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Welcome by Kathleen Mittura

I for one welcome March and hopefully clearer weather. Our community survived a harsh winter with miner inconveniences. Thank you to our neighbors who helped remove tree limbs off of other peoples properties, that was very kind of you.

Our community is 28 years old and in need of maintenance and repairs at our entrances. We are asking residents to volunteer theirservices. We are looking to repair on our signs - specifically the roof, electric and some painting. Call John Palladino and let him know you are willing to help. Unfortunately, our estimated budget does not have the funds to cover these additional expenses and volunteered labor will be greatly appreciated.

There are several events in the upcoming months - the children's Easter Egg Hunt, the Evening Under the Stars Fundraiser, and Extreme Games! We hope that all of you can attend.

To me each year represents the full cycle of life. Spring represents our youth, as the tender young plants must set a good root system to be able to grow into maturity; we, in our youth need to set our roots in a well balanced education that we may grow into well rounded adults. We are youthful when we learn about something new. Keep on learning!

Winterfest a Success! by Hilary Harris

Winterfest was a Great success. Holding this event in the neighborhood works out wonderfully. Lynn and Patrick McLaughlin were gracious to open up their home to over 60 members of Mountain View. We started the night with our MVRA Board meeting and approved the new 2014 Board. It

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Upcoming MVRA Events

(detailed on pages 6&7)

Easter Egg Hunt - Apr 12

Evening Under - May 3
The Stars

Extreme Games - Jun 6







MVRA Board Meeting - February 20, 2014

Attendees: Kathleen Mittura, Lynn McLaughlin, Jim Sleicher, Joe Jewusiak, Hillary Harris, John Palladino, Phyllis McCabe, Carla Tomlison, Joanne Herring, Michael Riotta, Bob Tally

— Meeting was called to order by Kathleen Mittura at 7:43PM.—

Welcome: Kathleen thanked the McCabe family for hosting.

Treasurer's Report

- Discussed putting a budget in place
- Allocation of funds Is there a necessity for insurance? Bob will review the policy and findings will be discussed at next meeting. PA may have automatic coverage for non-profit activities. Possibility of Waivers for outside participants.
- Electrical and roofing issues at Pennsbury entrance
- Social events, Sunshine, New resident gifts
- Current Numbers Balance 1/31/2014 \$3176.09

Newsletter -

- March is the next newsletter, Feb 25th deadline. Will contain all events March, April,
 May
- Continue quarterly prints, however, newsletter will only go to members.

Membership -

- 124 paid members as of 2/20/2014 Some still incoming
- Many Thank Yous and appreciation for Deed Restrictions
- Directories will be completed end of February

Social -

- First meeting of 2014 will be held March 5 at McLaughlin
- Winterfest 60+ attendants. Self- funded with cost of attendance
- Easter Egg Hunt Gulle residence. \$75 budget for candy, pretzels and water bottles approved
- Extreme Games Tenative date June 6th, 2014. \$300 funding request approved
- Evening under the Stars May 3, 2014. Donation may be limited
- Other Adult events will be self-funded.

Sunshine -

- Cards have been sent to many residents this month
- Actively being contacted

Health and Safety -

• No complaints have been filed with Health & Safety

Old Business -

Newsletter delivery to everyone – addressed under newsletter.

New Business -

- Solicitations in the neighborhood ask township if they have signs.
- Stop sign at Chapman Circle township will be called

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08PM

Next MVRA meeting will be Thu, March 13th @ 7:30pm (Renz's house, 2146 Chapman Circle).

Mountain View's Christine Miller Goes To Sochi by Robert Miller



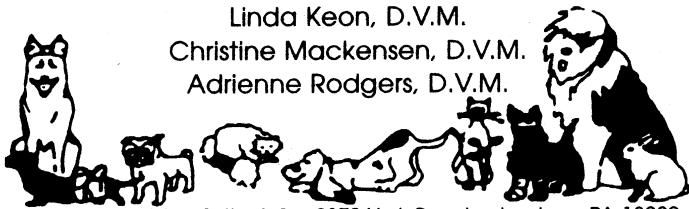
Mountain View's very own Christine Miller made it to the Sochi Olympics - Congratulations! On December 8 2013, Christine flew to Moscow on route to the fourth largest city in Russia, Yekaterinburg, Siberia. Why you ask (maybe not if you read the headline!)? She was nominated and chosen to be a part of the Olympic Torch relay program. As her company is a major Olympic contributor, part of Christine's responsibility at work is to manage the relay program. She was honored to be a part of something so meaningful.

The torch lighting started on September 29 in Athens Greece, the birthplace of the first Olympics. Following tradition, the initial torch is lit using mirrors and the sun in order to guarantee the flame is pure. Then, the relay begins. After passing through the hands of thousands of people and many countries, the torch relay ended with Maria Sharapova lighting the cauldron in Sochi on the evening of February 7th.

As Russia is such a large country, 14,000 torch runners were needed to carry the torch along what became the longest torch route in Olympic history, over 40,000 miles. The IOC and Sochi Olympic committee routed the torch bearer along the Russian country side so that 90% of the Russian population had a chance to view of the Olympic Flame. Each torch bearer carried the torch about 200 yards before they lit or "kissed" the next torch along the route. The torch that passed the flame was then extinguished while the lighted torch continued its journey to the next Torchbearer.

Christine connected with her husband in Moscow on December 12. Together, they flew to Yekaterinburg Russia for this amazing experience. Chris was Torchbearer number 92 on December 14 in Yekaterinburg Siberia. After the torches kissed, she was able to keep her distinguished torch and bring it back to Mountain View - what an honor. Who knows, maybe we'll see it at our Extreme Games!

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Full Page - \$30 Half Page - \$15 Quarter Page - \$10

Got A Grad? Let Us Know by Josh Curtis

Do you have an upcoming graduate that you would like to recognize in the June newsletter? If so, send me an email and I will be sure to include them. Please remember to include their full name, age, date of graduation, their specific degree (HS Diploma, B.S. Electrical Engineering, etc), where they are headed (whether to college, to grad school, or into the work force), and most importantly, a picture! — Josh (me@joshuacurtis.com)

Membership News by Terri Porter

As you know, January marked the beginning of the membership drive for the new year. I am happy to report that the 2014 membership drive was a great success with 128 families on board. However, there are 233 families living in Mountain View. Unfortunately, our membership reflects a little more than half of our population. So... what can we do about this???

This spring (yes, spring is on its way!) when you are once again outdoors enjoying springlike temperatures and cleaning up after winter's rage, perhaps you can engage in a conversation with your neighbors about the benefits of joining MVRA. If your neighbors are not already members, suggest they join or better yet, invite them to one of our social events to experience what MVRA is all about!

Remind them that membership to the Association continues to offer families in our neighborhood many wonderful benefits. Among them are greeting new families, providing comfort to those in need, fundraising for local charities, attending family/adult social events, opening lines of communication through quarterly newsletters and the phone directory, discussing and sharing community concerns at monthly Board meetings, beautifying both entrances, and tackling costly projects together to bring down the costs... to name a few.

Remember, families can join MVRA at any time! Just have them give me a call (215-491-0177) and I will take care of the rest!

Together we can help our membership grow!



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Easter Egg Hunt by Deneen Gulle

The annual Mountain View Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 12th at 3:00pm. The Easter Egg Hunt will be hosted this year by the Gulle Family! 2050 Canterbury Lane. Rain date will be Sunday the 13th at 3:00pm. All are welcome, there is no age limit! Drinks and snacks will be provided.



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There will also be arts and crafts for the little ones. The egg hunt will be divided into

2 age groups: 7 and under and 8 and over. Please rsvp with your children's name and age to Deneen by April 5th.

dgulle@comcast.net or at 215-970-7010. If anyone is interested in donating cookies, snacks, or drinks please let me know.

Get Ready for Extreme Games by Valerie Haenn



Friday, June 6th Cambridge Circle



Games begin at 6PM; Please arrive by 5:45PM Participants need to be between the ages of 3-12 Please wear sneakers!!!!

Teenage Helpers Needed = Receive Community Hours Food and Refreshments will be served

> RSVP: Val & Tom Haenn 215-918-2737 Get 3 points if you RSVP by 5/16!

"Evening Under The Stars" MVRA Fundraiser Benefitting The Jake Darreff Legacy Saturday, May 3, 2014 7:00 p.m. 2375 Jericho Dr.

Please join us on Saturday, May 3, 2014 for an elegant evening of live Jazz music with Jazz with Friends, cocktails and butlered hor d'oerves, at the home of Chris and Karen Romas, 2375 Jericho Drive. This is a night filled with exceptional food, drinks, and chances to win raffle baskets filled with incredible donations from our community. Do not miss this opportunity to make a tremendous difference to a family in need.

The cost of the evening is \$40.00 a person. With the additional purchase of tickets, you could win one of the already donated baskets: Burpee gift basket, John McShane Auto Body, Tre Fratelli restaurant, KC Prime, Stella and Dot, and much more! Last year we had over 40 raffled baskets!

Jake Darreff Legacy Benefiting Childhood Cancer

Jake Darreff was only three years old when he lost his battle with a rare form of children's leukemia. At only two years of age, Jake showed determination and hope for a new day where he could play with his friends and family, a day that never came. It is in his memory that his family established The Jake Darreff Legacy to benefit local children that have been afflicted with some form of childhood cancer. The foundation's goal is to provide emotional and financial support to the families of these children. PLEASE join us in this effort to bring some LOVE, HOPE AND CARING to a special family in our community.

Please make checks out to MVRA

If you would like to **make a donation** to the raffle baskets from your business or organization, please contact: Karen Romas at 215-491-5340 or karenromas@comcast.net

Schedule of Events

- Mar 3 Warwick Board of Supervisors Meeting Time: 7pm-8pm Where: Main Meeting Room
- Mar 10 Warwick Planning Commission Meeting Time: 7:30pm-8:30pm Where: Main Meeting Room
- Mar 13 MVRA Meeting Time: 8:00pm Where: Renz's House 2146 Chapman Circle
- } Mar 15 Trout Unlimited Time: 5pm Where: Pine Crest Country Club Lansdale, PA
- Mar 17 Warwick Board of Supervisors Meeting Time: 7pm-8pm Where: Main Meeting Room

MARCH 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2	3 Warwick Board	4	5	6	7	8	
9	10 Warwick Planning	11	12	13 MVRA Meeting	14	15 Trout Unlimited	
16	17 Warwick Board	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
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Schedule of Events

- Apr 7 Warwick Board of Supervisors Meeting Time: 7pm-8pm Where: Main Meeting Room
- Apr 14 Warwick Planning Commission Meeting Time: 7:30pm-8:30pm Where: Main Meeting Room
- } Apr 10 MVRA Meeting
 Time: 8:00pm
 Where: TBD
- Apr 12 MVRA Easter Egg Hunt Time: 3:00pm Where: Gulle's House 2050 Canterbury Lane
- Apr 21 Warwick Board of Supervisors Meeting Time: 7pm-8pm Where: Main Meeting Room

APRIL 2014

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6	7 Warwick Board	8	9	10 MVRA Meeting	11	12 Easter Egg Hunt
13	14 Warwick Planning	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Warwick Board	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Schedule of Events

} May 3 - Evening Under the Stars

Time: 7pm

Where: Romas' House 2375 Jericho Drive

May 5 - Warwick Board of Supervisors Meeting Time: 7pm-8pm

Where: Main Meeting Room

} May 8 - MVRA Meeting Time: 8pm Where: T.B.D.

May 12 - Warwick Planning Commission Meeting Time: 7:30pm-8:30pm Where: Main Meeting Room

May 19 - Warwick Board of Supervisors Meeting Time: 7pm-8pm

Where: Main Meeting Room

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Winterfest a Success! by Hilary Harris

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was then time to enjoy good food with good neighbors. Tre
Fratelli catered Winterfest and again they did an
outstanding job, the food was delicious! Thank you to Jim
Murray, owner and Mountain View resident.
The committee consisted of Lynn McLaughlin, Carol
McShape, Trisha Murray (thank you for over seeing the

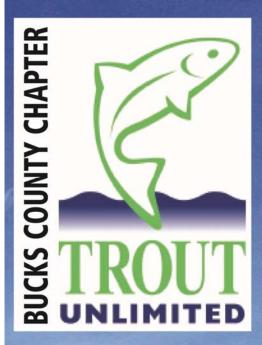
The committee consisted of Lynn McLaughlin, Carol McShane, Trisha Murray (thank you for over seeing the food set-up), Karen Romas, Gina Villa, Diane Keener and Lori Jones. This was a fantastic committee and many thanks to them for a great job! Also a very big thank you to our husbands for helping set-up and take down!

And last but not least a Super Big ThankYou to Shannon, Harry, Heather and Colin for all their help welcoming everyone and making sure the guests had everything they needed!

Also thanks to Anne Albright for stepping in to help with dessert.



See and download more pictures at www.mvranews.com



22nd Annual CONSERVATION FUNDRAISER

March 15, 2014

Pine Crest Country Club
101 Country Club Drive • Lansdale, PA
(entrance off Rte. 202 just south of County Line Road)

Come Celebrate the AQUETONG CREEK WATERSHED REVITALIZATION PROJECT

This event brings together all of us who enjoy the outdoors, whether you're an avid fisherman, hunter, or simply care for our environment's well being.

Doors Open at 5pm • Happy Hour at 5:30pm Full Course Dinner Follows

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Raffles, door prizes, silent auctions, live auction
make for an evening of camaraderie and entertainment.

\$54 per person or \$95 per couple.
Early Bird Raffle Ticket Package Available.
For more information & to purchase tickets contact Doug McCabe at doug.mccabe@verizon.net

Great American Cleanup by Phyllis McCabe



PennDOT is asking for volunteers for the Great American Clean Up in Pennsylvania, which runs from March 1 until May 31. Residents return year after year to show their support and Pennsylvania pride. Last year alone, volunteers collected over 7 million pounds of trash from state highways. Many of the 7100 Adopt-A-Highway

groups join in for this event too, even though they clear up trash year-round. They picked up an additional 3.5 million pounds of garbage on more than 10,000 miles of roadway in support of the Great American Clean Up.

Secretary Barry Schoch says, "Cleanup events like this have been a great success in improving the quality of life for Pennsylvanians by creating cleaner roadsides and communities." So if you're tired of looking at that old mattress on the side of the road during your commute, pitch in and help out!

Interested in joining the Mountain View team in helping with the cleaning up? Contact Phyllis McCabe to volunteer and help plan the date in late March/early April.

- phyllis.mccabe@verizon.net





Save the Date by Charlie Keener

Fundraising Reception for US Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick (R-8th)

Saturday, June 7, 2014, 7:00 – 10:00 PM 1574 Easton Road, Warrington, PA (Historic Office Building behind KC Prime)

Come out and meet your Congressman, share your opinions and discuss the many important issues facing our country today.

For information on attending, or to help sponsor the event, please contact:

Greg Rodgers, 215-343-2981, grodgers@comcast.net or Charlie Keener, 215-343-1813, cwkeener@outlook.com

More details will be forthcoming



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Calling All Animal Lovers by Sue Nunnamaker

If you are an animal lover, I'd like to share with you a volunteer opportunity that doesn't take much of your time, that you can do whenever you're free and will give you that puppy/kitty fix without bringing any of them home with you (that is, if you can resist).

For almost a year now, I've been involved with two animal transport groups – MAMAS (Marianne Morris Animal Society) and PTTR (Paws to the Rescue). Both groups are involved with pulling dogs and cats, that would otherwise be euthanized, from high-kill shelters in the South and bringing them up North to either rescues, fosters, or adoptive families. Each volunteer takes a leg of the transport which begins on Saturday morning and ends Sunday night. The drive time/distance for each volunteer averages about an hour and/or 50 to 60 miles or so. We meet at a specified location where we transfer the animals from one car to the next for their journey to safety. The runs happen only on weekends with MAMAS and PTTR on alternating weekends so there's always a need for drivers. The best part is there's no pressure. A run sheet is put out each week from either of the groups and if you can do it, great, if not, maybe next week or the week after. I'm finding that the leg I do, Norristown to Lehighton, has a need all the time since it seems there just aren't enough drivers and there are so many animals. Getting involved is simple. I can put you in touch with the coordinator of either or both groups and you fill out an application to become a driver. Your name is then added to the email list and you receive the next week's run sheet. If you can do the drive, you let the coordinator know. That's it. There are some supplies that are needed, the biggest being crates. I have two – one of my own and the other was given to me by a friend after I put out a post on Facebook asking if anyone wanted to unload an old crate. Other supplies are minor and everything purchased is tax deductible. I also keep track of

This has been the most fun volunteer opportunity I've ever done. If you're interested in getting involved or if you'd like to accompany me on a run to see what it's all about, give me a call at 215-343-2044. Not only would you be helping to give these dogs and cats a second chance, you will meet a lot of wonderful

people and get lots of puppy kisses along the way.

mileage for tax purposes.

Inspiring Kindness by Marlene Vickery

I would like to bring to your attention an outstanding act of kindness this teenage boy did for me just this past Friday, February 21st 2014.

Early Friday morning, I was driving out of the development for a job interview for a hospice caregiver position. There was still a lot of snow and ice spots on the roads and I accidentally hit the curb of the Mountain View sign at the entrance (Pennsbury Drive & Almshouse) while avoiding an icy spot. (sorry!). Other than a startling jolt (and a bit of irritation at myself for being so careless) I



continued on my way. That evening, I got a knock on my door and there was this boy Tyler standing there with my hubcap in his hands! I don't know Tyler (or his last name) as he lives on the other side of the neighborhood, (on or near Pennsbury) but he explained that he had discovered the hubcap in his yard and was determined to find the owner. I looked over and saw that he was riding his bike in the snow! I was stunned that this young man would make such an effort and be so determined. It was already starting to get dark. And I realized immediately, that for him to find the matching car, he would have to have viewed every Toyota vehicle in every driveway to see if they were missing their hubcap! No small task, as we live in a fairly large development and we live on the opposite side of it! I was so thankful to Tyler as we had just purchased the Toyota (it's my baby).

I didn't feel right asking him his last name or where he lived to avoid being too intrusive. But it bothered me all weekend that I wanted to do something nice in return and didn't know how. Tyler told me he was on the same bus as my daughter and goes to CB South, bus #432 (used to be #361). I asked her, but she doesn't know or talk to anyone on the bus. So I'm reaching out to the neighborhood to see if you can locate him and perhaps recognize him for me for his great act of kindness. Tyler is a great representative of a thoughtful, responsible, determined and kind young man, the right kind of person to give us real hope for the next generation! We should all be proud of him!

Thank you so much Tyler!

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