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## President's Letter by Terri Porter

As a New Year begins, so does another new MVRA Board of Directors!

As the incoming President, I would like to thank Dave Cochran for serving as the Board President for the past two years. So many neighbors give their time to serve on our Board, and I would like to publicly thank them for their service, **(Continued on page 3)**

## Halloween Parade Recap! by Josh Curtis

The annual MVRA Halloween Parade took place Oct 28 and a great time was had by all. The parade kicked off at the London's house (Sturbridge Drive) at 3:30pm. The parade was led by the Warwick Fire Company with plenty of children and more parents in tow. Thank you to the many volunteers for handing out candy and toys to the children along

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## Holiday Light Contest by Josh Curtis

The social committee put together a new event this year - the (annual) Holiday Light Competition! The neighborhood was brighter than ever - and it looked great. The competition officially concluded with a party at the Keener's house. The party was full of full-spirited people (in every sense of the word!) and **(Continued on page 4)**

## Progressive Dinner by Josh Curtis

The 23rd annual Progressive Dinner was held in the neighborhood on November 10th. This year, we had nearly 50+ residents attend the event, some who have **(Continued on page 5)**

## Welcome New Neighbors!!! by Kathy Gutierrez

Mountain View would like to welcome to the neighborhood the Jacobsen Family. The Jacobsens moved here in the last week of August. The members of the family include: Paul, Jen, and daughters Hailey and Emma. The family moved here from Warminster looking for a bigger house with more trees and **(Continued on page 11)**

## MVRA Board Meeting - January 10, 2019

**Attendees:** Terri Porter, Karol Mannherz, Joe Jewusiak, Phyllis McCabe, Dave Cochran, Robert Miller, Valdez Bradley, Mike Riotto, Kathleen Mittura, Greg Rodgers, Josh Curtis, Diane Keener, Sue Nunnamacker, Hillary Harris.

— Call Meeting to Order by Terri Porter, 7:33 PM

**Welcome:** Terri thanked the Cochrans for hosting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Reviewed yearly statement; cannot be totally completed until cost of newsletter is included.

### **Newsletter -**

- December edition will go out soon.
- The next one will go out two weeks before Easter to advertise the Easter Egg Hunt.

### **Membership -**

- Is Stacey Blank doing Directory? Yes, along with Josh Curtis
- Nothing new to report; membership mailing going out soon
- Will include: cover letter, membership application, 10 Reasons to Join paper
- Will NOT include: Deed Restrictions because they will be printed in the Newsletter

### **Social -**

- There has not been a committee meeting. So, no new news.
- Holiday Light contest was a success. Many more lights this year in the neighborhood. Next year, everyone will pay \$25.00 to sign up. They will be given a placard to put at the end of their driveway. This sign will indicate who is registered and for what category.

### **Health and Safety -**

- Next meeting will be on Thursday, January 24, 7:30 PM at Dave Cochran's house. Please let him know if you plan to attend. david.cochran6767@gmail.com
- Electrical boxes, tree in the swale, swale very wet and wider than usual, storm drains, stop sign leaning, glass in the road after accident, discarded barbed wire
- Discussion ensued regarding safety of neighbors walking dogs at night. That discussion will continue.
- May ask township about adding more lights. Currently, there are only street lights at intersections in the development.

### **Old Business -**

- Trees trimmed for new flags- Joe Porter trimmed but we will get two estimates for all of the trees to be done.
- Structure on Monticello- Greg Rodgers is working on an estimate for a roof over the sign.
- Lights – explore more or replacements (Tara Lizzi) Terri will call Tara to get an update. This item will go to the Health and Safety committee

### **New Business -**

- Trash rates going up to \$87 – Republic Services. Whitetail Disposal - \$69.
- Large discussion about the various rates and Republic charging to take back their cans.
- nextdoor.com- a flier sent out advertising this app and/or website with local news. It advertises local businesses, asks questions and has posting like pet lost and found. It is like a local Craigslist.
- Teri Porter would like to see everyone bring one new neighbor to the meeting throughout the year to help them better understand the business of the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM

Next MVRA meeting will be Thu, March 9th @ 7:30pm (Mittura's - 2041 Buckingham).

# President's Letter by Terri Porter

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as well. Their names are published in this Newsletter.

If you are reading our Newsletter for the first time, please note this is a quarterly letter. Feel free to contribute an article of interest at any time. Currently, Josh Curtis is the recipient of such materials for publishing: [me@joshuacurtis.com](mailto:me@joshuacurtis.com)

The Social Committee will be meeting shortly to discuss and plan upcoming events. If you are interested in going later in the morning and setting earlier in the evening and, as drivers, we need to be careful to watch for school kids, walkers, runners and dog walkers. The best way to do that is to drive just a little bit slower and not get distracted by phone calls, emails, text messages, etc. Please be careful.

The Board of Directors is looking for more people to get involved. It is not that time consuming, just 9 meetings a year. Contact Phyllis McCabe (215-343-3817) or Joe Jewusiak (215-343-0818). If you want to see what is required, you are more than welcome to attend the next board meeting (every 2nd Thu of the month). Call me (215-343-5094) or check [www.mvranews.com](http://www.mvranews.com) for location.

I want to congratulate Mountain View resident Megan Freer. She was one of 25 police officers nationwide to receive the Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Policing for her work on the DiNardo murder case. If you see Megan running or at home, congratulate her and tell her how much we appreciate the work she and her fellow police officers do to keep us all safer.

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# Holiday Light Competition by Josh Curtis

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filled with the voices of young children having fun with arts & crafts and other activities. The contest winners are (see web site for color photos)..



Classic  
Rundle's 2390 Waverly



Themed  
Rodgers' 2229 Jericho



Griswold  
Jones' 2199 Jericho

# Progressive Dinner by Josh Curtis

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been long time residents as well as a few new neighbors. This is always a great way to meet new people as well as relax with old friends.

A special thanks needs to go out to all the members of the Progressive Dinner Committee for organizing such a big effort. Diane Keener and company worked hard to ensure the dinner was a success. From choosing a recipe to assigning dinner houses to getting refreshments, no event like this can happen without the behind the scenes effort of so many people.



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I entered this business, after ten years as a Surface Warfare Officer in the United States Navy, knowing that I wanted to continue a life of service to the community.

I believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to retire comfortably and remain comfortably retired. I believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to give their children and grandchildren the gift of a quality education, debt free. I believe that dreams are worthy of being attained instead of withering as a "what-if."

Finally, I believe that our only true commodity in life is time, and how we cash-in our remaining time correlates directly to how we plan for the future.



If you believe that I may be able to help you, please reach out to me, and let's have a quiet chat and a cup of coffee together. You have nothing to lose but time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Brian Pultro'.

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# Happy Birthday!!!

January			February			March		
Name	Day	Age	Name	Day	Age	Name	Day	Age
Cassidy Mendham	5	18	Ava Gelfand	3	15	Cole Martin	11	17
Johanna Italia	7	16	Elliott Tull	6	11	Liz Decker	18	16
Henry Tull	8	14	Lauren Mittura	9	24	Jonah Basta	21	5
Camryn Carnahan	14	11	Amanda Antonacci	12	20	Emily Senneff	27	6
Dan Decker	17	25	Hannah Kruegel	25	6			
Addison Gelfand	18	8	Leah Kruegel	25	6			
Harper Shernoff	18	4	Lydia Keener	26	26			
Tyler Antonacci	18	22	Meredith Keener	26	26			
Jackson Pultro	19	4						
Madeleine Engle	22	19						
Kiersten Huhn	23	2						



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# Casino Night Thank You! by the Sikora Family

Dear Mountain View Community,

My name is Matt Sikora and I'd like to introduce myself or, perhaps, reintroduce myself to you. I live in Doylestown with my wife Corinne and our two sons Max and Frankie, who are 12 and 10 years old. This year has been full of surprises for us and our story begins as the kind of thing you might see on the news, a human-interest story, the kind of story you hope you never have to tell in the first person. On Thursday, January 25th, 2018, Corinne and I walked into the hospital at UPenn for a cranial MRI to get to the bottom of what was causing her double vision she'd been experiencing and by midday Friday we sat stunned in the ER, petrified by the images of the death sentence on the screen: three brain tumors. At that point we could only hope they were benign. But from there the plot descends: the craniotomy and brain surgery to remove two tumors, the inoperable tumor on her brain stem, the cancer diagnosis and then six weeks of daily proton beam radiation at UPenn. Right now, Corinne is in the middle of an aggressive chemo therapy regimen that will last until spring. Fortunately, she is doing better than expected. The treatments are working and we have to believe that they will save her from the trajectory she was on.

There are many difficult things about being thrust into this kind of intense existence. We had to make decisions early on that had potential for catastrophic consequences. Recovery from brain surgery was gruesome and the six weeks of radiation at UPenn was exhausting. But even more difficult were the conversations we had to have with friends and family. Telling Max and Frankie that their mom had brain cancer was one of the toughest conversations of my life. But with the rise of these tough conversations, another difficulty arose, one that Corinne and I couldn't have anticipated.

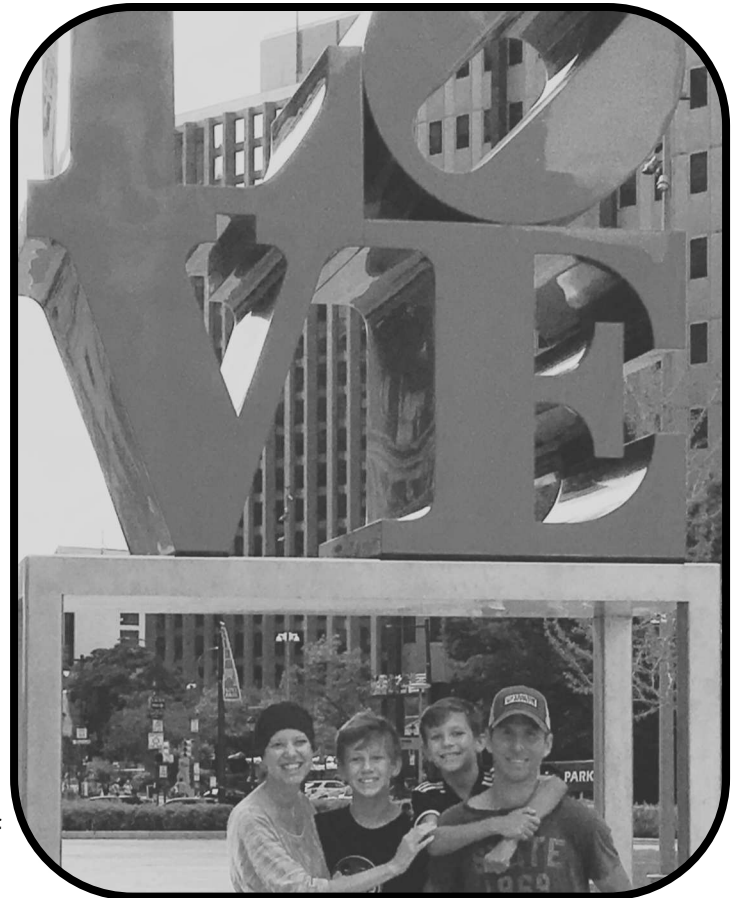
From every corner of our lives, help came pouring in. It would seem like an easy thing to graciously accept help, especially at a time when life has become so difficult, but I can tell you, it was not. When Mandy Curtis first approached me about hosting a benefit for Corinne it was something we needed to consider. It is hard to articulate why we hesitated. I can only say that we feel very strongly that we should not use Corinne's condition to gain unnecessary advantage. So, when Corinne and I first talked about Mandy and Josh's offer we had to decide whether our situation truly warranted the kind of help they were offering. We thought that perhaps your community's efforts might better serve some other family that had more need than us.

But what we've come to realize is that we can't always accurately assess our needs. We've had weeks on end where we've lived hour to hour and that does not leave much time to think about the long-term financial burden that awaits us in the coming years. It is both fortunate and sad that people we know have traveled this road before us and they are able to look out for us in ways that we can't conceive of yet. We truly believe that there is hope that remission awaits us at the end of Corinne's treatment but it is also becoming apparent that this is something that we will be dealing with for the rest of her life. Even if Corinne is one day able to declare remission,



there is still the threat that the chemo therapy has compromised her in ways we don't know about yet. And that brings me back to Josh and Mandy's offer to host the casino night in Corinne's honor.

I got back to Mandy and said that we'd be honored. The night of the benefit Corinne couldn't make it. She had recently needed a blood transfusion because her blood counts had been critically low. But I was able to attend and it was truly stunning. The setup, the tents, the decorations, the food and the game tables were much more than I was anticipating and I had a very hard time keeping my composure walking into the house thinking that this was all for Corinne, that this community, this group of people that we largely didn't even know, would do this for us. I got to talk with many of you that night and you showed such genuine care and concern for us. It was humbling to be among you, to feel like we had always been friends and to know that out of all the things you could have chosen to do with your precious hours of free time, you chose to help us. It reaffirmed my belief that caring citizens can still gather together to do good. After all, that's what a community is: a group of people that come together to do the things that each individual could not do on his own and in doing so, everyone benefits and everyone can rest easy knowing there is always help and always hope.



*(Left to Right) Corinne, Max, Frankie, and Matt Sikora*

Around the time of the casino night, audiology tests revealed that Corinne's hearing was starting to decline from one of her chemo drugs. The oncologists have adjusted her treatment in order to save her hearing but it is likely that some of the damage is permanent. We've started to look into hearing aids for her and since we are relatively young for that sort of thing, we were shocked to see how expensive they are. There is a chance insurance will help us out with the cost but, I have to tell you, it is a huge relief to know that regardless of whether the claim is accepted or not, the funds are there for us and that is because of your generosity. Corinne, Max, Frankie and I would like to thank you but those words don't quite reciprocate what you've done for us. Perhaps the most important lesson from the benefit goes back to my thoughts on community. I truly believe that we are at our best when we are helping others. Mountain View Community will always epitomize that ideal for us. We came to you as strangers and you took us in as your own, as family. I can't think of a better way for Max and Frankie to learn the value of being part of a community and for that Corinne and I will always be grateful.

Sincerely,

Matt Sikora

# 2019 MVRA Volunteers by Terri Porter

Listed below are the names of the 2019 MVRA Officers and Board of Directors.

As you read the names below you might notice they reappear from year to year! Please consider giving some of your time back to the neighborhood - I'm sure any of the officers below would welcome a break!

## MVRA Officers

<b>President</b>	Terri Porter
<b>Vice President</b>	Kathy Mittura
<b>Treasurer</b>	Greg Rodgers
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	Carol McShane
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Karol Mannherz

## Board of Directors

Valdez Bradley	Paul Jacobsen	Jim Murray
Kelly Chioffe	Joe Jewusiak	Sue Nunnamaker
Dave Cochran	Diane Keener	Brian Pultro
Josh Curtis	Janice Knowlton	Mike Riotto
Kathy Gutierrez	Phyllis McCabe	Kathy Rodgers
Hillary Harris	Cassi Martin	Eileen Ryan
Rhian Huhn	Bill Miller	Kathy Vantine
Mike Italia	Dan Montgomery	Keith Wills

## Committees

<b>Social</b>	Hillary Harris
<b>Health &amp; Safety</b>	Dave Cochran
<b>Membership</b>	Kathy Gutierrez & Kelly Chioffe
<b>Directory</b>	Stacy Blank & Josh Curtis
<b>Sunshine</b>	Kathy Vantine
<b>Entrance Beautification</b>	Carole Jones
<b>Newsletter</b>	Josh Curtis & Brian Pultro – Editor Phyllis McCabe - Advertising
<b>Election</b>	Joe Jewusiak & Phyllis McCabe

# Welcome New Neighbors

by Terri Porter

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they found it here on 2289 Jericho Drive!

Paul's job is in Information Security for West Corporation. He went to Upper Moreland High School and is a graduate of Penn State University. He enjoys art, technology and is very handy at home.

Jen was a former fifth grade teacher. Her current job is that of a school librarian and technology teacher at Saint Joseph/Saint Roberts School. She attended Archbishop Wood High School and is a graduate of Gwynedd Mercy University. She enjoys being a mom and reading in her spare time. Both Jen and Paul spend many hours being "Uber" drivers for their two daughters!!!!

Hailey is the oldest daughter and attends Archbishop Wood High School. She is a competitive dancer and is a varsity cheerleader at Wood. In her spare time, she likes to draw and hang with friends.

Emma is the youngest and attends Saint Joseph/Saint Roberts School. She is also a competitive dancer. She loves to sing, and play the ukulele. She also enjoys being with her friends.



The Jacobsens are members of Mountain View Association and hope to attend many of the fun activities. You can reach Paul at 215-264-3031 or by email [paul.jacobsen@live.com](mailto:paul.jacobsen@live.com).

Remember to add them to your directories.

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# Halloween Parade! by Josh Curtis

the route. A “HUGE” thank you to all the residents that generously donated to the Warwick Fire Company. We really appreciate the Warwick Fire Dept. bringing their trucks and treats for the children.



## Be Visible At Night, PLEASE! by Karol Mannherz

Need a last minute gift for the Dog Walker in your Family?

Consider a reflective vest!! Several MVRA residents have noticed that it is difficult to see people walking their dogs at night. If we all wear them, it may become a fashion trend and certainly a lot safer!!!

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## Be More Clever Than The Fox by Karol Mannherz

We have all been seeing the beautiful red fox that has become a common, everyday sight. Just to be safe and try to find ways to discourage the fox from spending so much time on my back patio, I called the Animal Control Officer for our area. He is quite sure that the foxes friendliness to humans is because people have been feeding the fox. This may not be on purpose. If you keep dog or cat food outside, our fox may be coming around to eat it. While you may not mind, it is the worse thing you could do. The fox will get used to people and not be afraid as it should be. The Pennsylvania Game Commission states:

You should encourage them to move out by:

- Making loud noises
- Playing loud music near the den
- Using lights and/or motion sensor alarms
- Using repellents, such as soap shavings, vinegar, commercial fox repellents, or coyote urine



Kathy Vantine (Mountainview Resident) advises: Coyote urine is very potent and may be smelled inside your home! Spreading moth balls around the perimeter of your home may be a better repellent.

Also, the Officer has spoken to several residents that are proud of feeding the wildlife. This is a very bad practice as the Officer will come out if the animal is too friendly and he will have to either kill or relocate the animal. Also, the deer should be finding their own food. As per the Pennsylvania Game Commission, "it is not good to feed any wildlife."

# Pickleball

by Kathy Gutierrez

Hello neighbors I, (Kathy Gutierrez), am the new organizer of the Jamison Pickleball club for beginners, socials and intermediates. Come to Guinea Lane Park and try it.

What is Pickleball? A paddle sport created for all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players.

Our group consists of anyone (18+) who wants to have fun, socialize and play Pickleball.

The annual fee goes directly to Warwick Township Parks and Rec. for the support of the program including facilities, equipment, and supplies.

ALL Volunteers are utilized to run the pickleball program. THIS IS A NOT FOR PROFIT GROUP.

We will have our sessions at Guinea Lane Pickleball Courts. April 16th thru Oct.31st.

Sundays 3 – 5 courts 1-4

Monday 4:30 – dusk courts 1-4, A & B

Thurs 4:30 – dusk courts 1-4

Saturday 9 – 12 courts A & B

Charge is 35\$ for season (if new to the sport 1st three sessions free of charge)

For additional information go to <https://www.meetup.com/Jamison-Pickleball-Meetup/>



# Membership Reminder

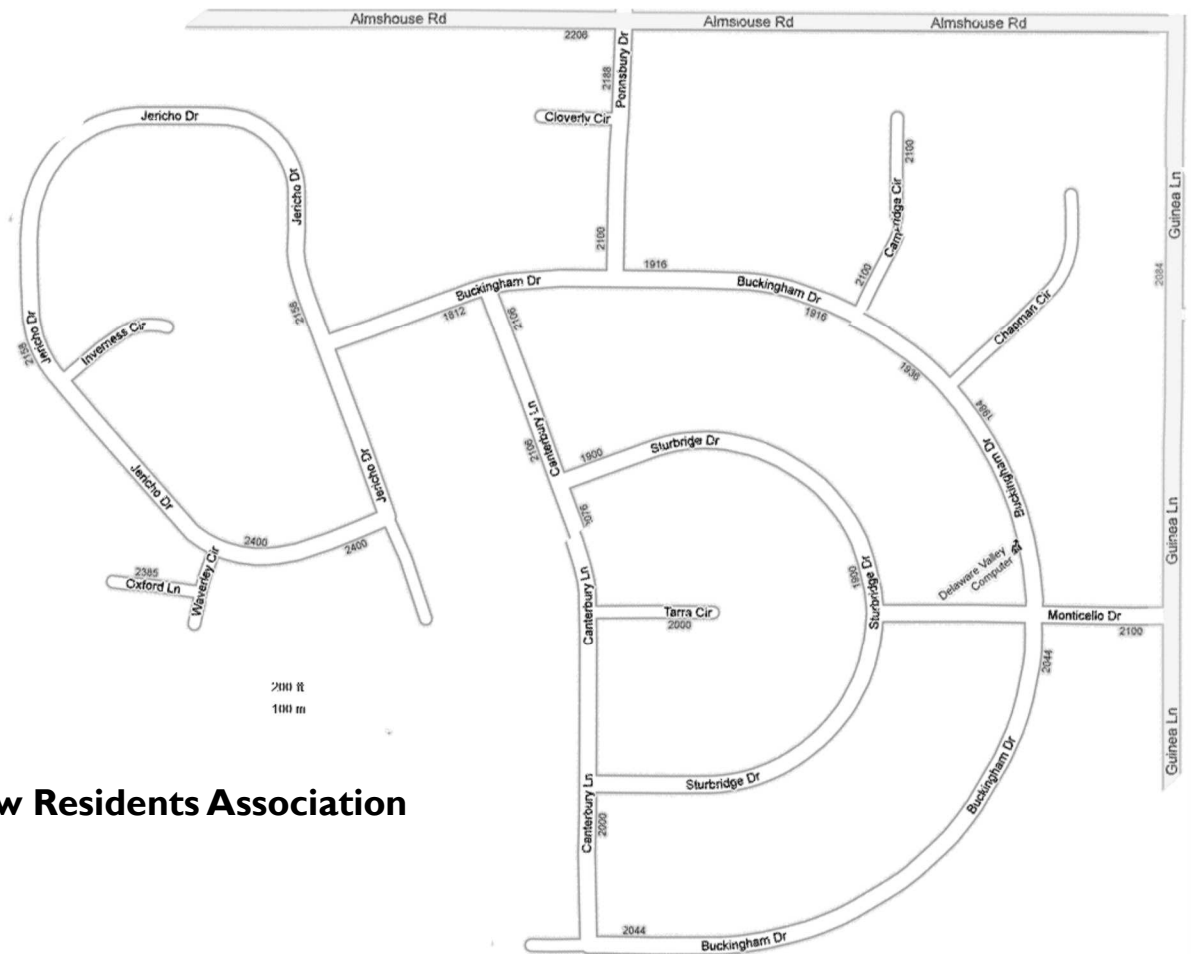
by Kathy Gutierrez

The Mountainview membership drive is underway!!! You should have received your form in the mail. If for some reason you didn't receive a form, or your house received 2 please let us know. We are getting the addresses from 2 combined lists and mistakes could have been made. Call or email Kathy at 267-483-5413, or email [kathyg189@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyg189@yahoo.com). We will be compiling the information to create the new directory. To have your family's name included in the 2019 directory we need your current information by February 28. If you have misplaced the form you can get a new one at [MVRANEWS.co](http://MVRANEWS.co), You can print it out and drop off at Stacey Blank's house (2239 Jericho Drive) with a 40\$ check (made out to MVRA). The other option is you can make it out, pay with PAYPAL and email it to us. (instructions on website).

Thanks again, each and every neighbor makes this Neighborhood great, please join!!!

Kathy 267-280-7931, ([kathyg189@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyg189@yahoo.com)) and Kelli 215-343-2823, ([kchioffe@verizon.net](mailto:kchioffe@verizon.net)).





**Mountain View Residents Association**