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“NEW YEAR—a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story? Ultimately we write it. The choice is ours.”
 ~ALEX MORRITT

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& JULIET AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC

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AMBULANCE SERVICES

ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, Larry & Joel met with the new Deputy Chief of the Central Bucks Ambulance Services.

Once again we gave their representative maps of, Phase I and Phase II of our community to add to their system.

Basically they use a GPS system called "Active 911" which should direct their ambulances to the end of your driveway on whatever street you live on, then if they press a "pin" on the map screen in their system our map(s) should load, allowing the driver to see where your address is exactly located and thus they can drive up to it.

The Deputy Chief also did confirm that there could be some financial benefits to each house hold who signs up with them when their annual solicitation is sent to all homes in the postal mail in July. Those that pay the required amount depending on their status, single vs. family, if they call for ambulance services and you are taken to the hospital, anything that your insurance doesn't cover will be taken care of via your paid membership.

If you call for ambulance services and are not taken to the hospital, he implied for the first couple times, if you are member, they will work with you to lessen the costs to you.

Bottom line, we recommend that you pay and sign up when solicited by the Central Bucks Ambulance Services in July each year and hope you never have to call for an ambulance.

POSTAL DELIVERIES

If you truly wish make a formal complaint about the ongoing issue with the Warminster US Post Office, that being delivery after dark in Phase I, when the primary mail person is not working, we recommend you contact our United States Representative, Brian Fitzpatrick. You can contact Congressman Fitzpatrick in the following ways.

- Call his local office at 215 579 8102
- Go on to his web site <https://fitzpatrick.house.gov/home> Then, click on the "Contact Brian" button.
- Write to Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick, 1717 Langhorne Newtown Road, Suite 225, Langhorne, PA 19047

WET UMBRELLAS

On wet days, some people continue to put wet umbrellas on the carpeted floor and wet coats over our fabric chairs....versus using our umbrella racks and coat closets. You would not put wet umbrellas on the carpeted floor of you homes or wet coats on fabric chairs in your own homes, why then our clubhouse?

ROOF NEWS

Check out the newest section in the Villas at Five Ponds website containing information about our upcoming roof replacements. Go to the "Residents Only" page and click on 2025 Roof Replacement Project to find the Lemus Construction materials from the recent community meeting. Additional details will be posted as we get closer to the project starting next year.

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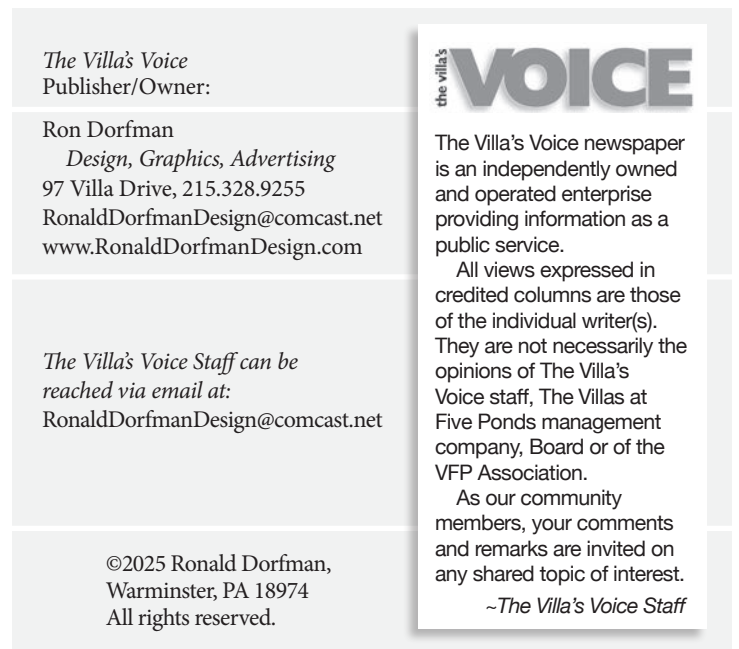


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As our community members, your comments and remarks are invited on any shared topic of interest.

~The Villa's Voice Staff

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RIVER OF DREAMS—A TRIBUTE TO THE MUSIC OF BILLY JOEL

FRIDAY JANUARY 24, 2025 \$25 P/P

- Clubhouse Multipurpose Room • Doors Open at 6:30 PM
- Show Begins at 7 PM • No Walk-Ins

River of Dreams faithfully recreates the sound and feel of Billy Joel's classic songs. Twelve albums with one hit song after another! When a live, six piece band performs these songs, it is magic. River of Dreams doesn't impersonate Billy Joel they honor his iconic sound and his unique place in music history. Spend an evening with the memories and magic of the music of Billy Joel through River of Dreams. For a preview go to: www.riverof-dreamsband.com

Enjoy two 45-minute sessions of live music with a 10 minute intermission. Refreshments will be served after the show. Completed slips and payments accepted until Friday January 17, 2025.



RIVER OF DREAMS—A Tribute to the Music of Billy Joel

Please return this completed slip and your non-refundable check payable to: The Villas at Five Ponds Social Committee

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ \$25.p/p

Name(s) _____

Phone or E-mail _____

Please place this completed slip and your payment in the bag on the door of Suzanne Yeager, 66 Villa Drive, 215-394-8157. Please do not place in the mailbox. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE! WEDNESDAY MARCH 12, 2025

Day Trips Committee & Mens Club are planning a trip to the **AMERICAN TREASURE TOUR MUSEUM** in Oaks, PA

Join us for
The Villas at Five Ponds
B-I-N-G-O NIGHT *NO WALK-INS!*
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH
6-9 PM
Hot Dogs, Soda, Snacks
for sale, 6-7 PM
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The Lunch Bunch Committee invites you to...

Winter Lunch AT THE VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS CLUBHOUSE

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 • 12:30 PM
Buffet style in the VFP Multipurpose Room

- Salad with Apples & Walnuts
- Pasta Parmesan Salad
- Italian bread
- Chicken Picata
- Meatballs
- Roasted Vegetable Lasagna
- Assorted Desserts including cannolis, cream puffs, eclairs
- Hot & Cold beverages
- Open Seating!

Please drop your non-refundable check of \$28 per person by **January 27, 2025** made payable to: The Villas of Five Ponds Social Committee to Sheryl Surkin, 39 Villa Drive.

Questions or concerns, Diane Polsky, 203-733-3929

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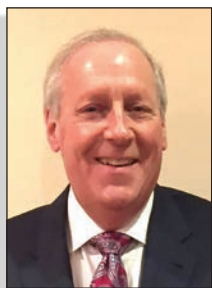


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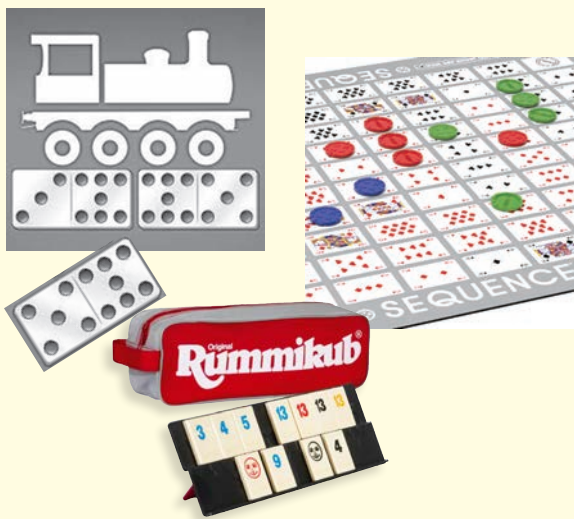


TABLE GAMES (DOMINOES, RUMMIKUB & SEQUENCE) AT FIVE PONDS EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

■ DONNA BESIGNANO

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS for a friendly, pickup game of either Rummikub, Mexican Train Dominoes or Sequence.

Don't know how to play? We'll teach you. Newbies always welcome. No stress, just fun!

We get together EVERY Thursday at 7 PM in the Clubhouse and play according to the following schedule:

- 1st & 3rd Thursdays—Mexican Train Dominoes
- 2nd & 4th Thursdays—Rummikub
- 5th Thursdays—Sequence OR Players Choice

(Check the calendar in *The Villa's Voice* for any changes to the regular schedule.)

For questions, call Donna Besignano 908-672-1092.

NOTE: If it is a Rummikub night and you have a game, please bring it along to make sure that we have enough.

FIVE PONDS SINGLES ■ MERRYL PELBERG

THE FIVE PONDS SINGLES are winding down 2024 with some fun activities. On November 8, a group of us went to the "Mystery Night" at the Cock n' Bull Restaurant in Lahaska. It was an '80s theme and some of our group dressed up in that mode. They looked great! While eating our dinner, the actors put on a murder mystery show that each table tried to solve. Well, lo and behold, one of our tables figured out who the murderer was. We couldn't believe it!!

We will be ending the year with a holiday luncheon at Cafe Barolo in Warrington on Wednesday, December 4. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 6:30 in the Clubhouse Multipurpose room. We will be planning our spring agenda at that meeting. New ideas for outings are always welcome.

I want to wish everyone a HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR! See you in 2025.

PING PONG PLAYERS WANTED! ■ JOE KWIATEK

PING PONG is played every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 2 to 3:30 PM in the Clubhouse Sports Lounge. Join us.

For information, talk to us in the Clubhouse while we play.

I ♥ PING PONG



JOIN US AT THE 5 PONDS KNITTING & CRAFTING GROUP

Are you creative? Can you read a pattern?

■ DONNA BESIGNANO

JOIN US on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of EACH month at 7 PM by the fireplace in the Multipurpose room of the Clubhouse.

(Check the calendar in *The Villa's Voice* for any changes to the regular schedule.)

Bring your own portable craft that you are working on and enjoy the friendship of the evening.

Questions? Call Donna Besignano 908-672-1092.

PROJECT LINUS GROUP PROJECT!

■ KATHY O'BRIEN

THIS FLEECE blanket was recently completed by our community volunteers for Project Linus.

It is so rewarding to provide security and comfort to children with this easy group project. We would love to have more neighbors join us! We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM in the Clubhouse. Questions? Call Kathy O'Brien, 215-674-4729.



FREE TAX PREPERATION FOR SENIORS at THE WARMINSTER LIBRARY

February 3, to APRIL 3, 2025.

SINCE 1968, AARP FOUNDATION Tax-Aide has provided free tax help to over 78 million taxpayers, with a focus on older adults with low to moderate income. Tax-Aide volunteers are trained and IRS-certified every year to make sure they know about and understand the latest changes and additions to the tax code.

TAX PREP RESERVATIONS: (Starting Monday, Jan 20th, 2025) Warminster Library, 1076 Emma Lane, 267-317-1333.

Please contact me with any questions or to volunteer: David Gilfor, davidgilfor@gmail.com, 72 Villa Drive, 215-205-6175.



Photo: Alyse Silverman

Ready to board the showtime bus was traveling trio (from left) Aileen Salus, Meryrl Pelberg and Rozzy Miller.

FIVE PONDS SINGLES

■ MERRYL PELBERG

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BEAUTIFUL NOIS(Y) TRAVELERS

A GROUP OF ABOUT 30 FIVE PONDS TRAVELERS went to center city's Forrest Theater on December 18th for a matinee performance of Neil Diamond's *A Beautiful Noise*. The show was excellent, with terrific seating and wonderful company throughout the trip.

Special thanks to community volunteers Reba Grossman and Barbara Kains for coordinating this very special event.

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Shuffleboard!

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JOIN THE WINTER SHUFFLEBOARD SEASON

DAVID GILFOR

SIGN-UPS FOR THE UPCOMING WINTER SEASON will take place in the clubhouse on Tuesday, January 7th at 5:30 PM. Random team assignments will be picked by the Shuffleboard committee on Thursday, January 9th at 5 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Anyone unable to make the January 9th sign-up, should reach out to Barry Moskovitz or David Gilfor to make your payment and be put on the schedule.

The fee for all regular team players will be \$10, and alternate/subs will be \$5. This will help cover operating costs plus the season ending awards banquet.

Starting times will remain the same 5.30, 6.15, and 7 PM. All games will still end at 25 points, with a 40 minute time limit. No time limit is used for tiebreaker or playoff games.

The upcoming 12-week schedule will begin on Monday, January 20th with tie-breaker and playoff games taking place mid-April.

Questions? Please contact: David Gilfor, davidgilfor@gmail.com or call 215-205-6175.



Photos: Ron Dorfman

Banquet recently held celebrating Fall 2024 champion team, Fran Foley & Renette Vincelette (above).

Brief Bites REVIEW

ANGELO'S ITALIAN KITCHEN

RON DORFMAN

MY FIRST VIST HERE was on a Wednesday night before the holidays. The parking lot was jammed and after finding a spot way in the back, I entered the former diner (by the front door) to find that the enlarged interior was immense. Plenty of seating taken up by numerous large parties.

The menu selection is vast, and the service understandably slow during peak times. Bread and water awaited us with a good dipping oil ready for the very firm, but acceptable crusty sliced bread. Grated cheese and dried hot peppers were brought to the table after a request. Drinks were ample and well poured. The menu selections were priced on the higher side of similar neighborhood Italian restaurants.

Meals were prepared to order, so dining time was, once again, extended. All of the entrées served at our table were enjoyable.

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TOYS FOR TOTS

MERRYL PELBERG

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE who so generously contributed to the Toys for Tots collection this year. We far exceeded our total from last year. Our contributions will certainly help to make the holidays happier for many children.

I want to especially thank Lorraine Incollingo for her help. The Villas at Five Ponds is certainly a very KIND and GENEROUS community!



Jake Samson works on the Data Science team at Aramark Sports & Entertainment after completing a Masters of Business Analytics with a Sports Business Concentration at Drexel University. Jake is the grandson of longtime residents Beverly and Larry Samson

THE YOUNG TALENT IN PHILADELPHIA

■ JAKE SAMSON, THE VILLA'S VOICE GUEST SPORTS REPORTER

EVEN THOUGH THERE MAY BE some rather aging “stars” that play for our Philadelphia sports teams, even the pessimistic Philly sports fans can agree that the front offices have nailed their drafts in recent years. Across all 4 sports, there are reasons to be optimistic even if the team’s current status may not be so positive!

Quinyon Mitchell. Mitchell is the first round draft pick for the Philadelphia Eagles in this past draft. Mitchell is currently the favorite to win rookie of the year after a fantastic 2024 campaign. He is a cornerback who played his high school football in Florida before playing college football at Toledo. A rare first round pick out of the a relatively minor conference, Mitchell has been shutting down stud receivers on all teams.

Cooper DeJean. Following suit, DeJean was the second round pick for the Birds in 2024. DeJean is just a flat out athlete from

Odebolt, Iowa He played his college football at the University of Iowa, and has made big plays for the Eagles throughout the season. DeJean plays cornerback, but also returns punts for Eagles as a young 21 year old.

Jared McCain. Despite what has been a miserable season for the 76ers, McCain has been a slam dunk of a pick in the most recent draft. He unfortunately tore his meniscus a couple of weeks ago, but beforehand, the 20 year old California kid was averaging 15 points per game before the injury. As I would say, McCain was a “bucket” (he scored a lot of points) at Duke, and after his freshman year, he traded his white/blue Duke jersey for one with red/white/blue.

Andrew Painter. I’m going out on a limb on this one. I’m putting my trust in Dave Dombrowski that this kid is the next stud pitcher for the Phillies. Painter is a 6 foot 7 inch 21 year old who was the 13th pick in the 2021 draft. He currently ranks as a Top 30 prospect in the entire MLB.

Matvei Michkov. After one year of Russian hockey post NHL draft, Michkov came over this year, and you can tell he was ready for the bright lights. The 5 10 175 pound 20 year old has been a bright spot for the Flyers with 51 points in 30 games. The Flyers are a team on the rise, and Michkov is right in the center of the rebirth.

Planes, Trains & Automobiles

VISITS



VISITING THE VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS during their 26 degree winter break from warm Los Angeles, California was Michael, Emmett & Maxwell Dorfman, shown above left with Voice editor Ron at the Christmas Walk in York PA, and right, at the Mutter Museum in Philadelphia. They used Planes, Trains and Automobiles for their 10-day adventure with numerous fun stops along the way.

2025 MAH JONGG CARDS TO BE AVAILABLE SOON!

TOBY KOLMAN is selling 2025 Mah Jongg cards— Standard Cards \$14; Large Print \$15. She will be collecting up until second week of December, 2024. A portion of the proceeds go to Cancer Research. Checks should be made out to: Marlyn Fein Chakov Cancer Chapter.

If interested, Please drop off money to her at 158 Fairway Dr., Phone: 267-872-3597, tobykolman233@gmail.com.



NEW WINTER AEROBICS CLASS

■ DEE DUGAN

OUR WINTER WATER AEROBICS CLASS at the Villas at Five Pond indoor pool, is available, beginning Tuesday, January 7, 2025 1:00–2:00 PM. \$65. Contact: Dee Dugan, 215-518-9113 or dolores45@icloud.com.



NEW CHAIR YOGA CLASS ■ SUE TONIK

WE HAVE A NEW FRIDAY SESSION of our Chair Yoga class beginning February 7th, and a new Monday session beginning January 27th from 10:30-11:30 AM in the clubhouse.

Please bring a check for \$65 made out to the instructor Joanne Amoroso on the first day of class.

If you have any questions please contact Sue Tonik at pepita5210@aol.com or 267-987-4059.

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Dave Reilly and Fran Folley at LaSalle's new arena.

"THE PHOTO ABOVE is of us at the LaSalle/Temple basketball game on November 31, 2024 in front of the tribute to Dave and Elvy's daughter, Ellen, the current Chairman of LaSalle for her work in generating construction funds for the new sports arena at LaSalle." ~FF

THE RHAWNURST-BUSTLETON AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, Inc. President Larry Nodiff is shown above with Mary Lou Nodiff.

A non-profit Community Ambulance since 1960, it is closing operations. \$1,065,000. has been donated on 12/11/2024 to the American Cancer Society in Philadelphia. Another \$600,000 will be donated when closing is completed.



Milestones, & Memories, & Messages

THIS SECTION features personal community messages, extended family notes, and special events. Your free listing is welcomed. Please provide information and/or photo via email by the 15th of the month preceding publication. Send to: RonaldDorfmanDesign@comcast.net



Thank You

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK all the people at Five Ponds who have helped me out or brought flowers and food while I'm recovering from hip surgery and given me rides to doctor appointments and physical therapy. People from the Singles group, Shuffleboard group, my Canasta instructors and Water Aerobics group have all sent best wishes and really helped me feel part of this wonderful community. Many thanks.

~ Carol Anderson

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DON'T MISS THIS EXCEPTIONAL MOVIE!

WHEN 93-YEAR-OLD THELMA POST gets duped by a phone scammer pretending to be her grandson, she sets out on a treacherous quest across the city with her friend, Ben, to reclaim what was taken from her. The film stars June Squibb who sets out to find the perpetrators with the help of her grandson, Fred Hechinger, and friend, Richard Roundtree, in his final role. Clark Gregg, Parker Posey, and Malcolm McDowell also star in the film. Released in 2024, *Thelma* is a true story based upon the experience of Josh Margolin, the director's grandmother.

Salt Lake Film Review says *"Overall, Thelma is easily one of the best films I've seen so far this year. June Squibb delights in every second of having a role finally worthy of all she always has done so well. Every performance is pitch perfect and the story is fast-paced and genuinely has something to say about what happens to a person as they age... There is so much vividly crafted truth and enormous love onscreen here, and you'd be a fool to miss it."*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 2025 at 7:30 PM

- Check-in begins at 7 PM • Movie begins promptly at 7:30 PM
- Refreshments will be served
- No Walk-Ins • Reservations Required
- **Deadline for reservations: Wednesday, February 19th**
- Cost: **\$3 per person**

T H E L M A

Please send your non-refundable payment made out to "Villas at Five Ponds Social Committee" along with this coupon to Karen Krieger, 52 Villa Drive.

Name _____ Phone _____

Number of people _____ Amount \$ _____

Questions? Karen Krieger, 917-545-7481 or kmskrieger@gmail.com

THE VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS
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COOKING CLUB HOLIDAY ■ CINDY WOLDOW

THE VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS COOKING CLUB held our Holiday themed event on December 3rd. The ladies were greeted by a 4' singing Santa. The group organizers wore Holiday Pajamas and flashing holiday tiaras. It was a culinary feast of favorite holiday dishes. We started off with delicious appetizers of dips, salads, meats and veggies. Our main dishes included, brisket with kasha and bow ties, latkas, salmon and chicken dishes, turkey and lasagna. Sides of sweet potato casseroles, molds and spinach dishes were scrumptious. Our table of decadent desserts included, ambrosia, pitzelles, cakes and cookies, left us filled to the gills!



VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS SHOWTIME luncheon group at The Deck before enjoying the performance of *Anastasia* at the Bucks County Playhouse on Wednesday, December 11th, 2024.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

■ AILEEN SALUS, CHAIR

ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS of the Social Committee, best wishes for a happy, healthy and peaceful new year to you and your loved ones.

Plans are under way for several events in the coming months, beginning with Bingo on Tuesday, January 14, 2025. Please get your check for \$15 per person, to Sam Feldman, 304 Clubhouse Lane. It's always a fun night beginning with hot dogs, soda, snacks and donuts; and the chance to win cash prizes.

On Friday, January 24 the Programs Club chaired by Kathy Lunde and Suzanne Yeager have scheduled a show called River of Dreams—A Tribute to the Music of Billy Joel. This is a 90-minute show with a brief intermission for refreshments.

Please get your check for \$25 made out to Villas at Five Ponds Social Committee, to Suzanne Yeager, 66 Villa Drive.

And on Wednesday, February 19 the Lunch Bunch is planning a buffet lunch in our clubhouse. Avoid the challenge of driving in bad weather and join your neighbors for an afternoon of good food and good company. Please see Penny Barenbaum, 160 Fairway Drive or Lorraine Incollingo, 207 Fairway Drive, with your check for \$28.

Tentative plans are underway to play Bunko on Friday evening January 31, 2025. Sam Feldman is planning a beginning group. Look for more information in the coming days.

Also, on Friday evening February 21 there will be a Movie Night, co-chaired by Anne Leskowitz, Sue and Ron Gordon. See more information on page 11 of this issue.



HELP IS AVAILABLE! ■ MARY LANGDON

IF YOU ARE RECOVERING from an illness or are home-bound we would like to help. Would you like a visit? Need errands run?

Please consider using Helping Hands. We have "Hands" ready to assist the needs of our residents. Contact Mary Langdon, 30 Villa Drive, 215-441-8093, edmaryl@verizon.net.

HELPING HANDS CLUB

■ MARY LANGDON, CHAIR

TO OUR NEIGHBORS who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary during the month of December, the Helping Hands Club of The Villas at Five Ponds wish you a happy day.

- GET WELL WISHES to Elvy Reilly.

Please tell us if you know of anyone who is ill/hospitalized, lost a loved one, or just needs a "helping hand."

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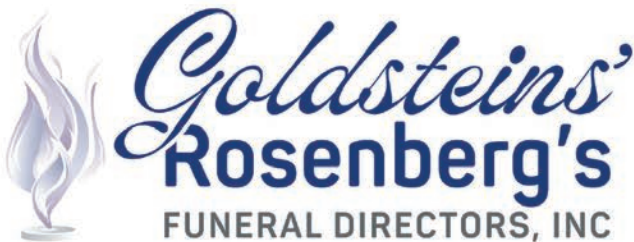
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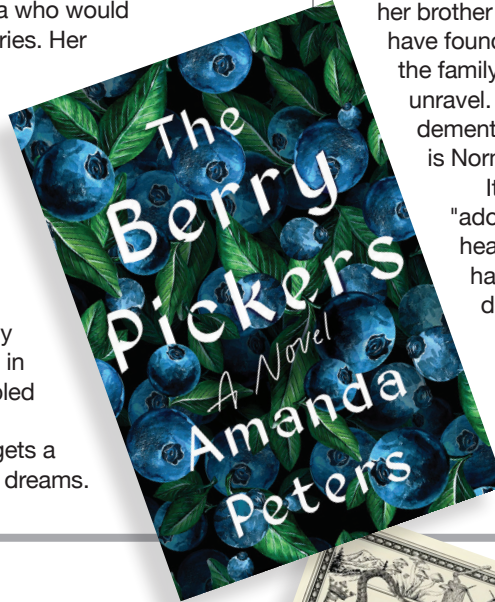
BY AMANDA PETERS

■ SHARYN POLSKY, BOOK REVIEWER

IN JULY, 1962 A FOUR-YEAR-OLD Mi'kmaq girl was berry picking in Maine with her family when she suddenly goes missing. They were indigenous people from Nova Scotia who would travel to Maine in the summer to pick berries. Her six-year-old brother, Joe, was the last one to see her. This incident affected Joe for the rest of his life.

The authorities did little to help the family find their missing child. They never gave up hope that they would find their daughter.

In Maine there is a young girl named Norma who grows up as the only child of an affluent family. Her father is emotionally distant. Her mother who has lost children in the past is overprotective. Norma is troubled by recurrent dreams that seem more like memories than imagination. Her mother gets a headache when ever she mentions these dreams.



There are no photographs that she is allowed to see. Her mother tells her they were destroyed in a fire. Her skin is darker than either her mother's or her father's. This is explained when her mother tells her that her grandfather was Italian.

The story is told from alternate perspectives of Norma and her brother Joe. Each have suffered tragedies in their life. Both have found love and lost it. Norma's intuition tells her that the family has secrets that she will spend 50 years trying to unravel. It is not until Norma's mother begins to suffer from dementia that some clues are revealed. Her sister, June, who is Norma's aunt, begins to fill in the missing details.

It was not unusual for white Christian families to "adopt" native American children to "save" them from a heathen life. Aunt June told Norma/Ruthie that her sister had herself convinced that Norma had been abandoned and that she saved her.

The story starts with four-year-old Ruthie and ends with Norma/Ruthie finally being reunited with her family after five decades. The story is tragic but at the same time uplifting as we trace the details of the of the trials and tribulations of the family she was separated from and ultimately finds again.

“DEMON COPPERHEAD”

BY BARBARA KINGSOLVER

■ BARBARA DAVIDSON, BOOK REVIEWER

OUTSTANDING AMERICAN WRITER, Barbara Kingsolver, once again exposes the shortfalls of society in her bow to Dicken's David Copperfield. Set in Virginia's mountains close to the Kentucky border, we meet the likable young Demon who is being raised by his single mother. She dies of an overdose. Having no family to turn to, Demon becomes a ward of the state called Social Services. The social workers are notoriously underpaid and underfunded. Often the many people who respond to take on the responsibility of a child are doing so because they are in need of cash. These factors add up to insufficient follow up and less than caring foster care.

Demon survives three placements, each more horrible than the last, when fate comes to his rescue. Demon has grown big, and he is also a fast runner. He has caught the attention of the football coach who is in need a running back. Just as the team is ready to



clinch a spot in the finals, Demon, their hope to secure a spot, is badly injured. The coach is not worried because he knows that the new pain killing drug oxycontin will get Demon back on the field in no time. This pain killer leads its victim down the road of drug dependency which swallows up all hope of doing anything but getting the next fix. It is his long road to recovery which is Demon's greatest challenge.

Barbara Kingsolver reminds the reader that so many advances in modern society turn out to be threats to humanity. She also points out that when the profit motive is involved, caution and principle are ignored. Kingsolver ultimately suggests that through strength of character and love, human beings are capable of pulling through even the deepest of troubles.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

UPCOMING 2025 HOLIDAY PLANNED CHANGES TO THE NORMAL TRASH SCHEDULE FOR VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS

1. No pick up on Wednesday, January 1, 2025 (New Years Day) our pick up day will be Thursday, January 2, 2025, to be put out at dusk the night before.
2. Because of Memorial Day, No pick up on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 our pick up day will be Thursday, May 29, 2025, to be put out at 6 PM the night before.
3. Because of Labor Day, No pick up on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 our pick up day will be Thursday, September 4, 2025, to be put out at 6 PM the night before.

These are the only PLANNED CHANGES from now through the year of 2025. Please designate on your calendars. Thank you

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Decorations and/or holiday lights associated with Christmas or Hanukkah may be installed and illuminated after November 15 and must be turned off and removed by January 15. Outdoor holiday lighting must be turned off by 12 AM. No lighting and/or decorations may be placed in the Common Elements except for Limited Common Areas if all adjoining and adjacent neighbors agree.

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 Gala Pops Fundraiser concert tickets are \$110, which includes dinner and the concert. There will be a silent auction, raffles, and beautiful themed baskets. A cash bar is available. Reservations are required and can be obtained by calling (908)505-5172. Please visit www.warminstersymphony.org for more information about all of the concerts.

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THE VILLAS AT FIVE PONDS COMMUNITY

Calendar

JANUARY 2025

■ AILEEN SALUS, (215-441-9339)

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