

The Last Word

DECEMBER 2017



DECEMBER 24

**CAROL SINGING
IN PARRISH PARK
AT 7:30 P.M.**

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DECEMBER 31

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Council Report – November

by Jim Strutz

The council meeting started at 6:30 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m. so that a conference call and computer demonstration of Verizon's security camera system could occur. The conversation took place via cell phone speaker while Verizon technicians remotely controlled a laptop computer that was projected onto the wall. There were many questions and explanations. Both Verizon and Comcast have quoted camera security systems to council but Verizon seems to have the edge for a couple of reasons: 1) despite a greater up front cost, the subsequent monthly expenses are less, and 2) Verizon offers a cell based wireless system while Comcast offers a wired system that would require more complicated infrastructure. A Verizon system would be comprised of probably four stations each consisting of three fixed (i.e. non-panning) cameras and a controller. The stations would be pole mounted thus requiring easement agreements with Duquesne Light for each pole. Duquesne Light would also provide the power for each station, power requirements have yet to be established. The demonstrated camera was shown to zoom in and out and could almost bring a license plate into focus, it being perhaps 30 feet away and imaged through a 2nd story window. They do offer a more expensive camera with higher resolution and the ability to actually read license plates using character recognition technology. The meeting was ended due to time constraints but unresolved questions will be followed up.

A resident asked whether the outgoing council members, particularly two who are members of the security camera committee, will "pass the baton" to incoming council members so that the knowledge of the security camera system acquired thus far will not be lost. One of the council members said he'll avail himself to brief incoming council and answer questions as needed. The same resident thanked the outgoing council members for their service.

Work on the new borough maintenance building addition is progressing. The block work is completed. Next is to frame the roof and pour the floor. The original bid did not include completing the roofing because it was expected that Charlie would do it. But it's getting late in the season and Charlie is in the middle of 'leaf season' so it was suggested that we have the contractors finish the roofing. It would cost an additional \$6000. The solicitor informed that this must be advertised for at least 3 bids.

Easement agreements are needed for the upper Rosslyn Road sinkhole repair project. One difficult easement agreement may necessitate rerouting and additional pipe. Authorization was given to stake out the routing so that it can be determined which trees must be removed and which easement agreements are required. Special attention is being given to minimize tree removal.

A study is to be conducted to determine how well large trucks can negotiate the turn between King's Hwy and upper Rosslyn road. There is also a question whether Baldwin Road is too steep for large trucks.

There was a lot of discussion of the 2018 budget. Adjustments and clarifications were made. Some money was diverted from energy efficient lighting for the purchase of a new zero turning radius mower and trailer. There will be no real estate tax increase. A motion was approved to advertise the budget, which will be adopted at the December meeting.

A motion was approved to renew our agreement with Jordan Tax Service to collect our real estate taxes for the next three years. JTS costs are lower than having our own tax collector.

A motion was approved to carry over Scott Township police services through the change in council membership and into the beginning of 2018.

One of the council changes is to hire a new person for the Secretary/Treasurer position. A job description must be created before an earnest search can begin. The room in the Community Center that was previously the second hand shop will serve as the new office for this person. Work must be done to prepare the office and move boxes from downstairs.

Next Meeting:
December 11 at 7 p.m.

OCTOBER POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT

Scott Township police responded to four reportable events in Rosslyn Farms during the month of October. A home alarm was activated. Police responded and found the resident at home, unaware that the alarm was activated. Another resident thought they heard noises in their house and called police. Police checked out the house and found everything in order. An abandoned bicycle was found along Kings Highway and the police were asked to check it out to see if someone may have been hit. The homeowner reported that the bike had been there for several days and everything seemed fine. Lastly, an alarm was activated in the industrial park. Police responded and discovered that an employee had accidentally set it off.

I also want to take this opportunity to suggest that residents and businesses consider making a year-end tax-deductible contribution to the Crafton Volunteer Fire Department. Donations may be mailed to 8 Stotz Ave., Crafton, PA 15205. These volunteer members protect our community and are called upon for fires, accidents, downed power lines, flooding and many other emergencies. They also graciously participate in our 4th of July Parade and chauffer Santa around the borough at Christmas.

Jim Stover, Mayor



We want to thank the many residents that chose to support the St. Vincent DePaul Society and their food bank on November 8th during election day.

The generosity of our friends and neighbors did not go unnoticed, and many will benefit.

Thank you all very much, Olivia and Audrey Robb



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. Each month is hosted by a different resident. Feel free to join us, even if you haven't read the book!

December's Book Club Dinner

Thursday, December 14th, 7:00 p.m.
Chartiers Country Club
601 Baldwin Road (valet parking)

Reservations: If you plan to join us, please RSVP to Marie Guerra at 412-480-3920 no later than Friday, December 8th (as we will need to give the country club a final headcount). The menu options will include chicken, seafood pasta, filet mignon and salmon dishes.

Note that we don't read a book in December — too many other holiday activities to enjoy!

Also, following tradition, in December we have a Holiday "Grab Bag" gift exchange. If you'd like to participate, simply bring a wrapped gift (\$15 value).



ROSSLYN FARMS
COMMUNITY CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



I hope that everyone is enjoying this holiday season.

We certainly kicked it off in style with the cool weather cocktail party, which was a resounding success thanks to Judy Bergman and Brooke Harman. I'm excited to be serving as the president of your community club alongside Ashley Lightholder, our new vice president. We greatly appreciate all of the feedback and positive support we have received during our initial transition. For our leadership tenure, we have established goals focused on increasing membership and enhancing communication to assure that our community truly flourishes.

The feedback provided at our fall town hall meeting and through other various conversations is already being put into action. For example, the new Rosslyn Farms Community Club logo and the new tag line, "we grow here," are making their way into all official club materials. Additionally, I'm very excited to announce that you can sign up for your 2018 membership online for the first time ever via rosslynfarmspa.com. While you are on the website, be sure to check out our new online merchandise shop where you can purchase a variety of Rosslyn Farms gear, which you can customize and receive in time for the holidays. Please thank Mike Cuddy and Gluseppe Ragozzino when you see them for all of their hard work in setting up this shop.

Speaking of 2018 membership, all households will be receiving a paper copy of the annual membership form and a small gift at your door sometime in early December. If you love snail mail, you may drop off or mail the form and payment to 22 Priscilla Lane. If dropping off, please use the "RFCC" mailbox located on the mailbox pole.

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with club programs. If you have a skill set and would like to make a contribution (or would like to host an event because your skill set is partying) please email us at rosslynfarmscommunityclub@gmail.com. We would love to put your talents to use!

Wishing you a safe and joyful December,
Laura Ragozzino

CHOCOLATE BAVARIAN CREAM PIE FILLING

This recipe was purchased by Mrs. Heard from the Cottage House.

1 pkg. unflavored gelatin
 ¼ cup cold water
 2 egg yolks
 ½ cup sugar
 ¼ tsp. salt
 1 cup milk
 1 sq. (1-oz.) melted unsweetened chocolate
 1 tsp. vanilla extract
 2 egg whites
 1 baked pie shell
 1 cup whipping cream
 Green food coloring
 Peppermint
 Crushed red and white peppermint candy

Soften gelatin in water. Beat egg yolks. Add ¼ cup sugar and salt. Gradually add milk. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly until slightly thickened. Add gelatin and melted chocolate. Stir until dissolved. Add vanilla. Chill until slightly thickened. Beat egg whites stiffly and gradually add remaining ¼ cup sugar, beating constantly. Whip cream slightly stiff. Fold in gelatin mixture with egg whites. Pour into pie shell and chill until firm. Top with whipped cream to which a little green coloring and a hint of peppermint have been added. Sprinkle top with crushed red and white peppermint candy.

Micki Heard

SNOWBALL CAKE

1 envelope Knox gelatin
 ¼ cup cold water
 ½ cup boiling water
 1½ cups orange juice
 1 pkg. Dream Whip, prepared according to pkg. directions
 1 small angel food cake
 Cool Whip
 Coconut

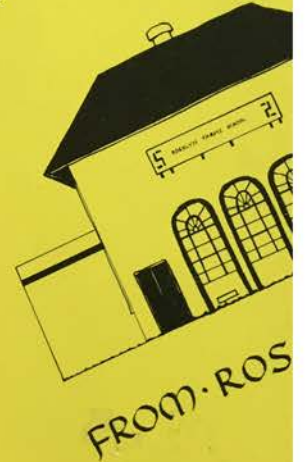
Soften gelatin in cold water and dissolve in boiling water. Add orange juice. Stir, refrigerate and jelly. When not completely set, fold in Dream Whip. Remove brown edges of angel food cake and tear into small pieces. Add to mixture. Put into 13-inch dish and cover with Cool Whip and coconut. To shape like a snowball, line round

bowl with wax paper. Put in mixture. Let sit overnight. Unmold on plate. Cover with Cool Whip and coconut.

Mrs. Frances Galbraith
 Courtesy of Teresa Roman

MORE TREASURED RECIPES

The
 Second Helping



LUMINARIA SALE

8 Luminarias -- \$12 32 Luminarias -- \$42
 16 Luminarias -- \$22 40 Luminarias -- \$52
 24 Luminarias -- \$32 48 Luminarias -- \$62



The Carlynton High School Junior Class is selling luminaria kits through December 10. Kits will be delivered on Saturday, December 16, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to residents in Crafton, Carnegie and Rosslyn Farms. Kits can also be picked up at Carlynton High School parking lot area on Saturday, December 16 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

To order or for more information
 call Megan at 412-519-0205
 Carlynton2019@gmail.com

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CALENDAR

Friday, December 1 - Garbage/Recycling

Friday, December 8 - Garbage

Friday, December 15 - Garbage/Recycling

Friday, December 22 - Garbage

Saturday, December 30 - Garbage/Recycling

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