

# FERNLEIGH FOCUS

association

payments are initiated on or around the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month from their

January 2012

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bank accounts, while some elect from their bank websites an electronic payment to be made on their designated date. For the latter, some banks still distribute a physical check (as opposed to a true ACH-payment), which leaves your payments vulnerable to the whims of the postal office delivery system. If you elect to make your payments with this method, please be sure to schedule the arrival of your payments by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. This will allow adequate time for postal delivery delays, and ensure payment is received by the grace period of the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Fernleigh Board of Directors:

Charles (Bob) Marshall, President  
John Stanger, Secretary  
Lee Wojnowski, Treasurer  
Lawrence (Lanny) McLaughlin,  
Vice President  
Tom Hernon, Member at Large

Treasurer's Comments-

Attached you will find Fernleigh's P+L Statement for 12 months ending 12/31/2011.

Summary:

2011 Net Operating	
Fund Income/ (loss)	+\$16,127
Total overall operating fund	+\$12,827
Total Reserve Fund	+\$694,961

Wentworth Property Manager-

**Monthly Association Dues-**

Many homeowners make use of our Direct Debit Program, in which monthly

Waste Management Trash Pickup-

Trash and recyclables will be picked up every Tuesday with the following exceptions:

- Memorial Day- Pickup Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup>
- Labor Day- Pickup Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Day- Pickup Wednesday December 26<sup>th</sup>
- New Year's Day- Pickup Wednesday January 2<sup>nd</sup>

Please be sure all trash cans and recyclables are secured so as not to blow around the neighborhood.

### **Schuylkill Township Area History-**

As early as 1758 there was a long 2-story house at the intersection of Rt. 23 and Rt. 252. Standing at the time of the Valley Forge encampment in 1777, the original building was said to be the Bake House for the Continental Army. During the encampment, bread was probably baked at this general location for the use of those quartered at or near Washington's Headquarters. But the house had in no way served as a central bakery for the whole Continental Army, nor were there ovens in the cellar.

By 1840 industrial development was introduced to Valley Forge, and Charles Rogers, who gained title to 113 acres, opened a cotton mill. In 1854 Charles Rogers converted the building to a Victorian residence with a two story front porch, intricate iron work, and cupola.

In 1868 Sarah Shaw purchased the home from Charles Rogers and opened the Washington Inn. After closing the Washington Inn, the park service restored the Inn to its original colonial appearance under the direction of architect George Edwin Brumbaugh in 1947. At that time it was named the Bake House, later renamed the Colonel Dewees Mansion, and finally given the current name of the David Potts House.

In 1952 it became the administrative headquarters for the park service. It was left empty in 1978 when the National Park Service opened the current visitors' center.



The original photo (circa 1939) depicts the Washington Inn at Valley Forge. The Washington Inn operated from 1868 until 1942.



This photo depicts the home as it is today.

*Courtesy -Historical Society Phoenixville Area*