Carversville Day
Saturday May 30, 2015

Yes, it’s here already! The winter was long, but nature knows how to erase all the icy memories with the glow of Spring. Come out to savor our wonderful Village. We have a great day planned so save the date.

First things first: We have artists and crafters who are excited to show you all their new work so come by early when the event opens at 10 a.m. to greet them. It’s wonderful way to buy gifts for yourself or your relatives and loved ones while supporting our local community.

This needs little introduction: it’s our 22nd Annual Carversville Cookie Contest! I’m glad to report that Dr. Howard Barsky, our village dentist, is in charge of the contest again this year. Prepare 4 dozen of the same cookie (all categories welcome) for the contest and deliver to the Cookie Contest booth by 9:30 a.m. You don’t need to limit yourself to one entry! The Best Cookie by popular vote wins a coveted hand crafted Cookie Jar by Artist Nan Kirstein. It’s the pride of all bakers. See last year’s winning cookie recipe from Alex Crawley. Find it somewhere in this newsletter.

We are bringing back the White Elephant this year! We will have tables set up in the parking lot across from the HCS Grill waiting for your gently used items (excluding clothing) that you are ready to recycle to benefit the HCS mission of preservation and scholarship. Here’s how it will work: Bring your items between 8 and 10 a.m. We will price them and do our best to sell them. If you find they are still on the table at 3 p.m and you do not return to pick them up, they will most likely be discarded in the dumpster next to the table where they are being sold.

Next up is the Prestigious Pet Parade commencing at 11 a.m. We want you to enjoy all the events and not miss a thing. Dress up your pet and practice your tricks because you could win a prize! Our wonderful Magician will be back to strolling and dazzling all spectators before the Pet Parade.

We are honored to have Michelle Wiley Band featuring the Hazelligg Brothers with our own David Stier on drums starting at 12 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Then it’s on to cheer neighborhood children to victory during some good old-fashioned Children’s Games that are sure to be entertaining right after the Pet Parade. The Children’s games begin at the Pet Parade stand at 12 p.m. with Mr. Magic and his Magic show. Don’t forget the Face Painting, Hair Wrapping and other game activities to be found in the Secret Garden. We will have a new addition: A moon bounce! Look for it next to the Point Pleasant Fire Engine in the field behind the Secret Garden.

Visit our website at www.carversville.com
From the President . . .

I just got back from a bike ride today and a walk, yesterday, coming up Fleecydale Road which is still closed.....Clearly that is a plus and a minus, depending on your perspective regarding traffic!

There has been a snag with the design of the wall due to an inability to follow the original construction plans, so it is still on hold. If you want to know more to continue to support doing the work in the most historic way, please contact one of us.

Spring is finally here and we are able to finally enjoy all that is around us. This spring and summer brings are usual activities: Carversville Day and Films in the Field. Everything we do requires planning and help. I write today because we need more help on the board. Howard and I have been on the board for more years than we can count. We are down one board member right now, and although we are so pleased to have some new members who are busy and active, we need to find others to step in. If you live here and participate in our events throughout the year, please consider being on the board. We only meet 10 times a year, at board member’s homes, and everyone is supportive and helpful so we try to have fun and remember why we all live here.

So please, if you have any interest in being on the board, please give me a call.

Susan Hollander Whitman

Clean Up Day

Saturday, April 18th was a beautiful day for our spring clean-up. Thanks to all who came out to help. Our usual supplies of bags, vests and gloves were ready for us as we all went off down the roads picking up trash- cigarette butts, beer bottles and more. Others helped sweeping and cleaning the square thanks to Bryce Long and his heavy duty equipment. A cook-out on our new grill followed as a thanks to all those who helped.

Remember to visit Carversville.com for updates on community activities as we move through the year.
Feel free to email us at events@carversville.com with your comments or ideas.
Recipe for a Winning Cookie

Alex Crawley was the winner of the 2014 Carversville Day Cookie Contest. Alex was a New Hope-Solebury HS Junior at the time.

The Chewy (Choc Chip) Cookie

Recipe courtesy of Alton Brown

Yield: 2 dozen cookies

Ingredients

- 8 ounces unsalted butter
- 12 ounces bread flour
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 ounces granulated sugar
- 8 ounces light brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 large egg yolk
- 1 ounce whole milk
- 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 12 ounces semisweet chocolate chips

Directions

Melt the butter in a 2-quart saucepan over low heat. Set aside to cool slightly. Sift together the flour, salt and baking soda onto a paper plate. Pour the butter into your mixer’s work bowl. Add the sugar and brown sugar, and beat with the paddle attachment on medium speed for 2 minutes. Meanwhile, whisk together the whole egg, the egg yolk, milk and vanilla extract in a measuring cup. Reduce the mixer speed and slowly add the egg mixture. Mix until thoroughly combined, about 30 seconds.

Using the paper plate as a slide, gradually integrate the dry ingredients, stopping a couple of times to scrape down the sides of the bowl. Once the flour is worked in, drop the speed to “stir” and add the chocolate chips. Chill the dough for 1 hour.

Preheat the oven to 375 °F and place racks in the top third and bottom third of the oven.

Scoop the dough into 1-1/2-ounce portions onto parchment-lined half sheet pans, 6 cookies per sheet. Bake 2 sheets at a time for 15 minutes, rotating the pans halfway through. Remove from the oven, slide the parchment with the cookies onto a cooling rack and wait at least 5 minutes before devouring.

Films in the Field

Mark your calendars for the last Mondays of June, July and August. Head down to the parking lot beside Max Hansen's Carversville Grocery to watch classic cinema chosen by Film Master Noel Barrett. We began using digital films last year, which give us a greater choice of available films. They'll be shown the old-fashioned way: outdoors on the side of the store. The names of the films will be posted outside and inside of the General Store a week before each film. The dates are:

- Monday, June 29
- Monday, July 27
- Monday, August 31

The films are free and you are welcome to bring your own eats and drinks. HCS will be grilling hot dogs and burgers on our new grill and will be selling other gourmet goodies as well! Bring chairs or a blanket to sit on and a sweater — it gets chilly in Carversville on a summer's eve! We are hoping for good weather, and look forward to seeing you all there. If it does rain, a sign will be posted out front regarding rescheduling.

Historic Carversville Society Scholarship

Each year, the Historic society presents a total of $1000-$1500 to several graduating seniors from the New Hope-Solebury High School. This award is presented to a student or students continuing their education. We select students who have shown civic involvement, historic concern and have been involved in community volunteer work. Applications are submitted through the New Hope-Solebury High School Guidance Department and are being reviewed this year by 3 board members. This year there are more than 40 applications and a decision will be announced at the High School awards ceremony in June.

This is one of the many community programs that we as a Historic Society are proud to be able to sponsor. You can directly support the scholarship program at any time by making a donation specifically for this scholarship.
**Excitement Builds for 2015 Carversville Day Pet Parade**

The 2015 Carversville Day Pet Parade will step off at 11:00 a.m. All entrants are eligible to win any of the 3 prizes – for Most Original Costume, Best Pet Trick, and a new “Wild Card” winner to be named by the judges. The “Wild Card” prize will be awarded to an entrant who is not the winner of one of the 2 “traditional” prizes, but whom the judges deem “a winner in its own right.”

To have the best chance to win the Most Original Costume or Wild Card prizes, dress up your pet “to the Nines.” Be sure to have your dog, cat, bird, bunny, duck or horse rehearse his or her trick to give you the best chance to be the Best Pet Trick Winner.

But remember: everyone’s a winner at the Carversville Pet Parade!

Registration for the Pet Parade begins at 10:45 at the Historic Carversville Society booth in the Town Square.

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**Support our Post Office**

This year we are reviving one of our original tee-shirts for Carversville Day, the postage stamp, that came out when we were afraid of losing our Carversville Post Office. With ongoing concerns about the closing of post offices all over the country, this is just a reminder that it is important to continue to use our 18913 post office. Whether it is for stamps, packages, mailer envelopes or other services, we are so lucky to have this available to us in the Carversville Grocery. Please don’t get tempted by bigger places or Staples’ postage services. It is necessary for us to use what we have to keep it open.