

The Last Word

MARCH

2017



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April 1 |

Easter
Egg
Hunt



April 8 |



April 22 |



Wine
Tasting

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Council Report – February

by *Leanora Griffin*

Scott Township Police Chief

Police Chief Secreet was at the meeting and reinforced that despite recent crime (described in January Last Word), Rosslyn Farms overall has minimal crime. Council mentioned that concerns have been expressed by many residents that we do not have enough police presence. The Chief explained that they meet or exceed their contractual obligation to patrol the borough twice per shift. Additionally the average rate of response to any call is typically within 2-5 minutes. There were 20 total calls in January. Chief Secreet also expressed that most boroughs have reduced the number of police due to budgetary concerns, and in the past few years Scott has gone from 28 to 22 officers. The speed monitoring sign is currently out of service. He does support surveillance cameras in the four ingress/egress points to the borough, and believes there are other measures that can be taken to focus on traffic calming.

The suspect of the vehicle theft in January was apprehended.

Resident Comments

It was a well-attended and lively council meeting. Here are the highlights:

A resident expressed concern about the visibility of the white water tower on Rosslyn Road. While small shrubs have been planted, there is interest in having something more substantial/tall put in front of it.

A resident gave thanks to Chief Secreet for police support. The resident also supports to installation of security and surveillance of cameras at all entry points to Rosslyn Farms.

A resident is concerned about traffic speed on Rosslyn Road (getting on to Parkway) and asked about putting up a stop sign. Council advised that stop signs for the borough have been evaluated, and in some cases installed based on adherence to PennDot ordinances.

A resident expressed dissatisfaction that the Last Word is no longer printed and distributed.

A resident thanked the council, with special mention to Dave Robb and Dan Harkins, for their work on the Kings Highway road paving project.

A resident said that recent crime could be correlated to overall borough traffic as our neighborhood and particularly Kings Highway are becoming busier. This resident counted 49 cars on Kings Highway in less than 10 minutes during rush hour. Additionally, this resident cited speeding and safety issues, particularly around the pool and park and is requesting that the council seriously consider speed-reducing measures in those areas. There have been four accidents on Pilgrim and Kings Highway in the past few months including one car crashing into a tree in the park. This resident expressed that it is important that we make sure our community is safe for families and children, particularly near the pool and park. The resident offered to assist council

with developing options for traffic calming and Police Chief Secreet offered to make an officer available to discuss options as well.

Roads and Sewers

Line painting has been approved for Pilgrim and lower Rosslyn Road. Based on resident concerns raised about speeding near pool/park, Council suggested considering any traffic calming measures before painting lines on Rosslyn Road.

\$33,000 bid was awarded to Jet Jack Inc. to line sanitary sewers in Parrish Park area. This work is required due to Federal consent decree to maintain/fix sanitary lines.

Council will request MS4 waiver due to impaired waterway. This waiver application must be submitted in conjunction with the PAG-13 Notice of Intent (NOI). Council is reviewing this and associated fees. Council will also need to consider long-term plan for stormwater once waiver expires.

Security and Surveillance Systems

Council received an estimate from Comcast for three cameras in the amount of approximately \$6,000 per year (includes installation and service). This scope will need to be adjusted for four cameras in order to cover all borough access points. Council is still waiting to receive estimate from Verizon. The details of technical information/contracts will be reviewed at the March Council Meeting.

Parks & Pool

Bids were received for pool repairs – they ranged from \$104,000 to \$232,000, which was higher than expected. Charlie believes he can make necessary short-term repairs to get through the 2017 season. This topic will be covered in the July Council Meeting and new bidding process will likely start in August.

Personnel

Council has received employee health insurance renewal information. There is an option to continue the current plan through December 31, 2017. A decision needs to be made by April 15 and will be decided in March Council Meeting.

Small Cell Tower Ordinance

The ordinance has been brought to the Planning Commission. There will be a public hearing on March 13.

Next Council Meeting

Monday, March 13, at 7:00 P.M.

POLICE REPORTS SUMMARY

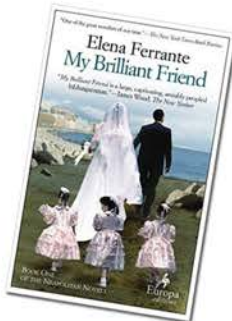
During the month of January, Scott Twp. police responded to a total of 16 reportable calls within our borough. Five of the calls were to assist Robinson EMS (our ambulance service provider) on ambulance calls, four for residents and one ambulance call in the industrial park. Two calls were in response to false alarms, one from a residence and one false alarm in the industrial park. There was one domestic disturbance call and one call to assist Crafton VFD (our fire protection provider). There were two reports of suspicious vehicles which were gone when the police responded. The remaining five reports dealt with a series of crimes that occurred in the early morning hours of January 5th. One unknown individual, as determined by one set of matching footprints in the snow at each scene, entered five unlocked cars and stole various items. The cars were on Alden, Old Farm, Club and finally Standish. The fifth unlocked car entered had the key fob in the car and thus the individual was able to steal the car. The car was recovered, in good condition, on February 4th in Aspinwall. Scott Twp. police are processing the car for any available evidence. As a reminder, please keep your cars and houses locked. With various road construction projects going on in surrounding communities, we are experiencing increased traffic and the possibility of someone seeing a community that they feel may be vulnerable.

Jim Stover, Mayor



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!)

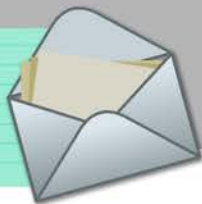


March 16
at the home of Pat Jennings
31 Priscilla Lane
My Brilliant Friend
by Elena Ferrante

April 20
at the home of Mimi Veri
3 Revere Road
The Expatriates
by Janice Y.K. Lee

Irene Kierski, resident of Rosslyn Farms for almost 50 years, has moved. She first lived at 22 Terrace Road, then in 1987 settled into the little white house at the end of the street, 2 Edgecliff Road. She enjoyed living in Rosslyn Farms and has many fond memories of all the children she watched in her home. She is now living in a "Mother-in-law" style apartment with her daughter, Barbara and son-in-law, Randy in Monroeville.

Irene Kierski
1460 Jefferson Heights Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15235



PRESIDENT'S LETTER



from Jordan

Isabel Ford recently stepped down as the Rosslyn Farms Community Club corresponding secretary, where she handled all club event emails. We very much appreciate her dedication and the time she's spent. Karen Buzza, our secretary, will now absorb the task of email blasts.

Thanks to our Brew-Fest brewers! What fun — Sylvia Bergstedt brought her wine and hard cider, Barry Nelson brought what he named 2B Brown Ale and Scream & Stout, my husband Ben Gross brought his Old Bespectacled Hen, and Jeff Benner brought his American pale ale (dubbed Sonny) and his session IPA (Cher). Pretty creative!

Arts Around the World classes started. They have been popular, and we are so lucky to have found Deneen Underwood (Bigham). Check out the art show displaying all the kids' work on April 1 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center. If anyone is interested in a one-day art class for adults, let me know at jparkertongross@gmail.com.

Kids and grandkids should make a point to join our Easter Egg Hunt on April 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Center. After the hunt, there'll be games, egg decoration, button making and (hopefully) face painting in the gym. Our amazing neighborhood teens help with this event, so please thank them for giving their time.

If you'd like to help out with our yard sale in May or Thrill on the Hill in June, feel free email or call me and I'll connect you to the right people.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 30: Happy Hour, 6:30 to 8:30 at Pennsbury Pub, RSVP to Katie McGuire at katiewm@verizon.net

April 1: Arts Around World Art Show, 3:30 to 5 p.m., at the Community Center

April 8: Easter Egg Hunt, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Center, RSVP to jparkertongross@gmail.com

April 22: Redd Up Day, 9 a.m., meet at the pool and join the group for lunch at noon

April 22: Wine Tasting, 7 p.m. at the Community Center, RSVP to Jeanne Rosen at jdrsales@comcast.net

May 20: Neighborhood Yard Sale

June 3: Thrill on a Hill

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Carnegie, PA 15106

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GARDEN CLUB EVENTS

Plant Sale - Saturday, May 13th

Garden Tour - Sunday, June 25th

Community Garden Event -
Saturday, September 9th

Harvest Festival/Bulb Sale/
Chili Cook-off - Saturday, October 21

Holiday Decorating Event -
Saturday, December 2nd

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CALENDAR

Friday, March 3 - Garbage

Friday, March 10 - Garbage/Recycling

Friday, March 17 - Garbage

Friday, March 24 - Garbage/Recycling

Friday, March 31 - Garbage



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Evening Appointments Available

YOGA

Winter into Spring 2017
Rosslyn Farms Community Center Yoga



Tuesdays
8 Week Session
March 7, 14, 21, 28
April 4, 11, 18, 25

Thursdays
8 Week Session
March 9, 16, 23, 30
April 6, 13, 20, 27

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