
KINGSFIELD NEWSLETTER

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A NOTE FROM THE BOARD

PRESIDENT

By Joe Stingle

With our re-election, the Board feels a "State of the Community" report is in order. For those of you who were not at the last meeting, the minutes delivered through the mail seemed impersonal. Articles in the newsletter are, hopefully, a more relaxing reading. From the status of our money, planting the entrance, a recap of social activities, who brings sunshine when needed and other news - we hope you enjoy the group effort.

Wine & Cheese parties during the winter were very enjoyable. If you haven't attended or hosted one, we look forward to getting to know you better. The same goes for the women's lunches, the men's group activities, golf outings and "picnic day in the circle" upcoming events.

Thanks to all of you that volunteer and to our administrative leader, Janice Shearer. The Board especially thanks her. And I would like to thank my fellow Board members, David Fazio and Rick Cline. It has been a pleasure these last two years.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

By Maggie Huber

A brief summary of planned events for the rest of this year is below. Details of these and other events being planned are in the Kingsfield Social Activities News that was placed in your mailbox on April 13.

Thursday May 5, 1:00 PM, golf outing at the Mainland Golf course.

Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 PM
"Italian Cooking", with Jill Manetta

Wednesday, June 1, 7:00 PM
"Long Blooming Perennials"
Mark Huber, Presenter

Friday, June 17, 6:30 PM
"Wine & Cheese Party" at Linda and Ray Trauger's home

Saturday, September 10
"Fall Fest" on the Kingsfield Commons

Sunday, December 4
"Kingsfield Holiday Party" at the Bay Pony Inn

KINGSFIELD MEN'S GROUP

By Jimmy Olsen

Ed Wuest (with assistance from Willy Wuest) founded the Men's Group in 2004. Ed noticed that the Kingsfield Woman (organized by Fran Nikles) go to lunch as a group once a month. To combat loneliness, Ed organized a Men's Club with the charter to do something as a group. The group has since gone to breakfast several times and in May of 2004 they attended a Reading Phillies game. Thanks to Ed's leadership, the group now has a complete agenda of activities scheduled. The group meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM and usually schedules activities for Wednesday's to prevent confusion (senior moments). Below is a summary of planned events:

April 27 - Breakfast at Franconia Café at 8:30 AM, and then attend Reading Phillies game.

May 4 - Breakfast at Michael's Restaurant at 9:00 AM.

May 11 - Meeting at Bob Walker's house at 7:30 PM.

May 23 - Breakfast at the Heritage Restaurant at 9:00 AM and attend another Reading Phillies game.

June 1 - Breakfast at Perkins Restaurant at 9:00 AM.

June 8 - Meeting at Bill Myers' home at 7:30 PM.

June 23 - Breakfast at the R&S Keystone Diner at 9:00 AM and go to another Reading Phillies game.

July 6 - Breakfast at the A&N Diner at 9:00 AM.

July 13 - Meeting at Stan Whites' home at 7:30 PM.

July 15 - Attend bicycle races at Trexlertown Velodrome.

July 20 - Tour of the Yuengling Brewery.

August 3 - Breakfast at the Royann Diner at 9:00 AM.

August 10 - Visit Landis Valley Museum (near Lancaster).

August 17 - Tour Delaware City (Delaware) Historical site (prison for Confederate soldiers).

September 7 - Breakfast at the Heritage Restaurant at 9:00 AM.

September 14 - Meeting at TBD location.

September 21 - Tour Jim Thorpe, PA.

October 5 - Breakfast at the Franconia Café at 9:00 AM and then tour the Battleship New Jersey.

Balance of the Year - rest up from all the activity.

Note: Above schedule subject to constant change.

Anyone interested in the Men's Group activities should contact Ed Wuest at 215-721-4949.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE NEWS

By Joan Pierce

The Sunshine Committee met on April 7, 2005. Reports from each sub-committee chairperson were as follows:

Cards and Visits - Freda Cybularz said the group sent out 12 cards or plants for illnesses or bereavement in the family.

Transportation - Chuck and Sue Antell have not had any requests for transportation. Contact them for any transportation needs or for information on the Transnet Senior Citizen Shared Ride Program that is available to our community.

Home Chores - Chuck Antell's committee has done some caulking, changing of smoke alarm batteries and lights on porches and front entrances.

Meals - Maggie Huber's committee delivered three meals to people who were ill or recovering from operations.

Rita Jones and Sue Antell put together a Kingsfield Community Phone Chain in case phone calls need to be made to our community. This phone chain will be used to notify residents of an illness or death of one of our neighbors. The Sunshine Committee will always secure the permission of the family involved before initiating the phone chain.

The next meeting of the Sunshine Committee will be on Wednesday November 2, 2005. Please remember that if you, or your neighbor, need a helping hand or a meal or other expression of concern, let us know by calling any of the following persons:

Chairperson: Joan Pierce at 215-721-4658.

Cards, plants and visits: Freda Cybularz at 215-799-2367.

Meals: Maggie Huber at 215-723-8276.

Home chores and transportation: Sue or Chuck Antell at 215-799-0253.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

By Joan Pierce

The landscape committee is looking for a few volunteers to serve on the committee. The landscape committee makes recommendations to the Kingsfield Community homeowners' association board pertaining to enhancements of the development and on homeowner landscaping requests. Please contact Dick Eckard at 215-799-0567 if you are interested in volunteering for this committee.

The committee held a meeting on April 5th at Dick Eckard's home. Dick is the new chairman of the committee. Other members are: Kathi Stingle, Gene Razzi and Joan Pierce.

Dick presented his diagram of the floral plantings for the community. The committee agreed on the following plan:

1. Front entrance – fuchsia wave petunias on both sides.
2. Front island - mass plantings of pink/rose colored begonias along with white alyssums in the front and rear areas.
3. Circle – coleus and pink begonias.

The landscape committee would like the help of volunteers to plant periwinkle ground cover in the front island to go along with the spring bulbs. Please call Dick Eckard or Joan Pierce if you are interested.

The committee has the following tips for homeowners:

1. To prevent artillery fungus (minute black dots that adhere to foundations), rake your mulch occasionally.
2. Be sure to water trees in your area if we experience a drought this summer.
3. When planning to landscape your property, plant trees and shrubs 3 to 4 feet from the house. Anticipate future growth and the need for pruning periodically.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

By John Jones

The Architectural Committee wishes to thank the Association members who have been so thoughtful in filling out their requests for us to process.

Accuracy and completeness of the request form is essential in order for us to expedite approvals with minimal delays.

If you have any difficulty in completing a request form, please contact any of the Architectural Committee members for assistance. They are: Gene Razzi, Bob Hernandez, Frank Byrnes, Bill Myers and John Jones.

HELPFUL HINTS

By Clark Kent

At the April 13, 2005 board meeting, Joe Stingle suggested that the community be advised of several contractors who have provided cost-effective quality service to some of our residents. After careful conversations with unnamed sources, I can report the names of two of these contractors.

1. Gas fireplaces may not ignite properly or maintain ignition. This reporter has learned that John Castro of Quakertown at 215-538-3422 has fixed two malfunctioning fireplaces in Kingsfield.

2. For those who need painting or wallpaper services, Dale Souder of Telford at 215-721-3111 has pleased several homeowners with his work.

Anyone with other recommendations for contractors should contact our typist, Tom Moyer at 215-723-3975 or email him at tm4600@localnet.com. It would also be helpful to report any problems with your home that you have had, and their solutions, so that we could inform others in case they experience similar problems.

BIRD HOUSES

By Bob Walker

I have a limited number of free birdhouses. These are made of pine with a cedar roof. The one and one-half inch entry hole makes them suitable for a wren, chickadee, nuthatch or even a bluebird, if you are lucky enough to attract one. Please call Bob or Jazz Walker at 215-723-9353 if you are interested in having one.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

By Lois Lane

The board has decided that the Kingsfield newsletter should be published three times a year in January, May and September. Deadlines for submitting articles are December 15, April 15 and August 15. **For the next Newsletter, information should be submitted to Tom Moyer by August 15, 2005.**

Pen names are used by some of our contributors to make it seem like this is a big operation and to protect the guilty.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Author Unknown

Contributed by Casey Huber

If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills, always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains, eat the same food every day and be grateful for it, forgive a friend's lack of consideration, face the world without lies and deceit, resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend, understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time, resist complaining and boring people with your troubles, conquer tension without medical help, relax without liquor, sleep without drugs, If you can do all these things, my friend, Then you are....
Most likely the family dog!