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Message from the President by Kathleen Mittura

Dear Mountain View Residents,

Everything is great within Mountain View. Upcoming events are enclosed. How does it get any better then that?

Until Beautiful Spring , Kathleen Mittura

Pickin' Up? by Phyllis McCabe

I have taken to walking around the area to get some exercise. In my travels I have noticed a lot of trash. Take a look the next time you ride up and down Almshouse in particular – it is a mess. Unfortunately, there are folks that were never taught by their parents not to expect someone else to pick up their trash! Nevertheless, it does not present our area in a good light!

So, I am soliciting some able bodied folks to join with me one early Saturday morning in March (when traffic is light) to pick up trash along Guinea Lane and Almshouse before it all gets covered over with weeds and then we deal with twice as much next year. If we have a grand turn out it should not take long. Email me at phyllis.mccabe@verizon.net if you are interested.



Easter Egg Hunt by Carla Tomlinson

The annual Mountain View Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 31st (rain date Sun 4/1) at 3:00PM. The Easter Egg Hunt will be hosted by the Tomlinsons. Every is welcome but only children 8 years and under can participate.

RSVP to Carla Tomlinson by March 24.

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MVRA Board Meeting - February 9, 2012

Attendees: Kathleen Mittura, Doug McCabe, Rick Rentz, Kathy Rogers, Carole Jones, Rhian Huhn, Joe Jewusiak, John Palladino, Kathy Vantine, Kathy Ochal Thompson, Lynn McLaughlin, Doug Davidson, Diane Keener .

— Meeting was called to order by Kathleen Mittura at 8:10PM.—

Welcome:

- Attendee Introductions.
- Kathleen thanked the to Joe Jewusiak for hosting
- Introduction of New board members for 2012

Minutes -

- Approval of the abbreviated minutes from the 2012 Winterfest.
- Board member corrections to those listed in the newsletter: Carole Jones was incorrectly omitted (entrances), Kathy Ochal was incorrectly omitted, and Doug Davidson was listed as Dave Davidson, Revise the list in the new directory – John P will ask Josh who needs to know?, New list is approved, motion John P second Kathy Ochal approval of all members.
- Discussion of when board meeting minutes entered the newsletter. All approved to continue the practice,.

Treasurer's Report - Rick Renz

- Checks not being cashed
- Setting up a petty cash with \$100 to be used to handle small transactions and help avoid the check usage overages — motion approved
- Revised report to add extra moneys from Winterfest (\$553 donated to MVRA as result of Winterfest)
- Liability Insurance 2nd of 3 payment - due in June

Social - Carol McShane

- Game night – March 2nd, Easter egg hunt, Trout unlimited
- Request for money for game night – need formal request; can be done by email - need more info, final amount will be determined upon formal request.

Membership - Still be compiled by Terri

Old Business -

- Gold paint needs to be found for Monticello sign. Sign needs repair, rotting internally.
- Looking for increased communication with the Sunshine Club.

New Business -

- Cannot skip December meetings in the future. Too big a lapse between Nov and Feb.
- PECO Natural Gas - Still in discovery. There is an interest from neighborhood.
- Approved the MVRA email list to be used for St. Cyril pajama collection for kids pajamas

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM

The next MVRA meeting will be at Kathy Vantine's house on Thursday, March 8th @ 8pm.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 MVRA Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Easter Egg Hunt

Schedule of Events

- } Feb 6 - Warwick Board of Supervisors Meeting
Time: 7pm-8pm
Where: Main Meeting Room
- } Feb 9 - MVRA Meeting.
Time: 8pm
Where: TBD
- } Feb 13 - Wawick Planning Commision Meeting
Time: 7:30pm-8:30pm
Where: Main Meeting Room
- } Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
- } Feb 21 - Warwick Board of Supervisors Meeting
Time: 7pm-8pm
Where: Main Meeting Room

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Pajamas for Kids at Saint Christopher's by Phyllis McCabe

Thank you who donated to the cause, you all were amazing as always! I know of some of you who donated but not all. If you would like a thank you from St. Cyril's, let me know. This is obviously a continuing mission, so if you are sorting this seasons PJ's and they do not fit, I am sure that they will be welcome no matter when and I will be happy to drop them off.

Thank you again.

Phyllis McCabe



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Dear Friends at Mountain View,

Thank you for your generous support of our Adopt-A-Family program and caring for families that are working to leave poverty for good.

The holiday season is often one of the most difficult times of the year for many; including families living in poverty. Your thoughtful donation sent a message of hope that will resonate long after the holiday season ends. Families in this program have long demonstrated they translate the knowledge that others care about them into a strong personal motivation to persevere and, ultimately, achieve permanent self-sufficiency.

We receive inspiration from the many thank you notes written to donors:

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Thank you for reaching out a helping hand to struggling families determined to get back on their feet.

Please contact me at 215-345-8175 ext. 206 or visit www.bcoc.org if you have questions or would like more information.

Sincerely,

Roger

Roger C. Collins
Executive Director

You certainly made the season brighter for Three AAF's. Your special thoughtfulness and generosity made a difference!

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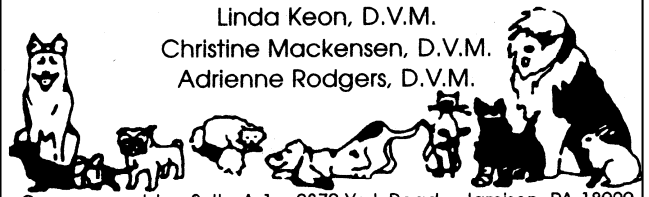
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Bucks County Trout Unlimited by Doug McCabe

The Twentieth Annual Conservation/Fundraiser Banquet!

The Bucks County Chapter of Trout Unlimited is pleased to invite you to a very special event. Join us **April 7, 2012**, at "Pine Crest Country Club" for an evening of camaraderie as this event brings together all of us who

enjoy the outdoors, whether your an avid fisherman, hunter, or simply care for our environments well being, we have something for everyone. There will be numerous raffles, door prizes, silent auctions and a live auction. We have expanded our prize list extensively this

year. Doors open at 5:00 PM and happy hour begins at 5:30 PM, followed by a full course served dinner. Of course we have complimentary draft beer and wine, with a cash bar for mixed drinks.

New Location -
Pine Crest Country Club
101 Country Club Drive
Lansdale PA.

(off Rt 202, just South of County Line RD)

If you would like a ticket order form or just want to find out more, contact Doug McCabe.

HELP WANTED

Two helpers to organize raffle games and assist in the drawing of prize numbers and the distribute prizes. Must be 14 years of age or older. Must have transportation to and from PineCrestt. Dress = Casual but neat (no jeans please). Dinner will be provided. The Chapter will provide a signed letter indicating the participant satisfied 5 hours of community service.



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Tech Tips & Tricks - Keep Your Computer Cool by Josh Curtis

We are all aware of the damage that can be done by excessive temperatures when it comes to everyday life. We keep our foods in a refrigerator to keep them from spoiling, coolant in our vehicle's engine to keep it from overheating, and we constantly keep ourselves cool in the summer with air-conditioning. But all too often, we overlook our computers and expose them to excessive heat. Excessive heat is the main cause for more than half of all failed computer devices and severely reduces the lifespan of the components.

One of the most common bad habits people have is to restrict airflow to their computer. Sitting the computer on the carpet, tucked back against a wall, or even worse, tucked in a closed desk drawer will restrict air flow in and around the computer. This would be akin to sealing all the windows and vents in your house during the summer - not a good idea. Ideally, your computer wants to be raised 2-3" above the carpet and have a 6-12" space from the wall.

Another common problem is not ever dusting out the inside of the computer. Because of the fans inside the computer, dust can build up 10 times faster than normal. Just think about the dust that collects on your items on your nightstand, then multiply that by 10! Not only is dust a problem for all of the moving parts inside the computer, the layer of dust acts as a blanket, not allowing those heat sensitive parts to breathe. Just a note, before

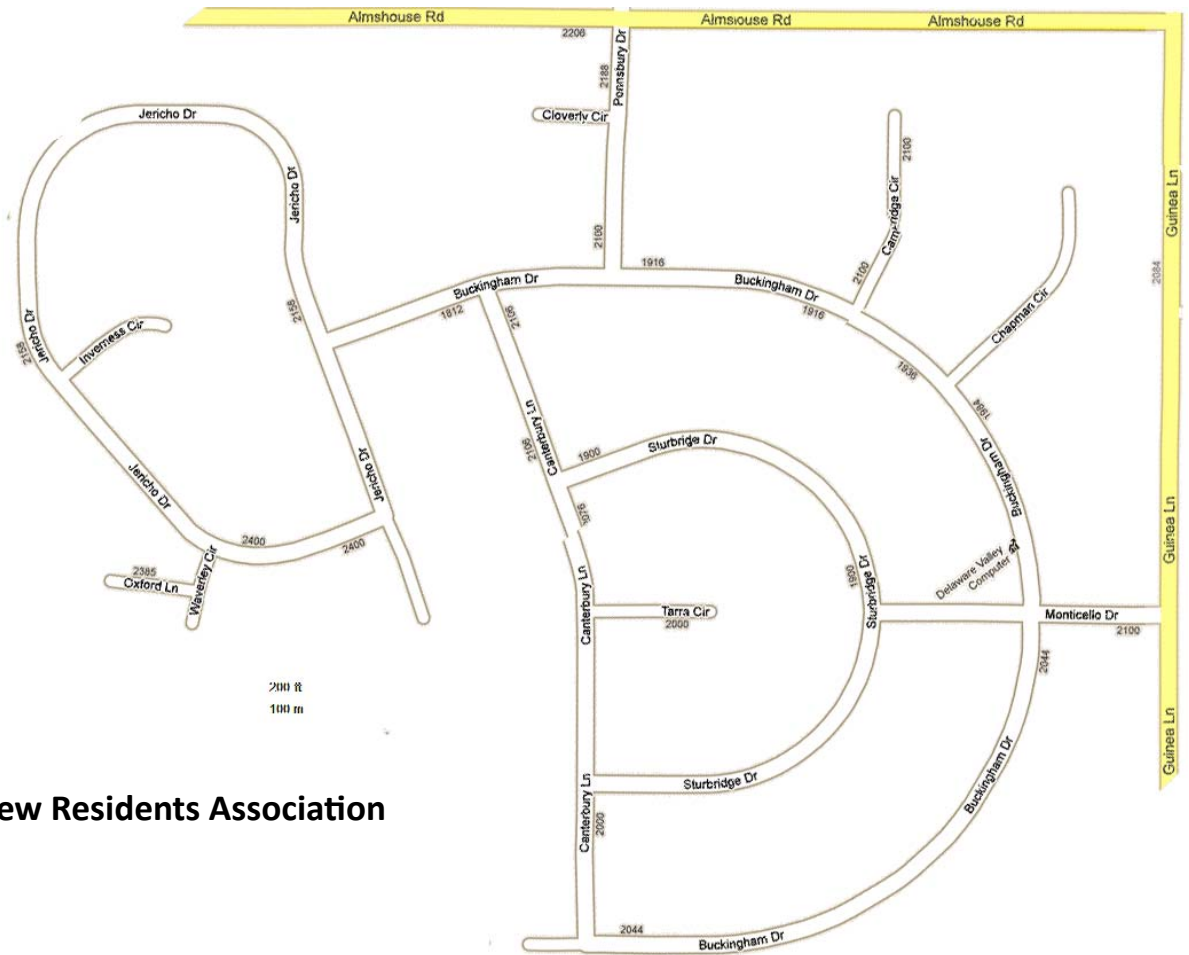
you open your computer to dust it off, make sure you shut it off !

Fans, Fans, Fans. Your computer usually has at least three fans. Make sure they are running and you can feel air flow. If your fans are not running, the computer will not last very long.

When it comes to laptops, excessive heat is again the biggest killer. Despite the name laptop, you should NOT use it in your lap. If you do, then you are already aware of how warm things get. If you plan to use the computer in your lap for an extended time, buy a laptop cooler (about \$20). A laptop cooler is small plastic board, about the size of a cutting board, with ventilation holes built in. Laptop coolers can also be used when the computer is on the desk as it will help improve airflow underneath the laptop (most laptops generate 90% of their heat on the bottom part of the laptop).

There are many free software programs that will allow you to monitor your computers temperature. Core Temp and CPU Thermometer are two easy ones. SpeedFan is another popular program, but it is more detailed and a little more advanced.

Computers tend to dominate our everyday life. We store very important information on them (pictures, documents, music). Extend the life your computer, *which also means improve the reliability of it*, and make sure that your computer is running nice and cool.



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