

THE LAST WORD



FEBRUARY 2024



february events

**Trivia Night – Saturday February 10th at 7:00 PM
in the Calvert Room**

We have invited our Thornburg neighbors to join us for this new community event. BYOB. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. We will collect donations for the food pantry so please bring a non-perishable food item.

**Chili Cookoff – Saturday February 24 at 4:00 PM
in the Thornburg Community Center**

The Thornburg Community Club has invited us to join their chili cookoff. All interested cooks can contact Brian Catanzarite (brian.catanzarite@gmail.com). Cooks will be asked to clandestinely drop their chili off at 3:30. As for eating.... All are welcome.

Family Bingo – Sunday February 25th 4:00 – 6:00 PM in the Calvert Room

The Community Club will provide the drinks and something to eat. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and please bring a donation for the food pantry to get your bingo card.

March Events – Save the date

March 23 – Easter Egg Hunt at the Community Center

March 23 – Wine Tasting at the Community Center

COUNCIL REPORT

January - Nancy Barsotti

Council Members – Mayor Isabel Ford swore-in the newly elected/reelected Council members (Eve Jackson, Chad Green and Jay Lear) and then the following officers were elected:

- President – David Robb
- Vice President – Jonathan Glance
- President Pro Tem – Jay Lear

Appointment of Tax Collector – Sam Maccarone was appointed and sworn in for a two-year term.

Other Borough appointments are as follows:

- Secretary/Treasurer – Dorothy Falk
- Code Enforcement – Harshman LLC

The Sanitary Sewer Surcharge Fee has increased by \$.50. It is now \$6.50 per 1000 gallons.

Borough Website – The transition to new website management is ongoing.

Community Center Facilities – Council approved an expenditure of approximately \$3000 for needed electrical work on the gymnasium stage. In addition, the electrician is to fix a bad electrical outlet in the Calvert Room.

The Montessori School has requested the addition of a children’s restroom in their classroom. The cost estimate and discussion with the School will be addressed in advance of the February meeting to assess the feasibility of the project.

Finance/Grants – A \$223,400 Small Water and Sewer Project grant has been awarded for Scheffield Road. There is a \$40,000 match from the Borough.

Sanitary Sewer Expansion – Meetings with interested residents on Winthrop and Club Roads are ongoing.

Sidewalk Project – Harshman, a Borough engineering firm, has identified work that needs to be done on existing sidewalks throughout the borough. Council will meet with Harshman to review their recommendations.

Traffic Calming – A traffic engineer will be engaged to assess the appropriate crossroads and roads for additional stop signs and speed bumps.

POLICE REPORT

December - Isabel Ford, Mayor

The Scott Police Department responded to six separate incidents in December – providing EMS support for a fallen resident, responding to a suspicious incident, a suspicious vehicle, a burglar alarm and a disabled vehicle. They also delivered a POA order to an employee in the industrial area.

January - Isabel Ford, Mayor

In addition to extra traffic details to slow down the speeders, the Scott police responded to a false fire alarm, two false burglar alarms, a suspicious incident at the corner of Park and Edgedcliff and a report was filed for a resident who had her purse stolen when she was out shopping in Carnegie or South Fayette.

COMMUNITY CENTER YEAR IN REVIEW

Barbara Becker

For the past two years, more than 215 residents and 100 families have attended community or private events in the Calvert Room resulting in a record \$21,585 in rental income in 2023, far exceeding \$12,000 that was generated in 2022. A huge shout out and thank you to Isabel Ford for coordinating the rentals and thank you, Rosslyn Farmers, for taking advantage of this wonderful space.

Evergreen Montessori provided \$20,833 in lease income, exceeded initial enrollment projections and asked for additional space beginning the 2024/2025 school year.

Recognizing that “healthy communities need a gathering place” and understanding that Evergreen Montessori has been a “shot in the arm” for the community, Council began to find a “win-win” solution by retaining the services of Design Alliance architectural services to both explore expansion opportunities for Evergreen Montessori (excluding the Calvert Room) as well provide recommendations for upgrading, restoring and stewarding the Community Center into the future. The gymnasium has been identified as a viable solution for the school’s expansion.

Earlier in the year, the gymnasium was painted along with interior and exterior doors and new awnings. The sidewalk and entrance steps were also replaced. The new Fire Alarm system was fully operational and rentals for the year were nearly at capacity. The boiler had an unexpected repair of \$900 and a new boiler system will be installed in 2024. The parking lot was resealed and the Basketball Court repainted.

Moving forward we have permanent exterior up lighting on our 2024 wish list along with replacing the gutters & downspouts, and we would like to replace the two flat roof areas.

On behalf of Council and the Community Center Commission, I really need to thank and recognize Isabel Ford and Steve & Betsy Tassaro for their countless volunteer hours, oversight and guardianship for this most precious community asset. Also, a special thank you to our most wonderful Street Department - Charlie, Brad and Daniel, for their commitment, pride and dedication to this beautiful historic building.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is enjoying the weather break from the bitter cold in January. Hopefully, Punxsutawney Phil will truly bring us an early spring!

Thank you - We had two very successful events in January. Thank you to Lori Feola for coordinating the happy hour at Caliente Pizza. We had a nice turnout and as usual the food was tasty. A big thanks to Chrissy and Chad Green and Ashley Lightholder for coordinating our first family movie night. The event was very well attended with 22 kids and 12 parents eating pizza and popcorn while watching Minions in the gym. Everyone really had a nice time so we will have to repeat this event in the future.

We have three events planned for February. Please read the information about Trivia Night on February 10, the Thornburg Chili Cookoff on February 24 and Family Bingo on February 25. We hope to see you at one or all of the events.

Save the date for the two community events scheduled on March 23rd. We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the kids and grandkids in the morning at the Community Center and then we will have our annual wine tasting in the evening.

Membership Form - If you haven't already done so, please return your 2024 Community Club Membership Form. If you need another copy of the form, please email isabeljford@gmail.com. New 2024-2025 directories will be delivered in March to anyone who has paid their membership dues. If you are wondering what we use the dues for, they help offset the costs of our events throughout the year like food and drinks, hiring the trivia person and paying for printing of the directory and Last Word when we have paper copies.

Thank you for continuing to make Rosslyn Farms such a special place to live,

Susan Kretz
Community Club President



BOOK DISCUSSION



The Rosslyn Farms Book Club meets at 8:00 pm the third Thursday of every month.
Everyone is welcome!

February 15

Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano
hosted by Mimi Veri, 3 Revere Road

March 21

Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See
hosted by Joy Jones, 414 Kings Highway

April 18

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride
hosted by Susan O'Toole, 108 Kings Highway

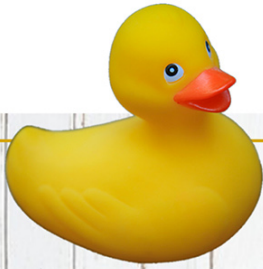
May 16

My Mother Was Nuts by Penny Marshall
hosted by Francine Kuhi, 704 Christopher Circle (Cambridge Park)



WITH SYMPATHY

Deepest sympathy to Dale and Cheryl Erkel on the death of Dale's mother Jackie Weaver. Jackie grew up on Alden Road, attended the Rosslyn Farms School and when she married moved back to Alden Road where Dale was raised. Jackie was active in the Women's Club and the Community Club. *She will be missed.*



CONGRATULATIONS

to Doug Artze and Carla Escribano on the birth of their daughter, Pauline in November. Big sister Alana is very excited about her promotion.

FLAVIN BROTHERS

LANDSCAPE DESIGN & INSTALLATION

Changing the Landscape of Rosslyn Farms
For 60 Years

SNOW REMOVAL

YARD CLEAN-UPS

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| Weeding | Fertilization |
| Thatching | Treework |
| Gutter Cleaning | Free Aeration - Ask for details |

STONE WORK

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| Driveways | Sidewalks |
| Patios | Steps |

HAULING

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| Debris Removal | River Rock |
| Demolition | Limestone |
| Topsoil | Mushroom Manure |
| Mulch | We have a 30 yard dumpster at our supply to remove all your hard to get rid of items |

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GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CALENDAR

Reminder: Please take in your trash cans by the end of the day.

FRI FEB 9 GARBAGE	FRI FEB 16 GARBAGE+ RECYCLE	FRI FEB 23 GARBAGE	SAT MARCH 1 GARBAGE+ RECYCLE	FRI MARCH 8 GARBAGE
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CHARLIE SAYING FAREWELL TO THE OLD, RUSTED OUT BACKHOE



OUR NEW BACKHOE

