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Movie Nite: Wall-E Social Committee Hosts Event



On June 13, 2009 Lot 12 was the gathering place for the movie Wall-E. Again, Mike and Marilyn Katterjohn provided the screen, audio and projection equipment and the video. Trudi Tooke and Amy Campbell of the social committee provided the snacks and refreshments. The Tookes also provided the venue. A karaoke session followed the movie. The Deerfield Village community thanks Mike, Marilyn, Trudi, Amy and Jan Tooke for your support and assistance to make another very successful and entertaining event.

History Lesson: Chesapeake and Ohio Canal

[nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov/)

National Park Service
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The Chesapeake and Ohio (C&O) canal is a very scenic and historic trail used by bikers, runners, campers and walkers. Tree branches over-arch the trail creating a natural shade to cool recreationalist. Campers have ready access to fishing on the Potomac and the beauty of the surrounding area. The canal and trail is maintained by the National Park Service and stretches about 185 miles from Cumberland Maryland to Washington DC.



The C&O Company was chartered in 1825 to construct a shipping canal connecting tidewater on the Potomac River in DC with the headwaters of the Ohio River in western Pennsylvania, thereby providing an economical trade route between the eastern seaboard and the trans-Allegheny West. The company acquired the rights of the Potomac Company, formed by George Washington and associates to improve navigation on the Potomac. That venture had attempted to achieve its objective by deepening the channel and cutting skirting canals around impassable rapids, but the flow of the river proved too erratic to make these measures successful. This experience led C&O promoters to adopt plans for a separate canal paralleling the river. President John Quincy Adams turned the first spade full of earth in ceremonies at Little Falls, Maryland, on July 4, 1828. On the same day, construction of the Baltimore and Ohio (B & O) Railroad westward from Baltimore began - a move that would have significant implications for the ultimate fate of the canal and the canal era generally.

From the start, numerous difficulties retarded the progress of the canal construction. An acute labor shortage forced the company to campaign for workers from other states. Numerous disputes arose with landowners that resisted efforts to purchase the right-of-way. Between 1842 and 1847, construction was at a standstill. The canal was finally completed to Cumberland, Maryland, in 1850, bringing the total cost of the project to over \$11 million.

During the years following the Civil War, the coal trade increased rapidly until in 1871, the peak year, some 850,000 tons were carried down the canal. During these few profitable years more than 500 boats were in frequent operation on the canal. In the late 1870s the canal trade began to decline as many of the Allegheny coal operators began to ship over the B&O Railroad, the canal's greatest competitor. This development, together with the effects of the nationwide economic depression in the mid-1870s and major floods in 1877 and 1886, again put a severe strain on the finances. In 1889 an enormous flood forced the canal company into receivership, and the B&O Railroad emerged as the majority owner of the company's bonds. In 1924, by which time the railroad had captured almost all of the carrying trade, another damaging flood struck. This time the repairs necessary to resume operation were not made, and the active era of the canal came to an end.

In 1938 the railroad, hurt by the Depression, sold the entire canal to the United States government, and the canal was placed under the National Park Service. In 1961, President Eisenhower proclaimed it a national monument. An act of Congress in 1971 authorized the acquisition of additional land and establishment of the C&O Canal National Historical Park.

The canal survives as an excellent illustration of 19th-century canal-building technology. The magnitude of the engineering achievement is exemplified by the length of the canal, its 74 lift locks to accommodate a rise of 605 feet, the 11 stone aqueducts spanning the major Potomac tributaries, 7 dams supplying water to the canal, hundreds of culverts carrying roads and streams beneath the canal, and a 3,117-foot tunnel carrying the canal through a large shale rock formation.

Take every opportunity to enjoy this jewel near Deerfield Village.



Reminder: Freedom's Run

Scheduled for October 3, 2009, the Freedom's Run Events will allow runners and walkers to explore our land in events ranging from a challenging and scenic marathon connecting National Parks of great consequence-Harpers Ferry, the C&O Canal, and Antietam Battlefield; a half marathon winding through the Antietam story and connecting to the C&O; a 5k and 10k crossing the Potomac on the Rumsey Bridge and coursing the C&O; a kids/family fun run touring historic Shepherdstown. All runners and walkers experience a thrilling finish on the football field of Shepherd University.

Deerfield is looking for volunteers

Deerfield Village would like to sponsor an aid station table for the Freedom's Run. About six

to ten people are needed to run the station throughout the day. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Amy Campbell at 304-876-1602.

Continue Training

<http://www.freedomrun.org/Default.aspx>

A Natural Barrier: Why Pay for a Fence?



On May 16, 2009, about 14 Deerfield Village Homeowners gathered to move bundles of limbs pruned from the apple trees to create a natural barrier separating the eastside of Deerfield Village and the neighboring farm. This seemed like a logical approach to disposing the limbs, thwarting the purchase of a fence and maintaining the natural beauty of the community along that portion of the walking trail. It has been observed that the dogs that live at the farm no longer frequent the Deerfield property attributable, in part to the creation of the barrier. It is anticipated that vines and overgrowth such as honeysuckle will assist in concealing the branches, providing a much more natural appearance. The Deerfield Village community thanks Betinna and Paul Maher, Jimmy Williamson, Paul Wilmoth, Jim Bauer, Tom Miller, Cameron, Tudi and Jan Tooke, Debbie and John Crouse, Steve and Amy Campbell and Chris Phaire for donating their time to create this barrier.



Mower has a Home Board Purchases Mini Barn



For about two to three years during each mowing season, the Deerfield Village mower has been stored in a tent in the orchard located near Deerfield Village drive. The tent has been deteriorating over the years and the mower has been moved to D.L. Lewis' shop for storage in the winter, thereby increasing their liability. It was decided to pursue a more permanent structure. Because limited snow-removal was required during the winter of 2008, the community had extra funds from the snow-removal budget to purchase a mini barn from Arden Garden Equipment at a reduced rate. A location for the barn was selected by the Streets and Grounds Committee and the location was voted and approved by the Board of Directors on July 2, 2009. A permit was secured from Jefferson County and the mini barn was installed on August 11, 2009.

Board Meetings Summarizing them

May 2009:

- Approval of the Covenant changes for legal services;
- Consider deciding to join the Jefferson County Organization of Homeowners Association next year;
- Maintaining electronic documents associated with POA business;
- Mowing areas and mower maintenance;

- Date set for moving Tree limbs; and
- Permit for the DV storage shed.

June 2009 (meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum):

July 2009:

- Installing "Picking up Dog Waste" signs
- Spraying of the trail;
- Recording covenant changes in the deed book at the court house; and
- Discussion and approval of the shed location.

The minutes to the meetings are located on the Deerfield Village Website at:

<http://www.deerfieldvillagewv.org/board-meeting-minutes/>

If you have any questions on any of the meetings, please contact a Board of Director.

Recipes:

I'm hungry:

Dark Chocolate Moulton Cake

Ingredients

- 6 ounces BAKER'S Dark Bittersweet Chocolate Baking Bars 0
- 10 tablespoons butter
- 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup flour
- 3 whole eggs
- 3 egg yolks

Cooking Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Grease 6 (6-oz.) custard cups or souffle dishes. Place on baking sheet.
- Microwave chocolate and butter in large microwaveable bowl on MEDIUM (50%) for 2 min. or until butter is melted. Stir with wire whisk until chocolate is completely melted. Add powdered sugar and flour; mix well. Add whole eggs and egg yolks; beat until well blended. Divide batter evenly into prepared custard cups.
- Bake 14 to 15 min. or until cakes are firm around the edges but soft in the centers. Let stand 1 min. Run small knife around cakes to loosen. Carefully invert cakes onto dessert dishes. Sprinkle lightly with additional powdered sugar and garnish with raspberries, if desired. Serve immediately.

Yield: 12 servings

Welcome

New Family in Deerfield Village:

Lot 2: Austin and Heather

Quotable...

A person without a sense of humor is like a wagon without springs. It's jolted by every pebble on the road.

- Henry Ward Beecher