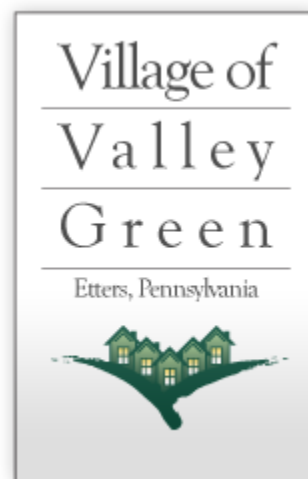


# VILLAGE NEWS

## Spring/Summer 2014 Newsletter



It is hard to believe that spring is already here. To those of you who have recently moved into Valley Green, we would like to extend a warm welcome. To our existing friends and neighbors we are glad that you are here. We want to give you a few friendly reminders and share update on the Community.



### *Neighborhood Clean Up Day*

This year clean up day is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon with a rain date of May 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is in association with Great

American Cleanup Pennsylvania (<http://gacofpa.org/>). Please join your neighbors and volunteer your time to help clean up the neighborhood (playgrounds, common areas, and along the creek). Meet at the clubhouse at 9am. Children are invited to help too!

### *Clubhouse Rental*

Have a special event coming up that you would like to host at your home, but don't have enough room or ample parking?? Don't forget your community clubhouse may be available to rent for your upcoming event. From kids' birthday parties, baby showers, large family gatherings, to home parties like Tupperware, Tastefully Simple or PartyLite. What a great place to hold these events!



The clubhouse, located at 2 N. Conley Lane (right by the pool), will hold up to 60 people and is equipped with (6) 6ft tables, plenty of folding chairs, bathroom, and full kitchen in

cluding refrigerator/freezer, oven and stove, sink and microwave. It also has a nice deck attached for your summer gatherings too!

To inquire to make your reservation, please visit the website at [www.vvgreen.com](http://www.vvgreen.com)

### *Annual Yard Sale – June 7<sup>th</sup>*

Event begins at 6:30am and runs until you call it quits. Our annual yard sale continues to grow year after year! We advertise so that your stuff sells!!!! Clean out those garages and basements, kids' rooms and

closets, and make some **BIG BUCKS** this year at the yard sale!

### *Landscaping*

Please be reminded that you must keep your lawn cut and your flower beds weeded on a weekly basis.

### *Trash*

We would like to remind you to take extra care in securing your trash and recycling.

During a recent property visit it was noted that some homes are storing their trash/recycling containers in the front of the homes. Not only does this deter from the aesthetics of the Community but according to the rules and regulations for the Community no recycling/garbage containers shall be stored in "public view:"

Remember, trash containers are to be placed at curbside no earlier than 24 hours before pickup and emptied containers must be removed no later than 24 hours after pick-up.



Please help to keep the community litter free!

### *No Egg Hunt this Year!!*

Due to the lack of volunteers this yearly event will not be held this year. If you are interested in running this event please contact Carey Twigg at PMI.

### *Work Around the Community*

Your Board has approved the following work to be done around the community.

1. Split Rail Fences are being repaired and stained.
2. Privet Drive Playground steps are being rebuilt.
3. Fence around the basketball/tennis court is being replaced.
4. Trees along the creek are being trimmed or cut down.

5. There is new playground equipment being installed on North Conley Lane.

### ***Dog Poop Problems!!***



Many dog owners are unaware of the dangers of pet waste in their yards and communities. In reality, the “doody” pets leave behind poses numerous hazards to humans, the environment, our lawn and plants.

Dog feces harbor a variety of harmful bacteria and viruses such as giardiasis, salmonellosis, campylobacteriosis, tapeworms, ringworm, heartworm, and parvo among others. Since the bacteria and viruses can linger in the soil, they are easily transmitted via contact by a dog or human into the home. A single gram of dog feces (about the size of a dime) contains about 23 million fecal coliform bacteria which can cause serious kidney disorders, stomach cramps, diarrhea and intestinal illnesses.

Another thing to keep in mind is that pet waste attracts rodents and vermin to your yard, park, playground, or community common areas who use it as their primary food source in urban areas. These animals carry a variety of diseases and also bring fleas and ticks into your grass, which in turn can then take up residence on your pets.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) deemed pet waste a "nonpoint source of pollution" in 1991, which put dog waste in the same category as oil and toxic chemicals! If left uncollected or improperly disposed of, pet waste filters into our groundwater and into waterways, lakes etc.

Finally, pet waste is protein based and not grain based like cow or horse manure, making it unusable as fertilizer for yards and plants. Left unchecked, pet waste will inhibit growth and eventually kills lawn and plants.

So be a responsible pet owner, clean up after your pet every time. You may not think someone is watching....but your neighbors know. There are

dog pots with trash bags around the community, please use them. If you are not cleaning up after your dog and we figure out who you are, you will be charged for cleaning up the waste you have left behind.

And if you see someone not cleaning up after their pet...politely remind them to do so, or let PMI aware. Together we can conquer this problem.

## **Household Tips:**

Springtime is a good time to work on the outside of your home. Look at the following items and make sure your house is in good shape to avoid any violation letters!

- \*\* paint any bare or rotting wood
- \*\* paint or clean shutters, window trim, doors and kick plate below your doors
- \*\* siding needs to be clean and mold/algae free.
- \*\*house numbers must be visible from the street.
- \*\*decks and fences must be in good repair stained/painted



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### ***Pool Opening and Passes***

The Pool will be opening on May 24<sup>th</sup>. This year you must have a pool pass on you or you will not be admitted. Please go to the website

<http://www.vvgreen.com/resources/forms/pool>

to fill out and submit your pool pass application or download the application and mail it to PMI as listed on the application. You must be current with your association dues to use the swimming pool.

Once the pool does open, we will have the pool open for a few hours every evening until schools let out for the summer. After school is out the pool will be open every day from 11am until 8:00 pm.

All guests must be signed in with a resident and must leave when that resident departs. All pool related problems should be taken up with PMI, NOT the lifeguards. In addition, please do not use the facilities if you are under the influence of

alcohol. If you have a child using the baby pool, please | sit at the pool and watch your child.