



# Deerfield Village Voice

Keeping the Homeowner Informed

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## Spring is 'round the corner

Below says it all!!!!



Get on the mowing roster rotation. Debbie's number is 876-1885. The orchard behind Lots 8 through 11 needs to be divvied up.

## History Lesson: Shepherdstown

Colonial Settlers began migrating into the Shenandoah Valley in the early 1700s. Later, the colony of Virginia began issuing Valley land grants in the 1730s. Thomas Shepherd, who was a native of Wales, came to Virginia long before the thirteen colonies declared themselves independent of the British crown, settled on the south bank

of the Potomac.

In 1734, Thomas Shepherd was granted 222 acres, on the south side of the Potomac river. From that tract, he selected fifty acres and laid out a town. He named his town Mecklenburg and petitioned the Virginia Assembly for a charter, which was granted in 1762.

Thomas Shepherd owned the town and had the responsibility to conduct its government. To foster settlement, he sold half acre lots at an annual quit rent of five shillings to be paid perpetually. Two of his sons were soldiers in the Revolutionary army. One of his sons, Abraham Shepherd, became the owner of the Strode homestead (James Strode was Abraham's father-in-law, and Berkeley County politician), where Andrew Jackson, seventh President of the United States, was born in 1767. Shortly after his birth, Jackson was taken to Waxhaw Settlements in North Carolina.

In 1775, General George Washington issued a call for "Virginia Volunteer Riflemen," in response to the Battle of Lexington in Massachusetts. Captain Hugh Stephenson chose his company at Morgan's Springs, about one and a half miles south of the town, where Abraham became a lieutenant. The troops ate a barbecue at Colonel William Morgan's home on June 10, 1775, and departed from "Morgan's Spring," on July 16, 1775. This "Beeline March to Cambridge" covered 600 miles in 24 days. They were a strange looking lot of frontiersmen dressed in homespun hunting shirts (embroidered with Patrick Henry's "Liberty or Death" slogan), leather leggings and moccasins with buck tails in their hats. Their weapons were a tomahawk, scalping knife and rifle. General Washington was joyfully tearful while shaking each of their hands as they arrived at Cambridge on August 11, 1775. Later, Abraham was held captive by the British during some of the war.

Abraham Shepherd, returned to his home in Virginia and formed a government and fostered industrial investment in the town. Abraham Shepherd supported James Rumsey's invention of the steamboat.

Rumsey and his brother-in-law, Joseph Barnes,



James Rumsey 1743- 1792





Rumseian Experiment

began building a steamboat in 1785 in Bath, VA. The boat was brought that fall to Mecklenburg where Rumsey was living at the time. Rumsey tested the boat in December 1775 and

April 1786, which proved very unsuccessful. On December 3, 1787, after improvements on a second boiler, the boat operated successfully on the Potomac at Mecklenburg (Shepherdstown).

He had money problems, and left Mecklenburg in March of 1788 in order to seek funding for his projects. In Philadelphia, the Rumseian Society was formed by men who included Ben Franklin and who hoped to publicize Rumsey's efforts. They decided he should go to England to secure patents for his inventions and seek further financial backing.

On December 20, 1792, after giving a lecture to the Society of Mechanic Arts, Rumsey was stricken with a severe pain in his head and died the next morning. At the time, his death was attributed to over-straining his brain. He was buried in London.

Life pressed on in Mecklenburg. A second charter, which allowed for a self-government, was granted in 1794. In 1798, the corporate limits were extended and the name was changed to Shepherd's Town. After the Civil War, the town's name was officially contracted to Shepherdstown.

The part of the C&O Canal, across the river from Shepherdstown, was built during the 1830s. Shepherdstown is the only town to have a canal lock named for it. Lock No.38 was the "Shepherdstown Lock."

The Hamtramck Guard (The Shepherdstown Light Infantry) was dispatched to Harpers Ferry to subdue John Brown's raid on the Federal Arsenal (October 1859). Eventually, they became Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Infantry and part of the famous "Stonewall Brigade."

After the Battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862, General Robert E. Lee's infantry crossed the Potomac at Pack Horse Ford. The town was overwhelmed with 5000 to 8000 casualties of that battle. Every house, building, church, alley and street was filled with the wounded and dying. The Battle of Shepherdstown occurred on September 20, 1862, during Lee's retreat. More than 100 Confederate soldiers died here and were buried in Elmwood Cemetery, located five blocks south of the 4-way stop on Route 480. Elmwood contains the graves of 285 Confederate veterans.

From 1865-1871, Shepherdstown served as the county seat of Jefferson County due to war damage to the courthouse in Charles Town. The Town Hall (northeast corner of German and King streets) housed the courthouse until it was moved back to Charles Town.

In 1872, the Town Hall Building was chartered as a "Classical and Scientific Institute." The building was then leased to the state and Shepherd College was born.

Notable Shepherdstown residents:

- John James Abert, (1788-1863), born in Shepherdstown, topographical engineer and founder of the National Institute of Science
- Edwin Gray Lee, (1837-1870), Born at Leeland, near Shepherdstown, Confederate brigadier general, lawyer, and relative of Robert E. Lee.
- Frances Meehan Latterell, (b. 1920) plant pathologist, retired in Shepherdstown
- Danielle Corsetto, (b. 1981) comics artist, the creator of Girls With Slingshots and cartoonist for the Weekly World News.
- David Levine, (b. 1966) internet Entrepreneur, founder of butterfly.net, Husky Labs, and Ultraprise

## Save a Life. . . Replace your Smoke Detector!!



KN-COSM-1B

What the heck are you talking about?? We are supposed to replace our batteries, not the whole detector!! Some of us live in a house built by Brookfield Homes and have propane for heating and cooking. A propane combustion byproduct is carbon monoxide. It is colorless and odorless, sometimes makes people very sleepy. Sufficient inhalation can cause death. West Virginia law requires houses that have propane need to have a carbon monoxide detector. This law is not enforced unless there is an unfortunate event. Brookfield installed monitors that plugged into an outlet, if the homeowner wanted one. **John and Debbie Crouse** did some research and found a model at Home Depot made by Kidde that can detect smoke and carbon monoxide. The Crouses purchased a few and replaced their existing smoke detector with the combined unit. It is really easy to do, just remove the old detector and plug in the combination detector. Model Number is KN-COSM-1B. It is a "Kidde Combination Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm.". They are available at Home Depot. The box is blue, grey and white.

## Next Annual POA Meeting!

The annual meeting will be held on March 4, 2008 between 7:00 and 9:00 P.M. at Saint Agnes Church Meeting Room. If you want to run for a board position, please contact Deerfield POA Secretary, **Patty Wilmoth**.

Proposed amendment to the bylaws were approved during the last Board meeting included the following:

- "The business of the corporation shall be



managed by a board of directors consisting of nine (9) members.”

**Replaces the statement:** “The business of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of five(5) members, together with the officers of this corporation.”

- “The directors will, at the first meeting following their election, select the officers who will serve until their successors are elected.”

**Replaces the statement:** “The Board of Directors shall elect the officers of the corporation.”

## We have a Website. . Surf it, it’s great!!!

**Jimmy Williamson**, our webmaster, works extremely hard to maintain our website in tip-top condition. It was his initiative to start it. It is full of very good information and is extremely high quality. Jimmy photographs wildlife and scenes within our neighborhood. That is captivating and intriguing. The website also has some valuable information such as POA board meeting minutes, Deerfield Village, Covenants, Fencing Guidelines and Bylaws. It also has a classified section for a homeowner to use for buying and selling goods and services.

**Thank you Jimmy for doing a great job and volunteering your time to keep this gem running!!!**

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## Feb Board Meeting “Thanks” from the President

At the February 5, 2008, POA president Bill Krummenacker recognized several individuals and efforts:

- **Jimmy Williamson’s** work on the website and help creating and sending POA letters;
- **Tom Miller** for purchasing a “No Soliciting Sign” and paying bulk postage for the POA letters;
- **Paul Wilmoth** for plowing the streets twice;
- **Patty Wilmouth** and **Debbie Crouse** for help with preparing for the annual meeting; and
- **Steve Campbell** for the newsletter

Thank you, the Deerfield POA Board for volunteering your time to make the community run.

## USDA Bug Research

Last year, the USDA collected several specimens of bugs from our orchard. They sent the collection to Carnegie Mellon for analysis. The results should be forthcoming in

February and should provide a good idea of the kind of insects that live behind our houses. The USDA will be invited to a future POA meeting to share the results.

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

It was a cold February day, and with blue fingers and wet cold wet rain mist, this troop marched on to make the outside entry way of our community much cleaner. Debbie Crouse organized the second effort within a year to clean a quarter mile of Route 480, near our Deerfield

Village sign. The Adopt-a-Spot Program, which is much less labor-intensive program than the commonly known Adopt-a-Highway, is a perfect program for our community because of the small neighborhood. The sign posted just north of the Deerfield Village entrance and on the west side of 480 provides some additional advertising to the public to let them know the home owners are public-service oriented. The next Adopt-a-Spot clean up is anticipated in April, a much warmer time of year. Contact Debbie to let her know that you are interested. **THANK YOU JIM, DEBBIE, AMY AND BILL FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION!!!**



(L to R) Jim Bauer, Debbie Crouse (organizer), Amy Campbell and Bill Krumenacker (POA Pres) finished cleaning 1/4 mile stretch of 480 in 20 minutes on February 9.

## Recipes:

I’m Hungry. . . send ‘em if you got ‘em!

**Delicious Buffalo Chicken Dip**  
**Submitted by Debbie Crouse**

3-4 chicken breasts, cooked, chopped into bite size pieces  
8 oz. cream cheese, softened  
Bottle of Emeril's wing sauce\*\*\*  
1 cup blue cheese dressing (Marie's' super chunky blue cheese)  
2-3 bunches celery chopped into bite size/scoop size pieces  
Pre-heat oven to 350.  
Combine 1st five ingredients. Pour into casserole dish.  
Bake covered 30 minutes, stirring after 15 minutes.  
Use celery pieces to scoop dip.  
\*\*\*Emeril's wing sauce is a 5oz. bottle. Use 5 ounces of your favorite wing sauce instead of Emeril's if desired.

**Health-Kick Muffins**  
**Submitted by Amy Campbell**

2 teaspoons unsalted butter  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 cup sugar  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 cup grated carrots  
1 cup grated parsnips  
¼ cup golden raisins  
¼ cup dark raisins  
½ cup chopped pecans  
½ cup shredded coconut  
1 Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored and chopped  
2 large eggs  
1 cup vegetable oil  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

**Method**

Position rack in center of oven and preheat the oven to 350°F. If not using muffin cups then grease the wells of the muffin pan with the butter and set aside.

Sift the flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt into a mixing bowl. Stir in the carrots, parsnips, raisins, pecans, coconut, and apple.

In another bowl, combine the eggs, vegetable oil, and vanilla extract and whisk until smooth.

Add the wet mixture to the flour mixture and stir until the batter is just blended.

Spoon equal amounts of the batter into the wells.

Bake until the muffins spring back to the touch and are golden brown, about 35 minutes.

Using oven mitts or pot holders, carefully remove the muffins from the oven and transfer to a wire rack to cool for 5 minutes.

Remove the muffins from the muffin pan and set aside to cool completely.

## Its time to meet...

### The family of lot 14

The Colantoni family has resided at 60 Pathfinder Court since November 2005 after relocating from Fairfax County, VA.

Craig continues to commute back to Herndon, VA where he is a team manager at National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation. He grew up in Pittsburgh, PA and met his wife, Christine, in college in Philadelphia. If he had any spare time, he'd enjoy playing golf, poker, and basketball. Christine, an Air Force brat, is a speech-language pathologist and works with students at Shepherdstown Elementary and Middle Schools. Between that and caring for three children, she DOES still manage to find some spare time (thanks to Craig!) for horseback riding... something she enjoys doing with their daughter, Josie.

Besides riding, Josie, a third grader at Shepherdstown Elementary, is also learning to play the piano and twirl the baton and likes to write poetry and play with her new cat, Eleanor, and her younger brother and sister. Eli and Ava are energetic, funny, and sweet 3-year-olds who enjoy playing with friends at Children's TreeHouse and chasing the new cat around the house. Eli is crazy about pirates and Buzz Lightyear and Ava adores princesses.

They are happy to call all of you neighbors!



Eli, Craig, Ava, Josie and Christine

## Quotable...

*For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people's love and concern for each other.*

- Millard Fuller