

The Last Word

MARCH

2016



Scrapbooking

March 12, 10 a.m.
Community Center's Girl Scout Room
RSVP with Susan O'Toole at
sfo1121@gmail.com or (412) 276-8997
Bring photos and an album



Easter Egg Hunt

March 19, 12 p.m.
at the Community Center
RSVP (not needed) jparkertongross@gmail.com
Crafts, games and an egg hunt. Kids ages 6 and
up should dress for egg hunting in the woods.
A local artist will help kids make fun buttons.



Progressive Dinner

March 19, 6 p.m.
all start at 200 Kings Highway
RSVP with Mike Cuddy at mc2@pitt.edu or
(412) 401-1675. Bring an appetizer or dessert.



Game Night for Adults

March 26, 7 p.m.
at the Community Center
RSVP with Dan Harkins at
dixiedugan1@verizon.net or (412) 279-8909
Bring an appetizer or dessert

UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL

April 16, Redd Up Day
April 16 and 30, Scrapbooking
April 30, Wine Tasting

MAY

May 7, Garden Club's
Mother's Day Plant Sale

Council Report – February

by Brad Knabel

Resident Comments: A resident asked about the possibility of council posting agendas to the new web site prior to meetings. Pat McNamara responded that council would take the idea under consideration.

The resident followed up by asking whether council would consider taking action to remove non-commercial signs that have been put up on borough property along streets in the borough, especially along Kings Highway. He is concerned about the impact the signs have on the aesthetics of the neighborhood.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Stover said that state legislation is being proposed that would allow local municipalities to use radar to track speeders. Mayor Stover pointed out that Pennsylvania is the only state in the US that currently disallows radar gun use by local police. He made a motion for council to pass a resolution supporting this legislation.

Steve George had concerns that it might be improper for council to speak on behalf of the borough in this matter. The resolution was edited to make it clear that the borough council of Rosslyn Farms supported the legislation instead of the Borough of Rosslyn Farms. The measure passed.

The bills in question are Senate Bill 535 and House Bill 71.

The mayor also initiated a discussion regarding large trucks in the neighborhood. The problems are largely due to drivers from outside the area that are unfamiliar with the current restrictions or possibly mistaking the Rosslyn Farms exit for the exit to I-79. Because of this enforcement would likely be ineffective. Several measures were discussed including:

- New signage on the ramp leading to the borough
- Add flashing lights to the existing (or new) signage
- Remove extraneous signs on the Rosslyn Farms exit to make the truck restrictions stand out
- Provide a way for trucks to turn around in the area near the exit where PennDOT is currently working
- Widen the road at Kings Highway and Rosslyn Road to make backing up or turning around easier.

Council will continue to discuss these options and speak with PennDOT regarding the feasibility of the signage changes and the turnaround.

Roads and Sewers: Carnegie repaved a portion of Angora Road that had been washed out recently. Rosslyn Farms is responsible for a remaining portion of the damage that still needs to be repaired. Dan Harkins is working with Carnegie to complete the remaining work.

Mayor Stover asked whether the borough could work with American Water to get details regarding their financial commitment for the paving work to be done on Kings Highway. He expressed concern that the borough had not yet received this information. Solicitor Molinaro said that such agreements were not uncommon and that the borough should try to reach out to American Water again to get the necessary information.

The borough's engineers LSSE provided an estimate for their portion of the paving work to be done in 2016. LSSE will provide an on-site representative to perform inspections while the milling and paving work is being done. Final details of the project will be completed during a walk-through with LSSE.

Dan Harkins reported that work is underway on the new borough truck. He expects that the borough will take delivery in April.

Bee Ordinance: A motion was passed to establish a biennial permit fee of \$20.00 per property to keep bees. Swimming Pool: Gerald Bell reported that prep work will be started in the fall prior to lining work that will be completed in spring of 2017.

COG: Steve George said that the meeting hosted by the borough was a success. He also suggested that council consider the possibility of regulating drones in the borough in the future.

Community Center: Wifi has been installed in the community center. Carnegie Library will be acquiring some of the contents of the community center library. Anything left will be provided to Greentree Library.

Cell Tower Ordinance: Council discussed and approved a motion to sign a contract with Cohen Law Group to develop an ordinance regulating the installation and maintenance of small cellular towers in the borough.

Finances: Sam Maccarone received a proposal for audit services for the borough's 2015 books. The quote was in line with the past several years and council passed a motion approving the services.

Sam Maccarone also provided council with a proposal he received from First Commonwealth Bank to provide banking services for the borough.



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.
(and feel free to join us, even if you haven't read the book!)



March 17th
at the home of Marcy Strutz
101 Alden Road
The Pope's Daughter
by Dario Fo

April 21st
at the home of Liz Rankin
1 Revere Road
The Silver Star
by Jeanette Walls

Hope to see you there.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CALENDAR

Friday, March 4 - Garbage
Friday, March 11 - Garbage/Recycling
Friday, March 18 - Garbage
Friday, March 25 - Garbage/Recycling
Friday, April 1 - Garbage

HARD TO RECYCLE COLLECTION

Collection event for e-waste, tires, batteries, polystyrene packaging material, and more.
For a detailed list of items collected as well as some associated fees visit the Hard to Recycle webpage.
<http://prc.org/event-details/?ee=244>

Date: April 16, 2016
Address: Pittsburgh Technical Institute
1111 McKee Road · Oakdale, PA 15071

March 26
Game Night for Adults
7 p.m.
at the Community Center
Adults only



Get out of the house and come spend an evening with your neighbors playing cards or board games.

Please RSVP to Dan Harkins, letting him know what games you want to play at dixiedugan1@verizon.net.
Some options are: canasta, Eucre, Texas hold 'em, Scrabble, Scattergories, Things, Cards Against Humanity. Playing cards provided, but please bring any other games you want the group to play.
Please bring an appetizer if your last name starts with A to M and a dessert if last name starts with N to Z.
Bring your own drinks.

April 16
Redd Up Day
9 a.m.
meet by pool



RSVP with Isabel Ford at isabel.ford@PNC.com or (412) 279-7039
Bring work gloves and a rake

April 30
Wine Tasting
7 p.m.
at the Community Center



\$20 per person, bring two wine glasses and an appetizer or dessert. Taste a variety of professionally selected wines with this year's theme of "Sustaining Your Wine Habit."
This is popular, so RSVP soon with Jeanne Rosen at jdrsales@comcast.net or (412) 276-7777. Checks should be made out to RFCC and go to 422 Kings Highway.
Guests who don't wish to drink do not need to pay.



Hey Rosslyn Farmers – Have we got the event for you!!!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 15 for the first (and hopefully annual!) Auction and Square Dance!! This family event is being sponsored by the Rosslyn Farms Community Center Commission in an effort to raise funds to repair and renovate our beautiful center. The first part of the event involves an auction...a talent auction! We are seeking donations of your time and your special talents to be auctioned off to grateful buyers. All ages are asked to participate in supplying donations for the auction. We want to tap into the bountiful list of talents this community has to offer to ... itself!!

Here are some examples:

- Nurse: private duty hours
- Landscaping advice
- Music/swimming/tennis/math lessons
- Babysitting
- Yard work
- Carpenter
- Computer assistance
- Own a boat: plan a boat party on the Three Rivers for 5
- Love to entertain – plan a 'Host a Murder' party for 8
- Host a children's party
- Give tickets for an event – sporting, cultural, etc

You know your talents...don't be shy...donate your time and talent!!

After we enjoy the fun of the live auction (we're looking for anyone with auctioneer skills), then we can swing our partners in an old fashioned square dance!! Come dressed to dance the night away! Contact Karen Walker at 412-200-2610 or Andrea Harkins at 412-279-8909 with questions, and donations!!

A Neighborly Reminder

Recently there was a sanitary sewer that backed up into a resident's basement.
Please don't flush anything into the sanitary sewer system that shouldn't be there.
No kleenex, paper towels, cleaning supplies, feminine hygiene products, etc. Only toilet paper can be flushed.
The system will work much better if it is used properly.



Jimmy Hurley is a resident of Rosslyn Farms and is current pursuing his Eagle Scout rank. He recently made a proposal to the borough council for his Eagle Scout project. Jimmy would like to make several improvements to the soccer park including:

- Picnic tables
- Benches
- A path leading from the parking lot to the field
- Repairs to the existing backstop
- A new sign

Council passed a motion supporting the work and Jimmy would like to start work soon. Jimmy is planning some fundraising events in the near future. In the meantime any donations would be appreciated.

Jimmy Hurley
7 Old Farm Road
Carnegie, PA 15106
412-489-5135

With Sympathy

It is with great sadness, we announce the passing of Bill Evans at the age of 88. Bill lived on Old Farm Road for the past 60 years and he served on the Rosslyn Farms Council for 19 of those years.

He cared greatly about our community and his neighbors.



RFCC Minutes from 2-1-16 Meeting

A new President and co-chairs are needed for committees. RFCC (Rosslyn Farms Community Club) is looking for a July 4th Event Chair/Co-ordinator. Isabel Ford has been in this position for many years and we would like to find a new chair for this wonderful annual Rosslyn Farms Event! Anyone interested in helping or if 2 co-chairs could take on this event, it would be appreciated. The Holiday Party was a big success and the RFCC will plan on holding this event every other year. The Fall Festival will also be held every other year in September.

The Happy Hour held at Pennsbury Pub on January 28th was a huge success and we will plan on doing this 1-2 times a year at different venues. Email addresses are needed for almost half of Rosslyn Farms in order for you to keep up to date on activities and events for the RFCC. Please send your email to Isabel Ford at isabel.ford@PNC.com. RFCC will be making Welcome Baskets for new neighbors ahead of time. If anyone is interested in coordinating this effort, please let Jordan know. RFCC is anticipating starting an Ambassador Program to welcome new neighbors on your street and to let the RFCC know when to send a Welcome Basket. Mayor Stover would like to re-start the Crime Watch Program that was in force for many years to alert the community when crimes affect us. There will be more on this shortly. Brad Knabel put a link on our Homepage to pay your RFCC dues for 2016. Membership forms will be distributed to each neighbor to join the RFCC in the near future. The RFCC Committee reviewed the proposed budget for 2016. Our committee decided (upon request) that the Progressive Dinner remain a free event for everyone that would like to participate. Tara Benner will be preparing budgets for all events so that the committee chairs will have a guideline of what they can spend for events. Please refer all questions or comments to Jordan Parkerton-Gross, Isabel Ford, Karen Buzza, or Tara Benner.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Buzza
Recording Secretary

Rosslyn Farms Community Club Calendar Year 2016 Consolidated Budget 2016

	Profit (Loss)
*General Acct Profit/Loss	982
Community Club Events	
Whiskey Tasting	77
Happy Hour-Pennsbury	(175)
Easter Egg Hunt	(50)
Progressive Dinner	0
Wine Tasting	0
Pool Pizza Party	(200)
Pirates Game	0
Kickball	0
4th of July	(500)
Fall Festival	(250)
Halloween Party/Hayride	(100)
Cold Weather Cocktail	(350)
Christmas Decorating	0
Winter House Tour	175
Carol Sing	0
Profit/Loss on Events	(1,373)
Total Community Club Budget	(391)

*Main Revenue Sources are Dues and Expenses are Insurance, Community Center & Last Word The Obligation for the Street Signs are budgeted in the General Acct

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

from Jordan

It's a directory year! We're awaiting a few more memberships before printing them — so mail your Rosslyn Farms Community Club form and check ASAP to Tara Benner at 2 Revere Road. You can find a link to the form on our homepage at www.rosslynfarmspa.com. If you don't wish to be a member, send your email to Isabel Ford to receive Crime Watch and other updates (isabel.ford@PNC.com). Please pass this info along!

We are looking for a new president for 2017. Being president is simpler than it looks and a fun way to get to know neighbors. If you want to learn more, contact me. Feel free to stop in at our next meeting to see what it's like!

Thanks to Susan for her scrapbooking classes and thanks to Katie McGuire for her amazing happy hour! Also, don't miss the Easter Egg Hunt, Progressive Dinner and Game Night in March. The Easter Egg Hunt will have a special surprise for kids, a local artist helping kids make buttons! Plus, there'll be other crafts and games with prizes. Don't miss it!! Later that day, check out the Progressive Dinner, a great way to peak inside neighbors' homes, meet new people and eat a tasty meal. For Game Night, bring your favorite game and get ready for fun!



March's Chef: Joy Jones

Sweet and Sticky Grilled Chicken

(Rachael Ray)

3 tablespoons Tamari (you can get away with low-sodium soy sauce)
3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons honey or agave syrup
4 cloves garlic, chopped
1 teaspoon fennel seed
1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
Zest and juice of 1 lemon
1/4 cup olive oil
1 pound medium to large asparagus, ends trimmed or peeled
8 to 12 boneless, skinless chicken thighs
Scallions, very thinly sliced on an angle
Harissa, thinned with olive oil or hot water, or Sriracha sauce

Whisk together Tamari, balsamic, honey, garlic, fennel seeds, red pepper flakes, lemon zest and juice, and olive oil. Place chicken in marinade and preheat grill to medium-high. Marinate chicken for 15 minutes, turning occasionally.

Parboil asparagus in 1 inch of boiling water for 2 minutes; cold shock and drain well.

Grill chicken for 2 minutes, turning occasionally. Grill asparagus to mark evenly, 3-5 minutes. Place chicken on top of asparagus tips; top with scallions and drizzle with thinned Harissa or Sriracha and serve.

Aliens Invade Rosslyn Farms!

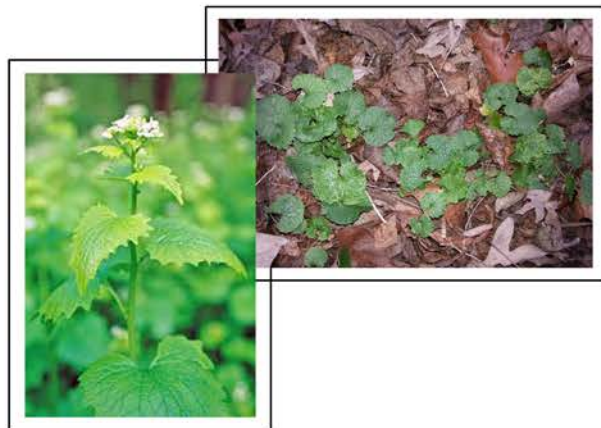
By Jim Strutz

By far the most prevalent invasive plant in Rosslyn Farms is the Mackii or Amur Honeysuckle bush, about which I wrote in a previous article. The next most prevalent invasive plant that I've seen around our neighborhood is Garlic Mustard – *Alliaria petiolata*. Garlic Mustard arrived on this continent in the 18th and 19th centuries with European settlers who used the plant as an herb for culinary and medicinal purposes.

As with many plants alien to North America, Garlic Mustard is not known to form associations with any native insects or fungi. Many native species of the mustard family of plants serve as hosts for native butterflies but, with unfortunate irony, the leaves of the alien Garlic Mustard are caustic to their larvae.

Garlic Mustard is a biennial with a 2 year growing cycle. It appears during its first year as a low-growing cluster of dark, shiny leaves with pronounced vein patterns. Those harvested early in the spring are best used for culinary purposes and may be used in salads, soups, or sautéed as a green vegetable. I once knew a well-meaning guy who sponsored a spring Garlic Mustard soup event every year! Garlic Mustard becomes bitter as they mature.

It is during the 2nd year that Garlic Mustard becomes more recognizable with their heavily toothed, heart-shaped, alternately arranged leaves; whose height ranges to 24", or so; and topped by a small white flower with four regular pedals. You will often see them growing in colonies. I see them growing along our roads and particularly along the wooded path between Club and Edgecliff. I'm quite easy to follow in late spring because I leave trails of broken and bare rooted Garlic Mustard remains in my wake. Eradication becomes more risky as the flower fades and seed pods form.



Hundreds of seeds are ejected from the pods when the plant is disturbed, almost as if they are spring loaded. Take great care not to inadvertently spread the colonization of Garlic Mustard as you are trying to eradicate them.

Garlic Mustard is highly competitive and successful in the environment because they produce chemical compounds that suppress other plant and fungi growth around them. They are also distasteful to insects and mammals – the only good news is they are deer resistant!

Do watch for this alien plant as spring arrives. "Unfriend" them by pulling them out when you see the small white flower but be careful as they go to seed. Spread the word, not the aliens....

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Evening Appointments Available

The Flavin Brothers crew would like to send our condolences with the loss of Karen Egerer and Bill Evans. We will miss you both - it was an honor working for you.

It's time to start planning your yard projects.
Sign up for the 2016 grass mowing season.



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