



MAYTOWN VILLAGE SQUARE COURIER

Homeowners Association Newsletter

Spring 2010

President's Message



April 2010

Each of us is beginning to feel a new buzz in the community as spring approaches. All the familiar faces of our neighbors are beginning to appear again as the weather warms and the sun comes to visit our region more. What a winter we have had! This will certainly be one for the record books and one that I am sure that we will talk about for a long time.

As we look forward to the spring and summer ahead, you will soon notice some new changes within our community. First of all, our contract with Homes & Lands Property Management will terminate at the end of April. The board will once again return to self management in hopes that it will enable us to become more financially secure. As you can appreciate, this will not be an easy task. In order for us to enjoy the same level of support that we have had in the past, we will be relying on more volunteers to help us accomplish the tasks that were once done by the property management company. Don't worry, we won't be shy; we will be asking everyone to share their talents in an effort to make things flow more efficiently. Our success in self management and building our financial reserves will be directly related to your input of ideas and labor.

The board has also secured a new lawn contractor. You may have observed Brickman's Lawn Care staff within our neighborhood during the past two weeks. They have already begun the winter clean-up; they have mulched the area beds; and will soon begin routine pruning of some of our trees and bushes as well as cutting the grass. I believe that you will see a big difference in our appearance with this new group of professionals.

On behalf of your board of directors, I invite each and every one of you to be a part of this new and exciting change. We welcome your thoughts, ideas and your resources as we strive to make this community one of the best in Lancaster County!

Terry White, President
Maytown Village Square Homeowners' Association

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If we had no Winter, the Spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.

*Anne Bradstreet
1612-1672*



Spring Holidays

- April Fool's Day: April 01
- Earth Day: April 22
- Cinco de Mayo: May 5
- [Mother's Day](#): Sunday, May 09
- Memorial Day: Monday, May 31
- Flag Day: June 14
- [Juneteenth](#): June 19
- [Father's Day](#): Sunday, June 20

[What the Heck Is Juneteenth?](#)

Residents' Forum

Check out the [Residents' Forum](#) on our website and communicate with your neighbors!

Editorial – The Pause that Refreshes

In this fast-paced world of ours, we often hurry past others with thoughts of ourselves, where we need to go, what we need to do and how fast we need to move.

Pausing can give an entirely different perspective and us a breather...and a moment to relax.

Pause and wonder – did that server seem gruff because perhaps she has a sick child at home and is worried to have to be away working while someone else is the caregiver?

Pause and allow– if we give the right of way instead of pushing our way on the road, maybe we'd find more calmness in our driving.

Pause to give – If we would take just a small amount of time and leave flowers on someone's doorstep anonymously, we would probably feel good for the rest of the day, and perhaps long after.

Pause to speak – If we took only one moment each day to speak a kindness to someone, our world would be greatly enriched.

Have a blessed Spring!

Donna Welsh, Editor

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As you may have noticed Brickman, the new lawn care service has begun and may have finished some of their work. They are a nationwide company devoted to service and maintenance of properties. They have different crews doing certain jobs, so if you have a request for extra work or mulch at your expense or a problem please contact the Landscape Committee through the website (Maytown Village Square) or you can use villagesquaremail@gmail.com to contact us then we will get in touch with Brickman's Operations Manager for our community and he will contact the person needed to solve the situation. Brickman has signed up for our lawn care for 3 years with the purpose of improving the community's appearance and quality of our landscaping which should help our community grow and be a place where people will want to live and raise a family.

If anyone would like to help our board of directors by joining a committee please come to the meeting on April 19th at 7 pm to see how you can help us to manage our Home Owners Association.

Vern Auker,
Landscape Committee Chair



Community Etiquette

As the temperatures raise and the weather clears up, there is a spirit and mood to move outdoors. Spring can allow for getting to know your neighbors and community. Spring is also a wonderful opportunity to get down and dirty with the soil to bring fresh crops and beautiful flowers. To build and have a positive and rewarding community experience, it is often good to keep these following practices and traditions in mind:

- * The common greetings in passing along with a smile can go a long way in building a feeling of acceptance in the community.
- * If you own a pet, show being a responsible community member by picking up after your dog. Also be mindful of neighbors' feelings, if you wish to leave your dogs run off lead.
- * Sometimes the habits or things we enjoy may not be pleasant to others in the community. While opinions about smoking may differ among everyone in the community, we all can be community members by properly disposing of cigarette butts and trash.
- * Acting as stewards, can help each community member feel that the Maytown Square Village is a safe and secure neighborhood with little concerns of burglary or other worrying behaviors from outsiders.
- * Spring and summer are wonderful opportunities to do home improvements, such as finishing basements. A nice neighborly action can be informing the members in your development of people or sounds that may come from your house.

This is just a small listing of common practices that help to build a community. Being active and respectful members of the community can bring about a positive experience for everyone.

Laura Campbell

Newsletter Committee

Spring Maintenance Tips



Click [here](#) or check our website
www.maytownvillagesquare.com



Trivia

Pennsylvania – Named “Penn” for William Penn’s father, “Sylvania” for woodlands.

Capital – Harrisburg, since 1812 – Philadelphia & Lancaster were previous capitals.

Nickname – The Keystone State. This refers to the central stone in an arch which holds all of the other stones together. Pennsylvania was in the center of the original 13 colonies, and was also central to much of the economic, social, and political development of the country. It continues to be so.

State Bird – Ruffed Grouse (Partridge)

State Animal – Whitetail Deer

State Flower – Mountain Laurel

State Tree – Hemlock

State Dog – Great Dane

State Fish – Brook trout

State Insect – Firefly

State Beverage – Milk

State Fossil – Phacops Rana

State Song – *Pennsylvania*, written by Eddie Khoury & Ronnie Bonner



Awake, thou wintry
earth -
Fling off thy
sadness!
Fair vernal flowers,
laugh forth
Your ancient
gladness!

~Thomas Blackburn

Community Activities

The Activities Committee would like to ask for your help in raising funds to have fun activities for the community to enjoy. We would like to have activities such as dances and holiday parties for all community members to attend. This spring/summer we will start by having a bake sale, car wash and possibly a basket auction to raise funds. If you are able to help with these events please contact Danielle Martin via the HOA website.

Committees & Volunteers

Volunteer for one of these committees.
Your community needs you!

Activities, Newsletter, Website, Landscape, Beautification, Rules & Regulations, Welcome,

Never discourage
anyone...who
continually
makes progress,
no matter how
slow.

Plato (427 BC – 347 BC)

Send in your favorites!

From our kitchens

Sassy Spring Recipes



Crazy Crust Pizza (A Campbell Family Recipe)

1 c. flour	1/8 tsp pepper
1/2 tsp salt	2 eggs
1 tsp oregano	2/3 c. milk

Combine above ingredients, mix with fork or wire whip just until mixed well. Pour batter into pizza pan (or cookie sheet with rim) slightly greased and floured.

Arrange toppings of choice; meats, mushrooms, onions, peppers, ham, bacon, etc. Bake 425 for about 10-12 minutes. Cover with sauce and mozzarella cheese. Return to oven for about 10 minutes (til cheese melts). Cool for about 5 minutes before serving.

Pear Dessert – Susan Nicholson

1 Lg can of pears
 1 3oz box lime jello (flavor of choice may be used)
 1 8oz cream cheese
 2 Tbsp sugar
 1 9oz container cool whip

Drain pears and save juice, bring to boil 1 cup of juice and dissolve jello. Set aside to cool.

Put pairs in large bowl, beat with beater, add sugar and beat till smooth. Add cooled jello mix, fold in cool whip and chill.

Ribs with Plum Sauce – Susan Nicholson

5 – 6 lbs pork spareribs
 3/4 c soy sauce
 3/4 c plum jam or apricot preserves
 3/4 c honey
 2 – 3 garlic cloves, minced

Cut ribs into serving size pieces, place with bone side down on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Cover and bake at 350 or grill over medium coals, uncovered for 30 minutes, brushing occasionally with sauce. Yields: 6 servings



Happenings/Events -

Bake Sale

at the Community Center
 - Date to be announced

Car Wash

at the Community Center
 - Date to be announced

Family Corner

Fun Spring Outdoor Family Activities:

Gardening
 Bicycling
 Sports
 Blowing bubbles
 Fishing
 Hiking
 Volunteering
 Games
 Picnics



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Be gentle with the young.
~ *Juvenal 55 – 127AD*

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Our association serves
Village Square Townhouses,
Village Square at Maytown,
Bridle Path at Village
Square and Village Square
Commons developments.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://maytownvillagesquare.com>

Reminders

Meeting Monday, April 19, 7:00 PM Community Building

Check your township Newsletter for registration to Summer Camp at the Park

Lots of good thing going on in the Website - check it out [HERE](http://www.maytownvillagesquare.com):
<http://www.maytownvillagesquare.com>

Good Things

Some people believe that the start of a new year is a good time to *make* positive changes in one's life, perhaps vowing to lose weight, or be more organized. The list of possible resolutions is as varied as we are as humans.

Think about how Spring, instead of New Year's Day, coincides more fully with those resolutions. It is a time of rebirth, new growth and cleansing. What a perfect time to start that exercise plan, clean and organize your garage, or tackle that debt you have been meaning to get rid of.

So, if you have made New Year's resolutions that have fallen short, don't despair or be too hard on yourself. Spring makes more sense. It can be time for a fresh start, just as new life is coming into bloom.

And here's a tip – call them intentions instead of resolutions.

Be good to yourself this Spring!



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