

# FERNLEIGH FOCUS

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Fernleigh Board of Directors:

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

Treasurer's Comments-

Attached you will find Fernleigh's P+L Statement for 9 months ending 9/30/2011. Summary:

2011 Net Operating	
Fund Income/ (loss)	+\$8,862
Total overall operating fund	+\$5,563
Total Reserve Fund	+\$671,589

Wentworth Property Manager-

**Monthly Association Dues-**

Many homeowners make use of our Direct Debit Program, in which monthly association payments are initiated on or around the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month from their 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.

**Schuylkill Twp. Pet Ordinance-** It is unlawful for any person to permit any animal to run at large upon any public thoroughfare, any public ground, or on any private property other than that of the owner. Owners are responsible for immediately removing and properly disposing of all animal excreta from any public property or any private property other than that of the animal's owner. Persons experiencing problems with animals should contact the Police Department. Additional information on Pennsylvania law regarding dogs is available at: <http://www.schuylkilltwp.com/DogLaws.pdf>

**Waste Management FACTs -**

In addition to putting out up to seven (7) trash bags for trash pickup each week, Fernleigh residents are entitled to one free bulk pick up item per month. **To schedule this, please call: 1-800-932-2232. Give them Fernleigh's account number: 977-12111, and schedule your pick up.** Excluded from this service are: anything containing Freon, tires, car batteries, animal carcasses, insecticides and pesticides. Also note that Fernleigh participates in 'single stream recycling', where separation of recyclables is not needed.

Block Party-

Fernleigh's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Block party was held on Sunday, September 11, 2011. Weather proved to be good and we had a good turnout.

Golf Tournament and BBQ Picnic-

The annual Fernleigh/Coldstream Golf Outing was held on Monday, September 19, 2011 at Phoenixville Country Club. Approximately 60 Fernleigh/Coldstream Crossing golfers teed off at noon. A first class BBQ was held immediately after golf at the club.

**Golf Tournament results-**

Community competition went to Coldstream Crossing. Fernleigh has vowed to bring the cup home next year.

### **2011 Holiday Party-**

Plans are being finalized for the Fernleigh Holiday Party to be held December 4<sup>th</sup> at Phoenixville Country Club. Please mark your calendar. More details to follow. The Annual Election Meeting will be held on Wed. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Homeowner Door Maintenance Tip-**

Door/window maintenance is homeowner responsibility. Here are some tips that homeowners (or their handyman) can do to ensure a weather resistant door. (See reference pictures attached).

A. Caulk (clear) outside of sidelight frames. A driving rain allows water to infiltrate if not caulked.

B. Check condition and fit of door bottom (sweep). Should not be torn or cracked and should have good coverage over oak threshold saddle.

C. Foam corner pads installed to stop air and water leaks.

D. Caulk (clear) ends and under aluminum threshold.

All of these tips can be accomplished by the homeowner or a handyman. Many doors do not have a roof overhang and therefore are prone to water infiltration.

### **A+L Committee News- Dave Garlick, Chairperson**

1. Please do not walk your dogs close to individual homes. Pick up all dog waste. Dogs must be leashed. Violators will be fined.

2. In preparation for the winter please cut back any perennials you may have planted in the foundation/mailbox beds.

3. Those of you on the “No Prune List” should have pruned/trimmed the shrubs in your limited common area (foundation beds).

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

#### **Williams Corner Bridge-**

Named Williams Corner for a General Store and Post Office operated by Benjamin

Williams, the intersection of White Horse and Pothouse Roads has had a bridge across the Pickering Creek since 1832. The covered bridge stood from 1832 to 1927 when it was replaced by a concrete bridge. From 1910 to 1923 the Phoenixville Valley Forge & Strafford Electric Railway ran from Phoenixville to an amusement park on Valley Park Road. The tracks ran alongside the covered bridge.

After 94 years the concrete bridge, once owned by Chester County and known as bridge #174, was replaced this year.

White Horse Road was closed May 17, 2010 between Yellow Springs and Pothouse Roads in Schuylkill Township, Chester County, for the replacement of the structurally deficient three-span reinforced concrete bridge with a new three-span concrete bridge. PennDot’s new bridge is 36 feet wide and 129 feet long and it carries Pennsylvania Bicycle Route S. The old bridge was built in 1927 and was 24 feet wide and 120 feet long. It carried 5,332 vehicles a day when it closed. The old bridge was posted with an 18-ton weight limit.



Williams Corner covered bridge 1832  
North from Whitehorse

Road



Williams Corner new bridge 2011  
North from Whitehorse Road

*Courtesy -Historical Society Phoenixville Area*



