gardens.
Nancy Barsotti



Responsible, Rosslyn Farms Teen & Animal Lover available to help you care for your pets

Call Haley Simcic @ 412.719.1472

Save the Date

**Saturday
October 21**

Bulb Sale, Chili Cook-Off,
Bake Sale and Pumpkin Painting
Fun for the Whole Family!

Sponsored by the Garden Club

**GARBAGE AND
RECYCLING CALENDAR**

Friday, August 11 - Garbage/Recycling

Friday, August 18 - Garbage

Friday, August 25 - Garbage/Recycling

Friday, September 1 - Garbage

Saturday, September 9 - Garbage/Recycling

**FLAVIN BROTHERS
LANDSCAPE DESIGN & INSTALLATION**

Flavin Brothers is taking on new customers now.
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