

THE LAST WORD



JUNE 2024

hello SUMMER

2024/2025 Community Club Directories have been delivered to the neighbors who paid their 2024 membership dues. If you believe you should have gotten a directory or if you missed the notice and would still like to join the community club this year, please reach out to Isabel Ford 412-215-7144.

Swimming Pool - The swimming pool is open for the season. Membership forms are posted on the community website: www.rosslynfarmspa.gov If you decide to not join the pool, but you'd like to swim for the day, the rate is \$15. Just so know, a few guards are planning to offer swimming lessons to member's kids. More information will be posted at the pool. There will also be AquaFit classes again this summer. Please contact Nancy Barsotti if interested in participating.

Please slow down when driving through the neighborhood - We have a lot of children in the neighborhood. For instance, there are 25 kids living on Edgcliff and Terrace. Many of these kids are learning to ride bikes and are walking to visit their friends. Even if the speed limit is 25, everyone is encouraged to go much slower than that when driving through the neighborhood. Over the past three months we have had extra police patrols throughout the neighborhood to monitor and cite speeders and people not stopping at the stop signs.

Kid's Tennis Lessons - Coach Mark will again be offering kid's tennis lessons this summer. Lessons will be Saturdays and start on June 1st. We are going to switch the order this year and have the older kids 6+ years old from 10:30 - 11:30 and the children under 6 from 11:30 - 12:00. Cost is \$15 per session for the older kids and \$12 per session for the younger ones. Coach Mark will bring special balls and nets for the younger kids to help them learn the game.

4th of July - work is underway for our annual 4th of July celebration. This year's theme is Christmas in July. We are hoping to get more people to dress up and participate in the parade so the fire trucks will be leading the parade the first time around the block without any children onboard. Kids are encouraged to walk. After the first time around the block, the fire trucks will be giving kids a ride. More information about the 4th of July, including the registration form, will be sent out shortly.

COUNCIL REPORT

February - Nancy Barsotti

Sidewalk Ordinance - The survey for required sidewalk repair work is being completed and a Request for Pricing Proposal will be sent out for bids. Work should begin this summer.

Sewer Cleaning - The Borough is required to clean 20% of sewer lines every year and work will begin as soon as weather permits. Representative Dan Deasy's Mobile Office will be in the Borough at the Community Center on March 14 from 4-6 pm.

Community Center - The annual maintenance contract with the William Prescott Roofing Company was approved. Discussions continue with the Montessori School for requested upgrades as well as the contract for the 2024-2025 school year.

Caliguiri Group Grant Applications -

- The grant for the Sheffield Road storm sewer was awarded.
- Grants for the following borough work have been applied for and awaiting possible approval:
- Playground - 2024 DCNR Spring (C2P2)
- PennDOT multimodal - community connections

Trash/Recycling - Our trash contract with Waste Management expires at the end of June. We will be going out for bid.

Traffic Study - A traffic study was approved to ascertain the request for two new stop signs in the borough.

Speed bumps - A new speed bump on Rosslyn Road (near the ballfields) was approved at a cost of \$7680. The current speed bump on Rosslyn Road has provided good results in reducing speed.

COUNCIL REPORT

March - Greg Kretz

Agenda items requiring a vote (approval of prior minutes, authorization to advertise for waste/recycling collection, disbursements, ...) were moved to first on the agenda and voted on, as one council member had to leave early to tend to a sick child. Follow-up reports stated the child is feeling much better.

Evergreen Montessori is interested in expanding and using the gym exclusively for a classroom. An amendment to the lease for the school is in process. The school would be responsible for all costs of improvements. The school will notify the Boro if it wants to move forward with the proposal.

Finance and Grants - Grant activity continues to play an important part in Boro improvements. These include both short-term and long-term improvements, such as the playground, sidewalks, park and community center (boiler, A/C, doors). A grant application resolution for almost \$580K in Parrish Park

Playground improvements was approved, with the Boro committing to a 50% match (matching funds will be coming from various sources, including \$200K in already awarded grants and nearly \$30K in resident donation pledges) Other grant applications are in process and are moving along to fruition. Plans are being finalized and should be available soon.

Public Safety - Almost two dozen traffic stops occurred in the Boro in February. Over half resulted in written warnings, two citations were given, and the rest received verbal warning. One burglar alarm was also reported. It turned out to be a false alarm.

Traffic Calming Initiative - Traffic Engineer reports for recommendations for new Stop Sign installations are being finalized. In addition, the speed hump that was approved at the February Council meeting will soon be installed. Future speed humps are being considered and could be installed simultaneously during the sidewalk work.

Sanitary Sewer Expansion - Work continues as some residents consider changing from individual septic systems to the Boro sewer lines. Private cost estimates are in process and a detailed scope of work will go out to the involved residents shortly thereafter.

March

Waste and Recycling - Vendor costs continue to rise as we approach a new contract year. A request for bids for the Boro collections for a new contract has gone out, with a rate increase expected.

Boro residents are encouraged to attend all meetings. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 7:00 in the Community Center. All residents have the opportunity to speak, ask questions and express concerns at the beginning of every meeting.

COUNCIL REPORT

April - Greg Kretz

Solicitor's Report - Working on the Evergreen Montessori lease amendment. Current lease extensions are at two-year increments. They may be revised to one-year reviews. A final decision by the school on if they will lease the gym and make any improvements has not been made.

Engineers Report - Insight Pipe Contracting provided the lowest bid out of the four or five contractors that submitted proposals to do camera inspections of some of the boro pipelines this year. Approval was given to accept their \$15K bid.

Mayors Report - Extra public safety patrols occurred in March, resulting in a number of stops and subsequent written warnings and several citations. It was also noted that a manhole cover was missing from Puritan.

Secretary and Treasure - Miscellaneous disbursements of the usual boro expenses were made. These included utilities, clothing, boro code updates, engineering survey (for sidewalks), and the Post-Gazette (advertisements for bids).

Code Management - It was noted that a dumpster permit was processed.

A discussion was also had on when a permit is required or not required when putting up various types of fencing. Boro residents are encouraged to contact the boro's Code Enforcement when in doubt about any code enforcement situations. Our code enforcement group is Harshman Civil Engineering Group at 2455 Park Avenue in Washington, PA. Their phone number is 724.993.4505.

Finance and Grants - Rosslyn Farms was not selected to receive one of the two sizable sidewalk grants that we pursued. Work on other grants continues.

Human Resources - Our seasonal public works employee is all set. Paul Crealy is set to start on May 6th. Paul will work about a 1,000 hours this summer. He should be a great benefit to Charlie and Brad on helping to keep Rosslyn Farms beautiful this summer.

Sanitary Sewer Expansion - After consulting with neighbors who are considering changing from individual septic systems to the Boro sewer lines, several have given the go-ahead to be included.

Preliminary sketches and private cost estimates continue to be refined. Several months of work still lie ahead.

Parks and Recreation - The pool committee is ramping up to get ready for another spectacular summer. Life guard rates are set. Pool access rates are under review. Further information will be coming out soon as the pool is set to open at the end of May.

Waste and Recycling - Trends from other local boros are showing about a 50% increase in refuse collection. Applying that to Rosslyn Farms, our monthly costs will increase from about \$16 to \$24 per household per month. Also, unlimited bulk collection throughout the year will likely go away. The selected vendor will likely provide each household with one large trash collection bin that would be emptied with a mechanical arm instead of workers dumping the trash into the back of the trucks.

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COUNCIL REPORT

May - Nancy Barsotti

Borough Website - A newly designed format is under construction but the address will be the same rosslynfarmspa.gov

Community Center –

- Rentals are exceeding last year's with almost every weekend in May, June and July fully committed. Revenue for the year should amount to \$25,000.
- The boiler is able to continue to be maintained for the time being but will require replacement in the near future.

Grant Applications - The Borough is fortunate to have the Caliguirri Company to advocate for grants to help with major community projects, as well as the diligence of our Council in working with them to obtain these grants. This helps our Borough to fund projects to benefit the neighborhood, especially trails and public access to community facilities.

Zoning - Residents are strongly reminded to check our Zoning Laws before undertaking projects - both interior and exterior - that require permits. Construction without permits and adherence to zoning, can result in expensive "take-downs" of exterior projects. Also there are ordinances on Property Maintenance which include removal of dead trees and overgrown grass and weeds. Any of these issues may result in significant fees.

Pool - The pool opened on Saturday, May 25. Ten lifeguards and 2 alternates have been hired for the season.

Shuffleboard Court - A former resident is interested in paying for the replacement of the court and dedicating it to her parents who lived in the community for over 50 years. This generous gift was accepted by Council and the Parks and Recreation Committee will work with the donor on the new court.

Garbage – Our current contract with Waste Management ends on June 30. A contract with Valley Waste Management has been signed for garbage and recycling pickup starting July 1st. Collection will continue to be manual, as we have now, with separate trucks and utilizing residents' garbage cans. Valley will be sending a mailer to all residents with more information about their services.

Sidewalks - Excaliber Contracting has been awarded the \$70,000 contract to begin the project of replacing damaged sidewalks around the borough. Work will begin this summer. In addition the Borough will pay for ADA required ramps at crosswalks.

Traffic Calming - Several locations have been identified for additional STOP signs - including Kings Highway at Rosslyn Road and Pilgrim Road at Park Road. Another speed bump will be added to Rosslyn Road near the ball field. Police presence in the Borough has been added for speeding citations. The Borough Engineer will be at the next meeting on June 10 to discuss the Traffic Calming. Please attend this important meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you've been able to participate in at least one of the fun community activities we've had over the last few months.

We had our first trivia night which was definitely a hit and something we will do again. That was followed by a well-attended night of family bingo. The kids really seemed to have a good time. The Easter Bunny (Barry Nelson) came to our Easter egg hunt where almost 500 eggs were hidden (and found). Luckily the weather held out and the kids could run around the Community Center lawn hunting for eggs.

Over 25 residents came out to help participate in the annual Redd Up Day which Isabel Ford coordinated. The community looked so nice after everyone worked so hard to clean up and mulch the Park and gardens throughout the community.

Special thanks to Lori Feola for coordinating the pancake breakfast which was cooked by Joe Feola, Greg Kretz, Sean Peck and Jonathan Glance. Thank you to Jeanne Rosen for again coordinating our annual wine tasting event where participants got to taste the difference between wine aged in oak barrels or not.

Coming up, on June 21st when we will host a Red Cross Blood Drive in the Calvert Room. Please consider coming and donating blood to help others in need.

In July we will have our annual 4th of July celebration. We will again have the adult party on July 3rd followed by the parade and family activities on the 4th. The theme of this year's parade is Christmas in July. We'd love to see people dress up and possibly even consider having a float in the parade.

Thank you to all the people who continue to pitch in to make Rosslyn Farms such a special place.

Susan Kretz
Community Club President





I would like to thank all of you who attended the recent wine tasting. It was "tasteful" as well as informative. I would especially like to recognize Michele Robb who listened well and guided me when I needed guidance. In addition, I could not have done this without the assistance of Kaitlyn and Conor and, especially, Marty O'Toole.

Thanks to one and all.

Jeanne Rosen



We were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Susan Battaglia. Susan and her husband Ken Fisher have lived on Rosslyn Road for over 10 years. Susan had a big smile and was always positive.

Rosslyn Farms School oldest alumni, Betsy Bell Martin passed away last month at the age of 98. Betsy grew up in Rosslyn Farms and attended the Rosslyn Farms School. She and her husband, both architects, designed and built their home at 31 Priscilla Lane where they raised their four children.



Cash Grayson
son of Damian and Tiffany Grayson

Riley Casey O'Toole
daughter of Luke Hottinger and Erin O'Toole

Dimitri Arman Markiw
son of Anastasia and Parva Markiw

Andrew Huskey
son of Oliver and Melanie Huskey



Dennis Estes
312 Rosslyn Road

Dennis Heffley and Cady Ditto
15 Winthrop Road

FLAVIN BROTHERS LANDSCAPE DESIGN & INSTALLATION

Changing the Landscape of Rosslyn Farms
For 60 Years

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.

SAT JUNE 1 GARBAGE	FRI JUNE 7 GARBAGE+ RECYCLE	FRI JUNE 14 GARBAGE	FRI JUNE 21 GARBAGE+ RECYCLE	FRI JUNE 28 GARBAGE
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