

Longford Crossing Newsletter

January 2017



Notes From The Board

Change in Newsletter Software

For the past 3 years, Allison Varano has generously volunteered her time helping us to make Longford Community's newsletter possible. During her tenure, Allison compiled an e-mail directory of residents and distributed our newsletter to over 150 homes (163 to be specific at present). We would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Allison for helping the Board in our ongoing effort to keep the lines of communication open among all members of our community. As The Varano Family has just moved, we extend to them our best wishes for this new phase in their lives. Please note that future newsletters will now happen via new software, and in effecting this transition, we appreciate everyone's forbearance, and ask that you let us know if you have any e-mail changes or additional questions. Send e-mail changes to longfordcrossinghoa@gmail.com.

New Board Member

The Board has appointed Cindy Parrish of Unity Way to complete the term expiring in Feb. 2018 vacated by Karen Bien's move out of our community. Cindy is employed full-time as a scientist and program leader and expresses her willingness to help us continue making progress with community improvements such as our enhanced communication and beautification projects. Cindy's willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.

Annual Community-Wide Meeting

By now you should have received notice of the Home Owners' Association annual meeting on Feb. 7, 7:00 PM at the Oaks Elementary School. At this meeting we will review 2016 and look ahead to 2017. Two Board member seats will be voted upon so look for ballots arriving by mail within the next week.

As you know, 2016 marked the start of our *Longford Community Action Plan* which evolved over the course of 2015 by our 9 person (all volunteer) *Development Committee*. Having considered several proposals, this committee engaged the services of *McCloskey & Faber*, a design/engineering firm whose task was to present a long term community plan to be implemented over the course of several years. Phase I: Landscaping Project of this plan began last spring when, after carefully considering several landscaping proposals, we engaged the services of *Fine Lawns and Garden*. At our meeting next month, the Board will be leading a discussion on several other phases of our *Community Action Plan*. Specifically these include: parking improvements, playground expansion of the tot lot area, and bridge repair/work.

For these and any other actions on behalf of our community, we depend upon your feedback and welcome all suggestions as we therefore encourage you to join us on Feb. 7th and share your thoughts with us.

Snow Time

As we all know, snow season (for better or for worse!) is here. Please remember that residents have responsibility for clearing the **driveway and sidewalk** in front of your units. We have met with our snow plow service to share our expectations of them and anticipate that the result will effect improved service throughout the winter. **Please understand that the snow plow personnel are not available to help you remove any snow from your personal property.** Longford is one of several communities with whom they have contracted to perform service for the entire season --- as expeditiously, efficiently and effectively as possible. It is practically untenable for them to assume additional responsibilities as it will serve to slow down and/or impede the work for which they have contracted on our behalf. We would also ask that if/when we Philadelphia folk have our 1 or 2 (hopefully not 3 or 4!) big snowstorm/s, every resident will do his/her part to **facilitate community snow removal by making every effort to park cars in your garages and/or driveways rather than in the street sites.**

Our 2016 Donation

We are pleased to note that this year's \$250 donation from the Longford Crossing Homeowners Association fund has been designated for our local Black Rock Volunteer Fire Department.

With our best wishes for a happy healthy 2017, we look forward to meeting many of you in person next month.

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