



Nevillewood Neighbors

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Did you know that this Newsletter is delivered to every address in Nevillewood? We reach over 400 homes! All Nevillewood Residents are members of Nevillewood Neighbors, which is an outreach committee of the Nevillewood Homeowners Association.

If you have a business or know of anyone who would like to help sponsor our newsletters please contact Linda Stengel.

CO-PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Hi Neighbors,

Hasn't the weather been delightful and the trees beautiful in Nevillewood as we head into the last of fall? Even though winter is just around the corner and our thoughts tend toward staying in, we hope you'll be enticed to enjoy a gala evening with **Black Tie Bingo** at The Club at Nevillewood on November 8th. Please help support the wonderful gem down the street in Carnegie, the **Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall**. This 1901 historic landmark and functioning library needs our help as interior restoration begins.

Also, mark your 2009 calendar for February 10th, and enjoy a Valentine afternoon at the new South Hills **Aqua Blue Spa** including cocktails, consultations and treatments!

On another note, the Board is seeking a

Nominating Chairperson to help us fill several officer positions. As well, a Special Events chair is needed. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Cindi at 412-249-8190.

Cherry Hill resident, Marilyn Townsend has challenged us to make Nevillewood "GREEN" so we're exploring the use of blue recycle bins. First, we want to hear your ideas and comments. Marilyn can be reached at 412-319-1087.

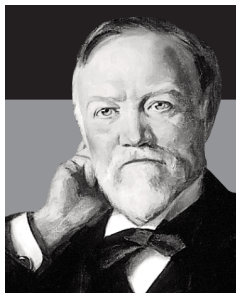
Best wishes to Liz Kapur, our Activities Chair, and her family as they relocate to New Jersey. As a founding member, we thank her for her many years of enthusiastic contributions to the Nevillewood Neighbors...she will be missed!

A final thought...make a difference... take time to vote on November 4th!

Cindi Hewitt and Sue Melcher
Co-Presidents, Nevillewood Neighbors

CORRECTION! Black Tie Bingo

Black Tie Bingo to benefit the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall will be held on Saturday, November 8th at 7pm at The Club at Nevillewood, **NOT** at the Library as originally reported.

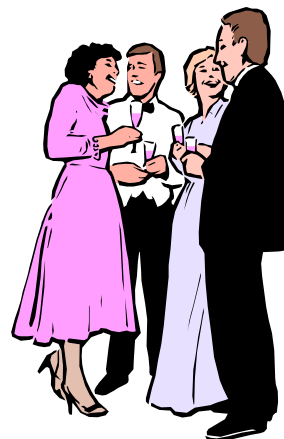


The cost is \$150 per person and includes a roving feast and ten bingo cards. Prizes will include (among many others) a Sydney Crosby autographed Penguins jersey, jewelry from Louis Anthony Jewelers and a \$10,000 grand prize.

For tickets or information, contact Maggie Forbes.
Welcome to our great community!!

New Nevillewood Neighbors!!

Members of the Nevillewood Neighbors Board and the Street Captains, along with the Club at Nevillewood, would like to invite you to a Happy Hour at the Club on Saturday, November 15th from 7- 8pm. Enjoy drinks and snacks while getting to know some 'old' neighbors. Please contact Janice States by November 9th to RSVP. Looking forward to meeting you.



Access the newsletter online at www.nevillewoodhomeowners.com

Lessons Learned From Recent Market Volatility



By Ruth A. Forsyth, MS, CFP, CSA

- 1) Nothing goes up forever!** That includes stocks and real estate. Much that is occurring in the markets today is based on that unrealistic expectation. Don't take on more risk than you can handle!
- 2) Don't try to time the market!** The S&P 500 was down 12.8% (excluding dividends) from January 1st through June 30th of this year. Missing the 5 best days in the market during that time period would have caused you to have experienced a loss of 26%. (Capital Research & Management)
- 3) Diversification can help!** Be sure that your portfolio is properly allocated between stocks, bonds, cash and hard assets. How much of each asset class is appropriate for you depends on your time horizon, objective and risk tolerance.
- 4) Sometimes cash is king!** Sufficient cash reserves allow you to stay fully invested in volatile markets so that you don't find yourself in the position of being forced to sell when prices are down.
- 5) Don't be afraid to ask for a second opinion!** If you are concerned that your investments are not appropriate for you, ask for advice.

For more information contact Ruth
Visit www.advisorsgroup-pgh.com

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COMMUNITY PROFILE: DAVE BROSKY AND THE CARNEGIE-COLLIER ROTARY by Anne Picone

Change is in the air in our community! The new president of the Carnegie-Collier Rotary is Carnegie attorney, Dave Brosky. This year the Rotary has expanded to include the Collier as well as Carnegie communities. The local branch, chartered in 1924, provides support and funding to many local organizations and charities.



Reflecting the Pittsburgh sense of community, Dave, with local business and professional men and women, leads the Rotary in its service to such groups as Meals on Wheels, the Boys and Girls Club and the local food bank. One of the Rotary's main commitments is literacy, including adult literacy and the local Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall.

A 1978 graduate of Chartier's Valley High School, Dave still proudly cheers, "Go Colts!" A University of Pittsburgh magna cum laude and ROTC graduate, Dave continued onto Pitt's Law School. He became a JAG attorney as an Air Force Captain. After corporate law, Dave returned to his roots in 1985, setting up a solo, private practice in Carnegie. Dave's legal focus is small business, personal injury and employee benefits.

The same sense of service he brings to his business is what drew Dave to the Rotary. Following Rotary's prescribed leadership path, in his first year he served as secretary, his second as vice-president and now, since July, he has served as president. As one of his goals, Dave hopes to extend membership into Collier Township.

Dave believes that experience with Rotary allows "talented and bright people the opportunity to get together, pool skills and benefit the community as a whole, besides building life-long friendships." This philosophy is carried out every Thursday at noon at the Nevillewood Country Club for the Rotary's weekly lunch and meeting. Furthermore, the local Rotary hosts its major fundraiser, "The Big Event" at Montour Country Club to support its many local charities.

There is an informative new brochure describing the mission and responsibilities of Rotary members. To learn more, go to www.carnegie-collierrotary.org or call Cindi Hewitt to meet for a complementary Rotary lunch.

Attention Homeowners - Defective Shingles!

A significant shingle failure is currently affecting or will affect over 50 Nevillewood homes in the Nevillewood community.

Nevillewood homes built in the early to mid-1990's that were roofed with a specific Certainteed manufactured shingle are in jeopardy of substantial materials failure including curling, cracking and degranulation. This rapid deterioration will result in serious damage within your home by water and mold.

There are three courses of action that can be taken, which will ultimately result in a positive resolution for Nevillewood homeowners.

Option A: You may individually open a warranty claim with the manufacturer and negotiate your own settlement;

Option B: You may join a class action lawsuit to defend your claim and negotiate a group settlement;

Option C: A group of homeowners led by Burns & Scalco with its excellent relationship with Certainteed, could achieve more than any one homeowner alone.

A "town-hall" meeting is being arranged to discuss this serious matter and to go into as much detail as necessary to help you fully understand this serious issue. Mark your calendars: Wednesday October 29th, 7 pm at The Club. We encourage you to attend this meeting.

Summarized from Jack Scalco, President, Burns & Scalco Roofing, & Nevillewood resident since 1992

INTEREST GROUPS

A Final Note...A New Beginning...

Dear Nevillewood Neighbors, WOW!! What a dynamic community we've been blessed to live in. There's lots of love, laughter and great neighbors all around.

Thank you for sharing your lives with our family - we're gonna miss this place. And thank you especially to our Board, supporting cast and all our great Interest Group leaders, who make this community what it is today.

If you haven't joined one yet, we hope you partake in getting to know your neighbors through all the interest groups that surround you here.

So, let me now introduce to you your new Interest Group Chair, Pat Hartman. You may reach her at Pathartman41@comcast.net, if you would like to start an interest group or want to hook up with one.

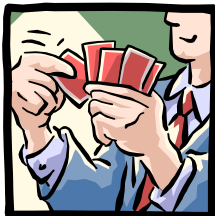
In the meantime, we're headed to Sparta, New Jersey on another new adventure. We hope to find neighbors even half as kind as you have been to us. And, my family and I feel honored to have been a part of it all. Thank you - this is a place we've always been proud to call home.

Our best to you and your families. Now don't forget to join an interest group or two - these people are worth knowing.

Liz Kapur, Interest Group Chair

Poker Club

We meet every other Thursday night, (*usually the 1st and 3rd*) from 8pm to 11pm sharp at various Nevillewood homes. E-mail Joe Blattner to



sign up and be included in the e-mails for Poker Club.

Gourmet Dinner Group

In the spirit of Election Day 2008, Sue and Ray Melcher are hosting the Gourmet Dinner Group to A Presidential Affair/State Dinner on Saturday, November 1. The State Dinner menu will include "Teddy Roosevelt's Classic Roasted Turkey", "Andrew Johnson's Cider Butternut Squash Soup", "Herbert Hoover's Sweet Potato Apple Scallop" and "Millard Fillmore's Sherried Mushroom Strudel".

If you have an interest in meeting new neighbors and enjoying good food, we would love for you to join us. Dinner parties are hosted on the first Saturday evening of February, May, August, and November. Please contact Connie Cesario if you would like more information.

Look for great recipes from the most recent Gourmet Dinners in future issues!

Book Club

Please call the host if you plan to attend.

Fall book selections will include:

- November 10, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See, hosted by Sue Harford.
- December 8, *Three Cups of Tea*, Greg Mortenson and Dave Relin, hosted by Janet Palka.

Chick Flicks

Escape for a night out with the girls. See a movie then enjoy coffee and dessert at a nearby restaurant. Typically, movie night has been either the 3rd or 4th Tuesday evening of the month depending on how the holidays fall. Mark your calendars for November 18, December 16 and January 20. E-mails are sent out the weekend before suggesting movie choices,

times, locations and where we might gather after the movie. Contact Leslie if you have any questions or would like to be added to the contact list. See you at the movies!

Dining Out

Help fight your Winter Blues by joining your Nevillewood Neighbors on FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2009, at WRIGHTS SEAFOOD for Drinks and Dinner. We will make our own "Happy Hour" at 6pm and dine at 7pm Let us know your plans by January 5 by e-mailing Lois Krash to say you'll be attending. Hope to see you next year at our first outing of 2009.



Moms/Dads n' Babies

Hi Everyone, we have put together a fun little play group. Thank you to all of our moms and kids! We will resume activities in the Spring. Have a great Autumn and Winter! If you are interested in participating in future play groups, please contact Vanessa Silberman.

Recycling News!

Recycling is mandatory in Collier Township!!

Recyclable Items:

Aluminum and Bi-Metal Cans, Clear, Green and Brown Glass, #1-6 Plastics, Newsprint

Non-Recyclable Items: Cardboard, Phonebooks



Development of Hilltop Park

As many of you know, there is a feasibility study currently on the table in Collier Township for the development of Hilltop Park as part of a Comprehensive Recreation, Park and Open Space Plan. Hilltop Park extends from Cherry Hill along Hilltop Road, across from the townhomes at Oakhill, to down around the 'big bend' on Collier Street.

Based on the analysis to date, the total amount of the property that could be developed with recreational facilities and support amenities is about twenty to twenty-five acres or approximately 45% of the park. Current analysis plans suggest that this property could very well meet the Township's need for a community park.

The park could include two or three ball fields (soccer and baseball) a dog park, several picnic shelters, various sports courts, an outdoor amphitheater, a playground, walking trails, support facilities, and perhaps a Community Center, together with parking and access from Hilltop Road.

If you would be interested in learning more about this ongoing study, and contributing your ideas and/or possible concerns about the impact on our neighborhood (i.e. traffic, noise, lights, etc.), please plan on attending the next meeting on Monday, November 10, 2008, at 6:30pm, in the Collier Township Municipal Building.

Should you wish to get updated information on the Park's progress, please visit the website at:

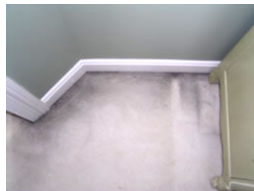
- www.pashekla.com
- Double Click on Client Workspace
- Login: Collier
- Password: Recreation

For more information, contact Cindi Hewitt, Park & Recreation Study .



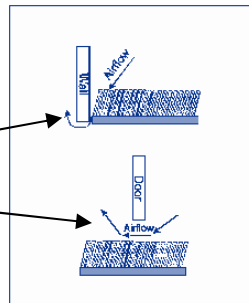
Special Report on Filtration Soiling

Filtration Soiling: Those ugly black lines around the baseboards and under doorways.



If you have light colored carpet, you may have experienced dark lines along baseboards, under doors, and especially near the HVAC return.

This soiling comes from air passing through the edge of the carpet pile at points where there is a small gap between the wall and the subfloor and under doorways.



What causes the air to pass there? Your home is pressurized and when the furnace or air conditioner turns on, air will travel over its easiest access, so atmospheric particles of soil are deposited at these points (hence the term filtration soiling). This occurs over

a significant period of time and is not noticed until a build up has occurred.

This type of soiling is difficult to remove because the soil particles are so fine that they penetrate deep into the carpet pile, sometimes into the backing of the carpet. Can it be removed? Sometimes. With our specialty cleaning products, time and effort, we can achieve reasonable results.

To help reduce filtration soiling in the future, vacuum the edges of the carpeting on a regular basis, then wipe with a damp, white terry towel. Be careful around the tackstrip located under the edge of the carpeting, you could nick your fingers!



By Frank Capezio,
Owner of
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November 2008

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | Gourmet Dinner Group 1  |
| 2 | <i>Teacher's Inservice—No School</i> 3 | Election Day 4  | <i>Primary School PTG Meeting 7pm</i> 5 | Poker Night 9—11pm 6 | <i>Act 80 - K-5 Parent Conferences—No Elementary School</i> 7 | Black Tie Bingo 8  |
| 9 | Book Club Snow Flower and the Secret Fan 10 | Veterans' Day 11  <i>NN Board Meeting 7:30pm</i> | <i>Int. School PTG Meeting 7pm</i> 12 <i>HS Fall Play 7:30pm</i> | <i>Mid. School PTG Meeting 7pm</i> 13 <i>HS Fall Play 7:30pm</i> | <i>HS Fall Play 7:30pm</i> 14 | <i>HS Fall Play 7:30pm</i> 15 |
| 16 | 17 | Chick Flicks 18 | 19 | Poker Night 9—11pm 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | <i>School Board Meeting 7pm</i> 25 | 26 | Thanksgiving Day 27  <i>Thanksgiving Recess—No School</i> | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | | | | | | |

December 2008

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 <i>Thanksgiving Recess—No School</i> | <i>Act 80—2 Hour Delay</i> 2 | 3 | Poker Night 9—11pm 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | Book Club Three Cups... School Board Meeting 7pm 8 | <i>NN Board Meeting 7:30pm</i> 9 | <i>HS/MS Holiday Chorus Concert 7pm</i> 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | Chick Flicks 16 | 17 | Poker Night 9—11pm 18 <i>MS Band and Orchestra Holiday Concert 7pm</i> | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | Hanukkah 22  | 23 | 24 | Christmas Day 25  | Kwanzaa 26  | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | <i>Winter Recess—No School</i> | | | |
| | | | New Year's Eve 31  | | | |
| | <i>Winter Recess—No School</i> | | | | | |

Information in italics refers to Chartiers Valley School District's Calendar
Bold refers to Nevillewood Neighborhood

Nevillewood Neighbors Directory Information

Updates to the Nevillewood Neighbors Directory will be made before year-end.

All neighbors currently listed in the Directory are asked to review their information. If there are no changes to be made – **DO NOTHING. Anyone wishing to make changes and/or review their information should contact Barb Addy. Any new/existing resident (not currently in the directory) wishing to be added to the directory should fill out the NN Directory Form in this newsletter and send the information to Barb Addy.** Please note that only those residents who have authorized the publication of their information are printed in the directory.

Should anyone have any additional directory-related questions or suggestions, please contact Barb Addy.

Use the following form to add yourself to the directory or to update your existing entry.

NEVILLEWOOD NEIGHBORS DIRECTORY FORM

Please circle one of the following below:

New Neighbor Update Correction

Family Name _____
Address _____

Home Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

First Name _____ Birth Date(M/D) _____

Employer _____

Work Phone _____

First Name _____ Birth Date(M/D) _____

Employer _____

Work Phone _____

Children/Birth Dates (living in residence)

***Attach more names on separate sheet if necessary.**

Name _____ Birth Date(M/D) _____

Name _____ Birth Date(M/D) _____

Name _____ Birth Date(M/D) _____

I give my permission for this information to be printed in the directory.
(circle one)
Yes No

Name _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return form to:
Barb Addy

Strategies for Selling a Vacant Home



**By Jo Ann Robb,
Certified Fine Home Specialist**

As the real estate market stabilizes, sellers may find that their property remains on the market significantly longer than the days of "list today, sold tomorrow." So, it can be frustrating if you need to move quickly and leave your unsold home vacant.

Besides creating a marketing challenge, a vacant home can also be a target for vandalism. Here are some strategies you can use to hasten a sale and protect your property:

An empty room tends to look smaller than a furnished room. So, leave behind a few select pieces of furniture and keep the window treatments in place. A chair or lamp on a small table will confer a sense of scale and help potential buyers gauge whether their furniture will fit the space.

Have the house cleaned and painted. Furniture, rugs and decorations tend to hide imperfections. When furniture and artwork have been removed, every blemish becomes accentuated, faded paint and wallpaper become more noticeable and scratches and nicks stand out.

Repaint brightly and boldly colored rooms a neutral tone. What was an eye-popping room when fully furnished may appear outlandish and could convey the wrong impression as buyers try to visualize their furniture in the room.

Hire someone to cut the grass regularly. During winter months, arrange to have snow shoveled from the walks and driveway.

Leave the utilities connected. Depending on the season, make sure the thermostat is set at a comfortable level. You don't want a potential buyer to rush through the home because it is too hot or cold.

Find a real estate professional with experience selling vacant houses. Often, these sales professionals specialize in relocation. If you will be residing in another town, come up with an agreement on how often your representative will check on the home and what should be done if a problem develops.

**For more information contact
JoAnn**



Street Captain Corner

Welcome all new residents to our beautiful community! Each street has one or more street captains that are here to help you become adjusted to your new surroundings.

The Nevillewood Neighbors would also like to welcome several new street captains:

- Renee Muscatella-Carnoustie
- Bonnie Krensavage Smith-English Turn
- Maria Koter-Pinehurst
- Vicki Prion-St. Andrews
- Carol Lidiak-Cherry Hill
- Denise Brown-Normandy Court

Thank you to all street captains for helping to create a warm, friendly feeling in Nevillewood!

If you have any questions or would like to become a Street Captain, please contact our Street Captain Chairpersons:

Janet Hough

Janice States

We prefer to have at least 2-3 street captains on each street. All are welcome to join!

Your Street Captains

| Street | Name | e-mail Address |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Annandale | Gayle D'Alessandro | |
| Annandale | Pat Powell | |
| Annandale | Brenda Shirey | |
| Annandale | Janice States | |
| Breckenridge | Angie Dietrick | |
| Breckenridge | Janet Hough | |
| Carnoustie | Maureen Golupski | |
| Carnoustie | Renee Muscatella | |
| Cherry Hill | Carol Lidiak | |
| Cherry Hill | Janet Palka | |
| Cherry Hill | Marilyn Townsend | |
| Crown Place | Sharon Skittle | |
| English Turn | Sam Swider | |
| English Turn | Bonnie Krensavage Smith | |
| Glen Abbey | Pam Handlovitch | |
| Meridian | Ruth Mihm | |
| Meridian | Sam Swider | |
| Muirfield | Diane Moore | |
| Muirfield | Sue Cunningham | |
| Normandy | Denise Brown | |
| Oak Hill | Barb Conroy | |
| Oak Hill | Mary Popeck | |
| Pinehurst | Maria Koter | |
| Pinehurst | Beth Reiff | |
| Sherwood Court | Brenda Lilly | |
| Sherwood Court | Kathy Meehan | |
| Sherwood Drive | Debbie Hudak | |
| St. Andrews | Vicki Prion | |
| St. Andrews | Tina Mendicino | |
| St. Mellian | Ruth Forsyth | |
| St. Mellian | Ellen Thomeier | |
| Turnberry | Jane Blattner | |
| Williamsburg | Sue Prezioso | |
| Woodhall | Beth Eckenrode | |
| Woodhall | Terri Pisula | |

Sitter of Sorts

Nevillewood Neighbors would like to offer a special list to residents. We are compiling a list of people who are willing to baby sit, dog sit, plant sit, house sit, etc. This list will only be distributed to those who request it to obtain any of these services.



Please call Maureen "Mo" Golupski if you would like to be listed as a sitter.



Nevillewood Neighbors

Or Current Resident

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| Monday Night Pete Hewlett & Scott Anderson | Tuesday Night Pasta Night \$6.00 for Lunch \$12.00 for Dinner |
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| Wednesday Night \$5 Martinis 1/2 Price Appetizers Andrea Pearl | Thursday Night Crab Legs \$10 a pound |
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| Sun. 11am-9pm |

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