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A Huge Success

Our May yard sale was a lot of fun. The weather was perfect and we had a steady stream of buyers stopping in to see not only what we had for sale but to hear about our group. A big thank you to everyone who took the time to clean out their attic, garage or basement and donate their "treasures" to our sale.

FLP had everything from books to hotdogs for sale. Our most popular item was the Beanie Babies. We made over \$1,000.00 selling second hand items.

Some of the leftover household items were donated to a halfway house for women recently released from prison. FLP was happy to be able to help these women who are trying to make a fresh start.



FLP is planning another yard sale for Saturday, August 21. If you have items you would like to donate to the sale, please contact Peg Hine at 610-666-5164. We will begin collecting items August 1.

Board of Supervisors Vote to Postpone Decision until July 15.

The results of the June 17, Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting surprised all of us! The Supervisors voted to postpone the decision on their latest version of the Village Commercial (VC) Ordinance until their July 15th meeting. Mr. Hager motioned (seconded by Mr. Sassu) that the board and staff take the time to review the alternative information (i.e. suggested ordinance and a village vision drawing) that was submitted by Friends of Lower Providence.

Every seat was filled on June 17! It was standing room only and some people were out in the hallway! Many people spoke against the ordinance. Much of the discussion was centered on how inappropriate the **large** CVS store would be, and the negative impact it would have on the neighboring residents: noise from the air-conditioning units, additional lighting in the parking lot and on the building, and increased traffic congestion in the area. There was concern that yet another drug store was planning to enter this local market, which already is overstocked with existing drugstores, those presently being built and recently approved to be built. The developer for CVS was also present and told everyone that a smaller store would not be suitable, financially. They tried to sell the BOS (and us) on how great their proposal is since it preserves the Inn and is a "uniquely designed" structure for the area. They seemed unconcerned that the 24 hour drive-through, the loading dock and dumpster would be right next to the homes on Willow Avenue.

As you may already know, the ordinance in question not only allows for a CVS-type building in all our villages, but would also allow banks with drive-through windows to tear down any village building, whether it is historic or not, and put in a new building that has nothing to do with a village! This would be disastrous for our villages!

NEXT ACTIONS: CALL OR WRITE SUPERVISORS, COME JULY 15 TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING.

It is absolutely necessary that we continue to be persistent with our voices in an effort to let the Township Supervisors know that we are not in favor of that ordinance. FLP asks that each of you possibly take the time to call or write your township supervisors and let them know where you stand on this issue and how they should vote. Also, we will need your presence at the July 15th meeting. We are not sure if we will be able to speak (if the public hearing will be continued), but our presence will make a big impact on the BOS.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support! We have all already made a great impact on our community! Let's keep up the great work!

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Your Help Is Needed

FLP needs your help to make our fund raisers a success. Please consider signing up to help with one of the following:

50/50 Raffle – FLP is selling tickets for a 50/50 raffle for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held at our Golf Outing on October 3.

Basket of Cheer – We are also selling tickets for a “Basket of Cheer” raffle. The drawing will be held at our Golf Outing on October 3. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Are you able to donate a bottle of cheer? Can you sell tickets to your friends and neighbors? Contact Peg at 610-666-5164.

Fun Day – FLP will have a table at the Township’s Fun Day on September 11. Volunteer to help us that day or just stop by and visit us.

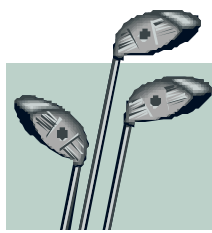
Sell Advertising – We need people to sell advertising for the golf outing. Would you like to advertise your company and be a sponsor?

If you would like to help out on any of the above, contact us at:

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Golf Outing on October 3rd

Friends of Lower Providence
is holding a golf outing on



Sunday, October 3 at the General Washington Country Club on Egypt Road in Audubon. The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start.

Cost is \$65.00 per person for golf, cart, snacks and dinner. If you don’t golf but want to join the golfers for dinner, the cost is \$25.00. Prizes will be awarded for Hole in One, Longest Drive - Ladies and Men, Straight Drive – Ladies and Men and Closest to the Pin.

FLP is looking for hole sponsors. The prices are:

\$500.00 - full page ad in book, single sign on hole of choice (first paid) and 4 golfers.

\$250.00 - half page ad in book, sign on hole of choice (first paid) and 2 golfers.

\$150.00 – quarter page ad in book, sign on hole of choice (first paid) and 1 golfer.

\$100.00 - quarter page ad in book, sign on hole of choice (first paid), no golfers.

\$ 50.00 – single sign on golf cart.

If you need more information or would like to sponsor a hole or know of a business you could ask, please contact either Kathie (610-539-5995) or Kirstin (610-666-6328).

BOS Admits To Procedural Errors –

What it Means

In a surprise move, the township spoke with our lawyer and agreed that the December 18th ordinances had procedural errors and agreed that they were therefore invalid. The Zoning Hearing Board will make their final ruling within the next 45 days on this appeal. In the mean time, we understand that this means the old Village Commercial (VC) Ordinance is in effect until the BOS decides to change it, which they can do by deciding to adopt the new version on July 15th.



FLP’s vision would maintain the village-look with multiple buildings in the same architectural scale.



Photo of a CVS in Doylestown with a “unique” design. Note the lack of village scale and character.