

Village of Doylestown Community Newsletter

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The Mayor's Thoughts.....



Happy New Year, Happy Groundhog Day, and Happy Valentines Day!

Those of us here at Village Hall hope you have a prosperous 2012 and that this issue of your newsletter takes the winter chill out of your day.

We start this year out with our annual happenings already on the calendar and we are planning for the future with new equipment purchases that will help the Village keep its reputation of great service to its residents.

This issue also highlights a new downtown business which specializes in home improvements. Read about Cutting Trim on Page 2.

I would also like to take this opportunity to personally thank Doylestown residents Mark and

Victoria Hammer for their donation of the town's newest and most original Christmas decorations, Mr. & Mrs. Claus. It truly was a wonderful new addition to downtown and I'm sure appreciated by all our visitors this past December.

Enjoy this issue of the Community Newsletter, and feel free to send me any comments or suggestions you may have to mayorlindeman@doylestown.com

Jerry Lindeman

February 2, Groundhog Day, the day most of us associate with the pint-sized predictor from Punxsutawney, PA, is actually believed to be a popularized version of the ancient Candlemas Day in Scotland. Considered in Scotland to be one of their traditional "quarter days", it was the occasion for taking up tenancy or moving out of a house and when rent or other charges were due. Scottish legend has it that the behavior of certain animals on this occasion was thought to be an indication of approaching weather conditions.



Groundhog watchers here in America believe that if the groundhog sees its shadow it will sense another six weeks of winter remaining and will return to its den. Meteorologists however believe that if such a conclusion is made -- it would only be correct about 28 percent of the time. Aside from the facts, it's still a fun tradition to watch and guess if "Phil" will see his shadow!

Cutting Trim Home Improvements



Once you nail down a basic tenet of doing business in Doylestown - the importance of professional, dependable service unfolds.

That's what Gregg Cutting discovered as he sought to turn his life-long relationship with the Village into a rewarding multi-faceted endeavor following setbacks in the "housing crash" and in his wife Carey's business, who specialized in flooring installation.

Combining skills, the couple landed a contract to provide construction services to mega-retailer Lowes, where they now oversee

installation of roofing, windows, doors, kitchens, baths, decks, fencing and the list goes on.

Always adapting, the Cuttings have now moved to a store front on Portage Street in downtown Doylestown where their Lowes operations are maintained and their namesake remodeling and home improvement business can now be offered to the public. The Cuttings would like to use as many local tradesmen as possible and encourage them to stop by their office and introduce themselves.

The Cutting family, lifelong residents of Doylestown, include family members: Liberti (4th Grade) and Maycie Cutting (8th Grade), who attend Sts. Peter & Paul

Cutting Trim Home Improvements
 129 N. Portage Street - Doylestown
 Business Hours: Mon-Fri 9 am - 5 pm
 (800) 690-4470
 Email: cuttingtrim@gmail.com

School, and Brittney Shoup a second year nursing student at the University of Akron.

Welcome Cutting Trim, Doylestown's newest downtown business.



Mr. & Mrs. Claus Welcomed Visitors to Town



This issue of the village newsletter wouldn't be complete without saying THANK YOU once again to the Doylestown Garden Club. This dedicated group of Doylestown residents (pictured below at right) work tirelessly to keep our village beautiful all year 'round.

This years decorations at the Gazebo were made possible in part by Galehouse Tree Farms, who donated the Christmas tree. In addition to the tree, Mr. & Mrs. Claus in their red sleigh were smiling and waving to all who came through town this season.

Victoria Neidert-Hammer, pictured at left is a self taught local artist who classifies herself as a "sculptress, seamstress, painter and designer". Victoria created and donated the life sized figures to the Garden Club so that they can grace the gazebo for years to come. Victoria's husband Mark Hammer built the beautiful red sleigh which was also donated.

The Village thanks Victoria and Mark for their remarkable donation. Acts of kindness, such as this, are what small town living is all about. Visit Victoria's website to view her other amazing creations at www.angelpurrsnpuppydolls.com.



Street Department Purchases New Truck



Meet the new 2012 International Dump/Snow Plow Truck!

This new truck will replace the 1989 International truck from our current Street Department fleet. In addition to the new truck, the Street Department still utilizes a 2002 International Dump truck as well.

The Village makes every effort to stay on top of road clearing and salting. We have compiled some safety guidelines for motorists and pedestrians alike, and ask your cooperation in adhering to these suggestions:

- Stay a safe distance away from snowplows. The safest place for motorists is well behind the snow plow where the road is clear and salted. The safest place for pedestrians is on the sidewalk, and in clear vision of the snowplow driver;
- Never assume that a plow driver can see you;
- Yield to a snowplow, giving the plow a wide berth with room to maneuver;
- Beware of de-icing materials that may be released from the plow and keep your distance from them;
- NEVER ATTEMPT TO PASS A SNOWPLOW;
- Adjust speed for road conditions and maintain a safe distance from other vehicles. Increase your following distance when roads are slippery or visibility is poor. Schedule extra time for winter travel and be patient during ice and snow removal operations;
- During a winter storm, motorists will encounter snow and ice-covered roads even when plows are operating. Drivers must exercise extreme care and diligence while traveling during winter weather;
- Stay alert! Whether driving or walking, stay focused on what you are doing. Accidents are caused by distracted driving and walking.

Additionally, please be advised that when removing snow from driveways, it cannot be pushed onto the roadway as written in the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Doylestown **311.01 Placing Injurious Material, Obstruction or Snow In Street (e)** *No person, contractor or private snow removal firm shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, any snow and/or ice onto the pavement or sidewalk of any public street, except the tree lawn on the same premises from which the snow is removed.*

Village Invests in New Salt Bin



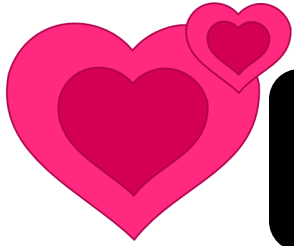
Even though the snow accumulation to date hasn't come close to last year, that doesn't affect the village's need to improve our "status quo".

A new salt bin, located at the village street garage was completed in December, and will greatly improve our storage capacity for winter salt.

Our old bin held 300 tons of salt. In an average year, we order 800 tons of salt. Unfortunately, there were times when salt was in short supply, and because we weren't able to stockpile due to a small capacity bin, our smaller orders

were not a high priority to the salt companies, leaving us with the possibility of not having enough salt for the village.

With this new construction, we are able to increase our overall capacity to 1100 tons between our two bins. Our ability to order and store more salt has been greatly enhanced and will allow us to keep stocked and ready to go. So we say, "let it snow"!



Community Bulletin Board

Love is a symbol of eternity. It wipes out all sense of time, destroying all memory of a beginning and all fear of an end. ~Author Unknown

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

VILLAGE WIDE CLEAN UP

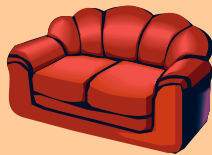
April 13th & October 5th

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Time to clean out the garage and basement! Multiple large items accepted.

**NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

**FREON MUST BE
REMOVED** from any
appliance and **red
tagged** by a licensed
technician.



This service offered to you by the Village of Doylestown, and Republic Waste.

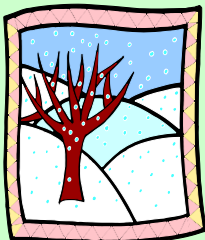
***Anyone in the Village can participate**



Dates to Remember

- Safety Village June 11th - 15th contact *Nancy Brown* 330-658-6561
- Relay For Life Event at Memorial Park June 22nd - 23rd
- Rogues' Hollow Festival August 3rd & 4th
- Village Wide Yard Sales Saturday September 15th
- Village Wide Shredding Saturday September 22nd in Village Hall parking lot from 9 am - Noon
- Trick or Treat Wednesday October 31st 5:30-6:45pm

Winter Brush Pick Up



Weather permitting,
pick up is on the
**2nd Monday of the
Month.**

Next pick up will be February 13th



Join Us For A FREE Health Fair Friday, June 8th

Please join us at Chippewa High School in the multi-purpose room for this **FREE** event which will showcase local health-care vendors, as well as various free health screening including blood pressure and blood sugar tests. Lunch will be provided. This is open to the community and people of all ages. This event will be held from 10 am - 1 pm.

***This event is sponsored by the Village of Doylestown's
Committee on Aging and Doylestown Health Care**



Snow Plow Ordinance 2009-28

All private snow removal firms and individuals shall register annually with the Village of Doylestown in accord with provisions of section 5, herein, prior to removing, pushing or plowing snow from any private or public property located within the village. Such registration will expire annually on June 1 of each year. **This does not include individuals who use snow plows or tractors or other equipment on their own property.* For more information call 330-658-2181 ext. 1104 **Fee: \$10 per year**

Community Bulletin Board

From the Income Tax Department



In an effort to help our planet and save on costs, the Village of Doylestown Income Tax Department will **NOT** be mass-mailing income tax filing forms for the tax year 2011.

The 2011 village income tax forms will be available at the Doylestown branch of the Wayne County Library, the Doylestown Post Office and at the Village Hall. You may also obtain a copy of the tax form at the village web site www.doylestown.com. Go to the Village Government Tab, then to Clerks Office/Income Tax. They are at the bottom of that page and are in a printable PDF format. The Income Tax Department also accepts all generic forms used by tax preparers. If you do need a form mailed, please contact Ann Youngblood in the Income Tax Department at (330) 658-2181 ext 1102. In addition, you can bring your tax information to Village Hall and someone will help you file your village return. Thank you!

**Quarterly Statements will still be mailed if you are making a declaration on your income tax return.*

From the Water Department

Pictured below is the new water bill which first came out in December of 2011. We have had a few complaints regarding this bill because of the color change. As you can see, the bill is no longer white and green. The layout has changed slightly, and because of this we are seeing some customers paying the higher amount which is the amount due **AFTER** the due date listed. However, if this is done, the balance will simply be credited to the next months billing. Remember, if you are paying your bill after the due date listed, you must pay the higher amount. Again, if the higher amount is not paid, that balance will carry over to the next billing cycle. The right side (smaller portion) should be returned with your payment, leaving the detailed side for your records.

The water bills are still sent out at the 1st of the month, so be on the lookout for it. As always, if you don't receive your bill by the 5th of the month, call Sandi in the Water Department at 330-658-2181 ext. 1140 for your balance. Thank you.



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Doylestown OH 44230-1599

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Service From	Service To	Due Date	Net Due
12/16/11	12/30/11	01/16/12	48.84
Service Address		Account Number	Pay After Due Date
999 MAIN STREET		00999999	53.73

Due Date	Net Due
01/16/12	48.84
Account Number	Pay After Due Date
00999999	53.73

RETURN THIS STUB WITH PAYMENT

THIS IS YOUR NEW BILL

WATER CUSTOMER
999 MAIN STREET
DOYLESTOWN OH 44230-1707

While cleaning out the Community Center basement the nativity set, pictured above, was discovered wrapped in yellowing newspaper. Several of the pieces were signed, and one of those signatures was that of Josephine Scarberry. We called her to get some history behind this artwork and this is what we found out:

Formed in the mid 1970's were seven friends who loved art and painting. They gathered at each other's houses to paint and to visit. The group consisted of the following Doylestown residents: *Josephine Scarberry, Lea Vaccaro, Zela Allard, Kate Pond, Estelle McClintick, Mary Jane Petit and Ann Dannemiller.*

This group of ladies made this Nativity and donated it to the Village in 1976. It was displayed at the Doylestown Public Library for several years, and then put in storage. Luckily, it was found in December of 2011.

The "Art Club" gathered for 29 years in total. Today, only a few of the ladies are still with us. This nativity will be on display at Village Hall during the holiday season for years to come. Thank you "Ladies Art Group".

From Police Chief Brian Dressler



OPERATION SAFE RETURN DROP BOX

The issue of prescription drug abuse has increasingly plagued communities and has presented law enforcement with challenges on how to combat it. What we know is that unused and / or outdated prescriptions not only present possible health hazards but also create opportunity for theft, abuse and sale of those prescriptions.

The Doylestown Police Department is trained and prepared to deal with this type of criminal ac-

tivity. As with anything, prevention is always a key component.

To that end, I am pleased to announce that we have partnered with the Med-Way Drug Task Force to be part of "Operation Safe Return". In the entrance of the police department you will notice a large white drop box. That box can be used to properly dispose of prescriptions medications, medications for pets and liquid medicine. To ensure your privacy, we would ask that you remove or black-out your prescription label. Items that cannot be place in the drop box are any hazardous materials, needles, thermometers, IV bags, aerosol

cans, personal care products, hydrogen peroxide, business waste or bloody infectious waste for disposal.

The drop box is available for use Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 5 pm.

Thank you for your continued assistance in helping us keep our community safe. We rely heavily on our partnership with our residents.



From Fire Chief Ron Browning



I wrote an article back in 2007 about the Seconds Count medical alert system.

In the past month, I have had several inquiries about this product so I thought it would be a good time to share this information again.

The Seconds Count system comes with a pendant that can be worn and used to contact your local 911 in the event of an emergency. It has 24/7 monitoring, with the call going directly to your local 911 operator. After the initial cost of buying the system, there is no monthly charge for its use. Because the alert signal goes straight to your local emergency dispatching system, it saves valuable time and can get help to you quicker than services that first go

to the providing company.

To learn more about this program, contact S & S Products in Troy, Ohio, at 1-800-942-1740 or go online to secondscount.com. You must have a landline to use this service.

There is a special system designed especially for businesses. Contact information for this is 1-877-955-2600 and secondscount911.com.

SAFETY: Remember now that the cold weather is here to have a blanket, gloves, hat and boots with you whenever you are in the car. No one ever plans on breaking down, being stuck in a snow bank, or coming out of a store to discover a dead battery, but unfortunately this does happen. Be especially vigilant of having emergency

supplies to keep warm when there are children and/or elderly people with you.

Another safety issue to remember in the winter is careful use of your fireplace or wood burning stove. Please, remember; always remove ashes from these heating units completely from out of the house and as far away from the structure by using an approved metal container. Never use cardboard boxes or paper bags no matter how cool you think the ashes may be.

**Chippewa Township Fire Department
464 Gates Street - Doylestown**

**Emergency Calls 911
Fire Station 330-658-2300
Non Emergency Dispatch 330-658-2222**

Performing Arts

MAIN STREET MUSIC AT THE BANDSTAND

It is an amazing milestone to reach 10 years of summer concerts. In celebration, please give yourself the gift of music. This season we will host 8 performances, although not yet confirmed, plans are being made to make this season special with some very exciting and talented musical artists. Make plans to be at the square with family and friends on Fridays through June and July. Make a personal and financial commitment to the celebration and appreciation of music in our community.

Questions or detailed information may be directed to Joyce Marshall at 330-658-3719 or 330-658-2181. (Full schedule to be published in the April, 2012 Community Newsletter)

MAIN STREET MUSIC AT THE BANDSTAND

Doylestown Performing Arts, 24 South Portage Street, Doylestown, Ohio 44230

Please make checks payable to Performing Arts Fund – Village of Doylestown

Name / Company _____

Address _____

Contact Person _____ Telephone Number _____

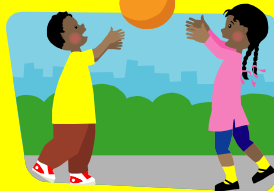
Date _____

LEVELS OF CONTRIBUTION

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,000	Patron of the Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100	Supporter
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500	Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50	Friend
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250	Benefactor	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25	Gift

**Contributors will be noted on the program with a deadline of May 31, 2012. Contributions are tax deductible.*

2012 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM



The Village of Doylestown will once again offer our summer recreation program which will be held at Memorial Park. This years program will run from June 4th - July 13th from 10 am - Noon (This time varies on field trip days). There are 2 groups of children, broken down by age. 6-9 year olds, and 10-13 year olds. Children must be 6 years old to enter the program and can enter anytime after turning 6 and each group has an adult supervisor. Mondays are craft days, Wednesdays are field trip days, and Fridays are treats and games at the park. More detailed information will be sent out via the schools in early May. Sign up dates will also be posted on the Doylestown Community Channel 15 and on the marquee. Registration fee is \$5 per child.



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Home Front

The Holy Grail For Obtaining Your Veterans' Benefits ~ DD-214

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into the nether land of a file drawer or shoebox for decades is not only a remarkable discourse on the veterans service but also the record of evidence-of-service and honor as good as if the President signed it himself.

seek assistance from a family member, friend or your local American Legion or VFW Service Officer.

Of course, your number one resource for all your veterans benefits is your local County Veterans Service Office, sometimes called Veterans Service Commissions. That information can be found in the phone book under Government Agencies. Applications are accepted at any of the 88 offices in Ohio regardless of what county you reside.

Recently, veterans or their dependent spouses or survivors have told me that when filing for benefits the agency employee, usually a County Veterans Service Officer has told them to find their veterans' "discharge papers." Personally I've never seen a document with that designation but with all respect to the families and service offices, I imagine they mean the Form **DD-214** and say something like: The paper your spouse got when "discharged."

This seemingly unremarkable and often tissue-thin document stuffed

TRY TO KEEP TRACK OF IT AND MAKE SEVERAL COPIES!

But if you cannot locate the original, don't panic. Today's electronic record keeping has preserved this precious document, and other avenues are also available. For example, the County Recorder in the county the veteran enlisted-in often has a copy on file. Additionally, websites like va.gov have easy to follow instructions for obtaining a copy of the record which is as good as the original.

If you are not computer savvy,

Wayne County VSO
 1- 800-335-6638
 For More Information on VA Benefits,
 call the VA BENEFITS LINE
 1-800-827-1000