



# Deerfield Village Voice

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## Social Committee Presents Pan The Outdoor Cinema Opens!!



Jack watches Mike Set up for Pan



Screen is ready!!



Young and old alike enjoyed the movie Peter Pan

The Social Committee (Amy Campbell, Andrea Longnecker, Marilyn Katterjohn and Trudi Tooke) organized the first outdoor movie event. Mike Katterjohn, who donated the projector, DVD player and sound system, worked extremely hard setting up the equipment before nightfall.

Several choices were offered to the youngsters on a brisk September night and the feature film winner was Peter Pan. The audience enjoyed popcorn and drinks supplied by the Social Committee. Mike, Amy, Andrea and Marilyn did a fantastic job organizing the event. More movies are anticipated for next year.

Thank you all for providing a touch of nostalgia to Deerfield Village.

## History Lesson: Harpers Ferry

Harpers Ferry is our neighbor. It was founded in 1733 by a German immigrant named Peter Stephens (aka Stephan). He started a ferry at the lowest point where the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers join. So you ask who is Peter Stephens.

Hans Peter Steffen was born March 3, 1687 in Steinsfurt, Germany. As an adult, extreme cold conditions between 1709 and 1710 in Germany resulted in loss of livestock, wheat crop and a subsequent famine. Some of the German people, which included Peter, petitioned the British government to go to America

First documented record of him in Virginia is his patent from the Colony of Virginia for 674 acres on the North Branch of Crooked Run in Orange County, dated October 1734. Peter married Maria Christina about 1730 in Germantown, PA. They had seven children. Peter acquired a lot of land and held several political positions. In 1754 Peter Stephens deeded his son Lewis 424 acres of his original 674 and in September 1758 Lewis was granted a charter by the Virginia legislature to incorporate a town, to be called "Stephensburg." Stephens began selling half acres lots for his "new town", which was in fact called "New Town" form many years, even though the official name was Stephensburg. It is now called Stephens City. Stephens City! I know that town, the one with the Drive-in Theater! Well you got a two -for-oner in a history lesson. Peter died at the age of 70 in Frederick County, Virginia.

So you might ask why is it called Harpers Ferry?

Robert Harper was born in Oxford Township near Philadelphia, Pa., in 1718. A builder and millwright, Harper was engaged by a group of Quakers in 1747 to erect a meeting house in the Shenandoah Valley near the present site of Winchester, Va. Traveling through Maryland on his way to the Shenandoah Valley, Harper proceeded to "The Hole" where the rivers met. Robert Harper acquired a log cabin from Peter Stephens. The flood of 1748 drove Harper from that log cabin.

Harper obtained a patent for 125 acres in 1751. In 1763, the Virginia General Assembly established the town of "Shenandoah Falls at Mr. Harper's Ferry."

In 1775, Harper commenced construction of a new home in the Lower Town. The structure was completed in 1782, but Harper, who died that same year, never occupied the house. Today the Harper House is the oldest surviving structure in the Lower Town.

On October 25, 1783, Thomas Jefferson visited Harpers Ferry, viewing "the passage of the Patowmack though the Blue Ridge" from a rock that now bears his name.

George Washington and his Patowmack Company traveled to Harpers Ferry during the summer of 1785 and inspected the river to determine the need for bypass canals and sluices.

In 1794, Washington championed the site for a new federal armory and arsenal.

During the spring of 1803, Meriwether Lewis (of Lewis and Clark) traveled to Harpers Ferry to procure weapons and hardware for his transcontinental expedition.

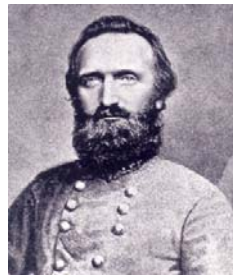
In 1819, John H. Hall, a New England gun maker, produced 1,000 breech loading rifles – a weapon he had designed and patented in 1811. Hall came to Harpers Ferry, where he occupied an old Armory sawmill along the Shenandoah River. The site soon became known as Hall's Rifle Works, and the small island on which it stood was called Lower Hall Island. Hall spent several years tooling new workshops and perfecting precision machinery for producing rifles with interchangeable parts.

From 1820-1840, John H. Hall focused on "uniformity principle" of interchangeable manufacture, laying a solid foundation for America's developing factory system at Harpers Ferry.



John Brown (Courtesy of NPS)

On October 16, 1859 the antislavery leader John Brown seized the federal government's arsenal, with the intention of using its store of 100,000 firearms to found a republic for freed slaves. The siege lasted only 36 hours, left ten dead, and was ultimately unsuccessful; Brown was later hanged for treason at the Courthouse in Charles Town, WV on December 2, 1859. The raid signaled a rising trend of violent resistance to slavery and helped precipitate the American Civil War. In the Civil War Harpers Ferry was captured by General Stonewall Jackson. Most of the town has now been reconstructed as the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, established in 1944.



"Stonewall Jackson" (NPS)

Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, one of the Confederacy's most famous soldiers, became intimately familiar with Harpers Ferry during the Civil War. On April 28, 1861 – just ten days after Virginia seceded from the Union – Colonel Thomas J. Jackson arrived at Harpers Ferry to assume his first command of the Civil War. He spent the next six weeks drilling thousands of Virginia volunteers encamped on Bolivar Heights before withdrawing south into the Shenandoah Valley.

On the occasion of the 14th Anniversary of Storer College (once located in Harpers Ferry), on May 30, 1881, Frederick Douglass delivered a memorable oration on the subject of John Brown in front of Anthony Hall. Especially notable was the presence among the platform guests of Andrew Hunter, the District Attorney of Charles Town who had prosecuted Brown and secured his conviction. The address was subsequently published, with proceeds of its

sale earmarked for the endowment of a John Brown Professorship at Storer College.



Frederick Douglass (NPS)

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## Board Meetings: Summarizing them

### August:

- The planned calendar of events by the Social Committee;
- The establishment of a Post Office Box (P.O. Box 263) for the POA;
- Update on the JUI rate increase;
- The development of draft guidelines for the resolution tree planting in Deerfield Village
- Discussion on rain barrel guidelines;
- Paying the IRS interest, fees and taxes for late filing of revenue taxes;
- Methods of controlling the groundhog population by trapping;
- The establishment of a Committee to evaluate the policies and decisions the board had made in the past since it was formed;
- The recommendation of a one- to two-year assessment for the Deerfield Village improvements;
- A note that Wilmoth construction company installed concrete walking paths on portions of the trail; and
- The election of Andrea Longnecker as the Deerfield village greeter of new residents to the community.

### September:

- September 20, 2008 Adopt-a-Spot cleanup;
- November 8, 2008 tree trimming;
- September 19, Movie night;
- Share-a-meal volunteers;
- President's column in newsletter;
- Posting a Calendar at the mailbox;
- Summary of JUI meeting at Gap View;
- The adoption of a Resolution process;
- Tree guidelines;
- Rain Barrel guidelines;

- List of items for volunteers to maintain Deerfield;
- Address Petition to mow the storm pond; and
- Dog pens.

### October:

- Installation of gravel along 480;
- JUI briefing on October 15<sup>th</sup>
- Adoption of the Policy Resolution Process;
- Change in website address;
- Passing of Lot 19 Chimney extension;
- Dog pen on Lot 3;
- President's list of items to encourage participation;
- New Streets and Grounds Betinna Maher;
- Scheduling of 2009 Budget Meeting;
- Snow removal bids;

### November:

- Policy Resolution 1 on Creation and Use of Resolutions and Policy Resolution 2 on Rain Barrel Guidelines, were accepted and signed by board members;
- Recommendation made to change the covenants to include hiring for legal services;
- Recommendation to draft fencing guidelines;
- 2009 budget and five percent increase in homeowners fees;
- Dog species prone to biting;
- Approval for Shepherdstown troupe of Boys Scouts to collect food on November 15. 2008;

### December:

- Resignation of a POA Officer (March , 2009) and one board member;
- Approval to adopt the fencing resolution;
- Annual assessment letters;
- Location of Annual Meeting at 61 Pathfinder Court on March 3, 2009;
- Vandalism of speed limit signs;
- Letter to address common area behind Lot 20;
- Shepherdstown Elementary Food Drive.

The minutes to the meeting are located on the Deerfield Village website at

<http://deerfieldvillagewv.org/newsletters.html>.

If you have any questions on the meeting, please contact a board member

# Future Aces. . .

## Fun at Martinsburg Air show!!



Future aces Jackson (left) and Devon prepare for a sortie at Martinsburg air show

**Martinsburg Airport** has hosted events in 2005 and 2006 that attracted large crowds and broad community support. Plans for the next **Air Show** are underway. The Martinsburg airport hosted the Air show on September 20 and 21, 2008.

Several aircraft performances included the USAF F-16 Demo Team Viper East and Mike Kennedy - Flying a Vultee BT-13 WWII Trainer. Visit the Air Show Website: [www.martinsburgairshow.com](http://www.martinsburgairshow.com)



Amy and Kaileena stand in front of the WV Governor's helicopter.

## Gunslinger!!

### Paul wins championship

On September 30 and 31, 2008, Paul Wilmoth participated in a shooting competition at Kettlefoot Gun Club in Bristol, VA. Paul overcame rain, wind, temperature and humidity while competing with 88 of the top shooters in the country to win the overall championship with a six-gun aggregate total of 1,489 points out

of a possible 1,500. Paul shot his German-made 1962 Anschutz .22 during the competition,

Read the entire story in the Martinsburg Journal:

<http://www.journal-news.net/page/content.detail/id/510982.html>



Shepherdstown's Paul Wilmoth won the International Rimfire 50/50 national championship last month in Bristol, Va., by scoring 1,489 points out of a possible 1,500. (Journal photo by Martin B. Cherry)

## Who says Mowing does not pay??

Jimmy is presented with high honors!



During the October Board Meeting, Paul and Pattie presented Jimmy Williamson with a John Deere hat for his dedication and hard work mowing the orchard. Jimmy sports it with the price tag still on it. However, don't call him Minnie Pearl; he's got friends that can "take of you." Thanks for your dedication and hard work, Jimmy!!

## Trimmin' the Trees

What a way to work off Turkey!!



Chris Phaire, Jimmy Williamson, Tom Miller, Paul and Betinna Maher, Margaret Kubitschek and Steve Campbell answered the call on November 27 and burned off that Thanksgiving turkey dinner to prune behind Lot 11. The trees have not been pruned since Deerfield Village was built and the overgrowth made it extremely difficult to mow in that area. Thanks to all for pitching in to clear this area!



Left to right: Paul Maher, Steve Campbell, Jimmy Williamson, Chris Phaire, Tom Miller and Betinna Maher

## Social Committee Halloween Fun:

Amy Campbell organized Halloween Event for the Deerfield Village children. Terry and Julie Bauer, Claire Williamson, Winnie McCarty and John Crouse volunteered to help put on a festivity that had to be moved inside because of rain. The events included, but were but not limited to pin-the-body part on the pumpkin, face painting, crafts and swinging at a piñata. The turnout was extraordinary; every child showed up in a costume and received a door prize. Thanks Amy, Claire, Julie, Terry, Winnie and John for your help!



Kids enjoy Halloween Event at 61 Pathfinder!

## Social Committee: Candy Cane Hike and Santa Clause!

Can you believe Santa Clause visited Deerfield Village, hanging his Candy Canes on the Apple Trees?

Trudi Tooke and Amy Campbell wrote Santa and invited him down from the North Pole to visit the good girls and boys in Deerfield Village. The children marched along the trail and picked candy canes and toys from the trees and met up behind the Crouse's house for a bonfire and hot chocolate.



# Fast, Healthy, Good A Recipe:

## Cashew Butter Chicken Stew

From Oxygen Magazine, March, 2009 issue

**2 cups chopped red onion**  
**1 red pepper, sliced into strips**  
**1/2 tsp. black pepper, divided**  
**3 cups low-sodium chicken broth**  
**1# chicken breast, cubed**  
**1/4 c. fresh curly parsley, chopped**  
**1 medium Granny Smith apple, cored and cubed**  
**1 c. frozen lima beans**  
**1/4 tsp. kosher salt**  
**1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper**  
**1/2 c. cashew butter, unsalted**

1. In a large non-stick pan, sauté onions, pepper and 1/4 tsp. black pepper for 4 minutes. Add broth, chicken breast and parsley. Cover and bring to a boil. Simmer until chicken is cooked through and remove from pan.

2. Add apple, lima beans, salt, cayenne pepper and remaining black pepper to the broth. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Uncover and whisk in cashew butter until well blended. Return chicken to pot.

*Very easy to make. I didn't take the chicken out for step 2; I just added the apple, lima beans, etc and cooked it altogether. It seems fine and the chicken isn't overcooked.*

Makes 8 3/4 c. servings.  
188 calories per serving  
11 g. fat  
14 g. carbs  
3 g. sugars  
11 g. protein  
2 g. iron  
2 g. fiber



## Adopt-a-Spot Cleaning a highway can be fun!



Adopt-a-Spot volunteers (l to r): John Crouse, Jimmy Williamson, Amy Campbell, Pattie Wilmoth, Andrea Longnecker and Debbie Crouse.

On September 20, 2008, several Deerfield homeowners volunteered to clean a quarter-mile stretch near the Deerfield Village entrance. Several items were collected; car parts were significantly abundant. After the group cleaned the road, they swept gravel from the Deerfield Village Drive entrance and cleaned the mailbox area. Great job John, Jimmy, Amy, Pattie, Andrea and Debbie!!

## Annual Meeting:



The Deerfield Village Annual Meeting will be held at 61 Pathfinder Court on March 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm. The Association business will include the election of the 2009 Board of Directors and changes to the Covenants. Letters, proxy statements, a description of the Covenant changes, Nomination forms and

committee descriptions were sent to all Deerfield Village Homeowners on January 30, 2009. The 2009 Association dues must be paid to be a voting member.

## Run, Run!

### Coming soon to a newspaper near you...

Be on the lookout for information about America's newest road race, right here in Shepherdstown! It will happen this October and will include a marathon, half-marathon, and fun-run.

## Its time to meet...

### The family of lot 21

We are the Longnecks. We moved from historic downtown Charles Town, where we had lived since early 2000, to beautiful Shepherdstown in 2006.

Tristan grew up in Dallas, TX where he remained until 1986. He works as the Manager of Detail Engineering for NEC America, a Japanese telecommunications company. He has been with NEC for 25 years in both Dallas, TX and Herndon, VA. He is a professional soccer coach, having coached for over 30 years. He holds a national license, is an ex Nike Staff Coach, has coached for the Virginia Olympic Development Team, has won three high school state championships, three youth state championships, two US regional championships and placed third in the national championship. Andrea grew up in Northern Virginia where she lived until moving the family to Jefferson County in 2000. She currently works at Dream House, an interior design and home furnishing store in downtown Charles Town. Aside from raising her adored family she has worked as an orthodontic assistant. Throughout the years she has enjoyed decades of volunteerism that range from working with developmentally delayed adults to organizing a FLEX program (foreign language experience) in Robert's Fairfax County elementary school.

Robert is a twenty year old junior at Shepherd University majoring in Computer Programming (For Now!). He works full time at Hollister in Frederick, MD and plays on an adult soccer league with Tristan.

Austin is a fifteen year old sophomore at St. Maria Goretti High School where he has just been promoted from the JV soccer team to Varsity. They just won the Maryland Independent School State Championship (Tristan coached!). He has been a recipient of the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence and is currently an honors student. Austin plans to study law.

Alanna is an eleven year old sixth grade student at St. Joseph School where she is on the cheerleading squad. She is also on a competitive jump rope team in Brunswick, MD. Reading and writing are Alanna's great passions.

## Quotable...

The good neighbor looks beyond the external accidents and discerns those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers.

**Marin Luther King, Jr., *Strength to Love* (1963)**