

The

VILLAS'



VOICE

*By all these lovely tokens September days are here,
With summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer.*

~~~ Helen Hunt Jackson

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

Hope your summer has been as pleasant as the weather. Here's hoping it stays this way for a while.

I wanted to remind you about our Annual Meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Crescent Township Building. As you know, we will be electing three board members for two year terms. However, you may not know about our new website that Wolfgang Bitterolf, our newest board member, had designed earlier this year. Wolfgang will be presenting the new website at our Annual Meeting and without giving anything away, I think you will be quite impressed as I know I am.

Hope to see all of you at the annual meeting.

Regards  
Frank Greco



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**The Villas at Parkwood Estates**

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# PARKWOODVILLAS.NET

Yes, we now have our very own website - <http://www.parkwoodvillas.net/>. Go check it out!

There are several purposes to this endeavor:

1. It adds value to our neighborhood by showcasing the niceties of Heather Heights.
2. It gives prospective buyers a preview of our community.
3. It is a vehicle to inform all neighbors about upcoming events.
4. It is a communication tool for the board and the management company to inform residents of upcoming improvements and maintenance work that affect all of us.
5. It provides links to all the legal documents that govern our condominium association.
6. It lets residents download forms such as the Alteration Request when they need them.
7. It is a forum to exchange information and express opinions.
8. It has the complete and (hopefully) always updated resident directory.

I guess the last two points require some explanation:

## The COMMENTS Page

Let me deal with the “**exchange of information and express opinion**” subject first: The Comments section allows residents and management to post anything they want others to know – as long as they stick to these simple rules: No offensive language and certainly no personal attacks.

If you have an opinion, by all means express it, but do it with common courtesy. If you are dealing with a controversial issue remember that these notes can be seen by prospective buyers, and they may not want to move in to a “war zone” which can result in a diminishing value of properties for everyone.

You also may want to make sure you check your grammar and spelling. Don't embarrass yourself - proofread everything a few times before you hit the *Post Comment* button.

Posting in the forum section is restricted to the owners, the board and the management company only; no one else can post. This is controlled in the following manner: Your first posting will have to be approved by the webmaster before it gets published; once you are verified your subsequent postings will appear instantly.

## The DIRECTORY Page

The other issue requiring some explanation is the **on-line directory**. The directory is password protected and can only be seen by those who have the password. The password can be obtained by sending an email to the webmaster at [wolfgang@bitterolf.com](mailto:wolfgang@bitterolf.com) who will make sure you are a owner before giving you the password. The online directory is no more and no less secure than the printed directory you have now.

Last but not least – the registration of the domain **parkwoodvillas.net**, the creation of the website and the hosting service is courtesy of Bitterolf Marketing – there are no costs to you.

Wolfgang Bitterolf  
1738 Heather Heights

**Villas At Parkwood Estates  
Social Committee Report  
Summer, 2013**

Welcome new residents. You are cordially invited to attend our monthly luncheons. To make a reservation or if you need a ride, please call the hostess listed below.

**Ladies Luncheons**

Monthly Ladies Luncheons are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Please make sure you make reservations with the hostess by the preceding Friday.

If you make reservations and cannot attend, **please** call the hostess to cancel.

Hostesses are:

**September 10th**

Sue Gyr                      724-784-0705                      Jackson's

**October 8th**

Judy Donovan              724-457-0109

**November**

Therese Haan              724-457-1778

**December**

Gale Loberg                      724-457-1450                      J.W. Hall's

(Remember to bring a secret Santa gift to the December meeting with a value of at least \$10. We have great fun with "stealing" what we want.)

Mark Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for the Annual Villa Picnic. As in the past, a tent and tables are being rented and will be placed between 1764 and 1758. Chicken, ham barbecue, lasagna and meatballs will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring your choice of drinks and a chair, and a vegetable, salad or dessert. Toni Kessler has volunteered to take reservations. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please provide cost and what food item you plan to bring to Toni at (724) 457-2321, no later than Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. All residents and their families are welcome to attend. If you would like to volunteer to help them, please contact either Judy Donovan (724-457-0109) or Gale Loberg (724-457-1450).

If you would like to host a luncheon please let Judy or Gale know as soon as possible. All residents are encouraged to attend the social luncheons and/or events.

Submitted by Gale Loberg



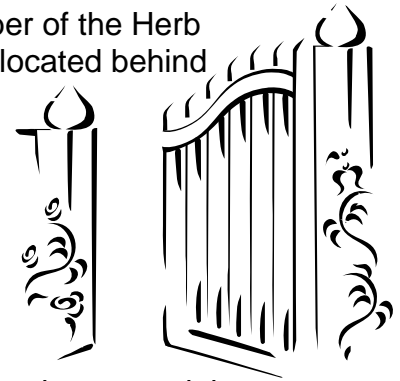
*A friend is one of the nicest things you can have,  
and one of the best things you can be.*

~~~ Douglas Pagels



Marjorie Rode, who lived at 1716 in the Villas, was a member of the Herb Society in Moon Township and she started an herb garden that's located behind the manor house at Robin Hill Park. Some years ago, care of the garden was turned over to the Moon Township Garden Club. When Marjorie died, donations were given for the garden. Her son Karl turned the money over to the garden club for a memorial for his mother.

The garden club purchased a copper bird bath with a plaque that says "In Loving Memory of Marjorie Rode".



If Marge was a friend of yours, you might like to visit and see the memorial to her. There is a fence around the garden but you are welcome to go inside.

ADD NEW RESIDENTS TO YOUR DIRECTORY

George and Debbie Cain have moved into #1718. Before coming here they lived in Murrysville for 10 years. George is a minister and is now involved with transferring his duties to this area.

412-680-8948 recompose@gmail.com

Ed and Jodie Hunter are in the process of painting and fixing up #1723. They will move in when their house in Hopewell is sold. Jodie is a flight attendant and Ed works for the company that fuels the planes.

412-716-4385(cell) jebb204@comcast.net

Pat Maurer lived in Moon for 36 years. She decided to downsize so she and her daughter Patty purchased #1726 last April. Pat goes to the monthly ladies' luncheons and is settled nicely in her villa.

412-264-8641 empat62@verizon.net

In your Directory please change Mary Skinner's email address to mskinner1734@verizon.net.

EARLY MEMORIES

My husband and I were living in Moon Township in a house surrounded by a yard full of flowers. We had no intention of leaving it. One day I saw an ad on TV about the Villas at Parkwood Estates. I talked about it with Pierre and then forgot about it. One Saturday Pierre proposed going to take a look, and we saw the models -- a 3 bedroom and a 2 bedroom. We were impressed, very impressed. We decided right there that it was for us.

We signed up and chose a place that was not yet built in the #11 building. We put our house up for sale and it sold rapidly. Then the new owner let us stay and we rented the house for three months until they built "1780" for us. We came many times to see the progress, it was so much fun to see it grow.

In the meantime, while we were preparing to move, with a garage sale, a dumpster in the yard, and gifts to friends, a little inconvenience happened. After dining at "Chi Chi's" one day I became very sick with hepatitis A just as we were ready to move. My son came from Boston to help his dad because I was too sick to do anything.

We have been here for ten years now and we love it. We have met lots of friends and have the best neighbours. At "1780" we are again surrounded with flowers.

After living in Moon Township for 40 years, Toni and Tom Kessler decided to downsize. Since the Villas were being built just three miles from where they were living, they decided one day to check them out. They liked what they saw. They reasoned that if they moved to the Villas they would be near their old neighborhood and would be able to attend the same church and shop in the stores that they were used to.

When construction began on their unit, Tom visited the site most days during this time. He had a security system installed during construction so that it did not have to be done after the house was completed. He had a floor installed in the loft and was able to have other things done as work went on.

Tom got to know the workers and it was likely that they were happy to see him because he usually showed up with donuts and sometimes on Fridays at four o'clock with a couple of six-packs.

The Kesslers took up residence in November of 2001 which makes them one of our earliest settlers. Being here has given them the freedom and opportunity to do something they like a lot and that is the chance to travel. They have done a lot of that. So they have been happy villa-gers.

From a conversation with Toni & Tom.

Submitted by Therese Haan





ARE YOU A PEOPLE PERSON?

If so, you would fit on a Welcoming Committee.
We need one for here at the Villas.
You would welcome new residents.
Give them a Directory.
Tell them about the Ladies' Luncheons
& the September Picnic.
Acquaint them with our website.

Give your name to Mary Skinner if you are interested.

Crescent Eagle 2013 Update

The last couple of newsletters I have been reporting on the nesting pair of Bald Eagles that call Crescent Pa their home. I am happy to announce that the eagles had a very busy spring raising their three young eaglets. On several occasions this spring I was able to see two of the three eaglets just before they **fledged** the nest (*to acquire the feathers necessary for flight*), unfortunately I did not have my camera with me. As you may or may not know, the Pittsburgh area has made a lot of news this spring and summer about nesting pairs of Bald Eagles now living on all three rivers. The Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania has posted a great article on their web site about the Pittsburgh area eagles, I would encourage everyone to read this article.

(www.aswp.org/birding/BaldEagle.html)

Hopefully the nesting pair of bald eagles that call Crescent Township home, will continue to return each spring, and produce more offspring.

So while you are out and about throughout our neighbor hood, don't forget to stop and look around, you just might see one of the most majestic sights you will ever see.

Bald Eagle Facts

1. It takes about five years for their **head and tail feathers** to gradually turn white.
2. **Eyesight** – An eagle's eye is almost as large as a human's, but its sharpness is at least four times that of a person with perfect vision.
3. Bald eagles can fly to an altitude of 10,000 feet. During level flight, they can achieve **speeds** of about 30 to 35 mph.
4. Bald eagles have 7,000 **feathers**.
5. **Eagles molt** in patches, taking almost half a year to replace feathers, starting with the head and working downward.
6. The **beak, talons, and feathers** are made of keratin.
7. The bald eagle (***Haliaeetus leucocephalus***) is the only eagle unique to North America. The bald eagles scientific name signifies a sea (halo) eagle (aetos) with a white (leukos) head.

Article submitted by Michael Chicora.
