



# The Quail Runner

For and By the Residents  
Of Quail Run



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## 10th Annual Ice Cream Social

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Or Sign Up at the Community Center



## Board Of Governors (BOG) News

After several years, the Board is finally able to go ahead with fully repainting Quail Run. Repainting has been on the agenda of almost every Board since the developer turned control over to us. At first, keeping the wood trim repaired and repainted took up a large amount of the budget. The costs associated were tracked and it was felt that the least expensive course was to aggressively replace the progressively deteriorating wood with PVC. This required an up-front assessment but we are saving money on this trade off. Otherwise our condo fees would continue to rise simply for this maintenance.

What will be painted includes the front door and areas by the kitchen front and porch. You will have to leave the door open for a while to allow paint on it to dry. The porch ceiling will be power washed and varnished where needed. Some remaining wood trim on the porch may need replacing. The only purpose of painting PVC is to hide nails as PVC itself does not need any further

work. Only that trim where the nails are easily seen will be done, so those areas high up on the dormers or peaks of the roof will be left alone. We do not want painters walking on the roof!

As part of this project, we will also have the cement siding painted. The siding was expected to last for years with nothing more than painting, but some has shifted and cracks and gaps have opened that do need replacement or caulking. (Continued on page 10)

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### Editor’s Desk

MJ Ebens, editor



The upcoming **Ice Cream Social** will be the 10th here at QR. Hard to believe we’ve gathered together that many times to feast on ice cream and fellowship!

**Peggy Rittenhouse’s** column on Heat is quite timely. Hard to believe that someone so up on medical and health issues could forget to take water. Let that be a lesson to all of us!

Is there a man out there to pick up the **ROMEO** reins since **Frank Monte** is retiring? Frank did a great job, but someone new is needed. The **JULIETs** have often wondered why their group is so big and so few QR men join **ROMEOs**.

**Curtain Call Productions** is active again — there doesn’t seem to a problem finding willing actors — the schedule is always a problem — us retired folks don’t stay put very long.

Be sure to read **Howie Pearlman’s** column on Credit Cards — he points out something that could come as a very difficult issue at a very difficult time.

**Bev Minot** is collecting Calendars for Vets. She has done this for a number of years and provides a good and painless way of using all the extra calendars we seem to get from various charity organizations (p. 8)



### Welcome New Residents

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## HEALTHY LIVING

by Peggy Rittenhouse  
Heatstroke



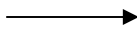
We just returned from a trip to British Columbia to see the incredible Canadian Rockies and a visit with my sister and her family in Montana. We had the same hot weather there that you folks here at home experienced. One day, my nephew and niece took us to see Kootenai Falls and the swinging bridge in a beautiful part of Western Montana. The weather was HOT. We walked quite a long distance to the falls on a rocky path and then much further to the swinging bridge. I used my trusty Nordic walking poles to help me on the path. My face became very red and we were longing for a drink of water. While we weren't in danger of heatstroke which can happen in hot weather and prolonged physical activity, we still were very hot and uncomfortable.

Heatstroke is the progression of two worsening heat-related conditions--heat cramps and heat exhaustion. Heatstroke is caused by prolonged exposure to high temperatures or by doing physical activity in hot weather. High humidity and certain health problems and some medications increase your risk of heatstroke. Heatstroke symptoms include: high body temperature, lack of sweating (but in heatstroke brought on by strenuous exercise the skin feels moist), nausea and vomiting, flushed skin, rapid breathing, racing heart rate, headache, confusion, muscle cramps or weakness and possibly unconsciousness.

Before you experience those symptoms you can treat the condition yourself by drinking cool, nonalcoholic beverages, getting into an air-conditioned area or taking a cool shower. If your symptoms persist, seek medical attention immediately.

Treatment of heatstroke includes taking immediate action to cool the overheated person such as helping the person move to a shaded location and remove excess clothing, placing ice packs or cold, wet towels on the person's head, neck, armpits and groin and misting the person with water while a fan is blowing on him or her.

We didn't get heatstroke from our long walk to Kootenai Falls and the hanging bridge, but we sure had red faces and great thirst.



## ROMEO'S

### Retired Old Men Eating Out (and having fun!)



Frank Monte is retiring from the Romeos as of August 1. Hopefully, there is a volunteer willing to organize and set up the Romeo Luncheons in the future.

This group is open to all men at Quail Run; it's a good opportunity to get acquainted and a chance for conversation.

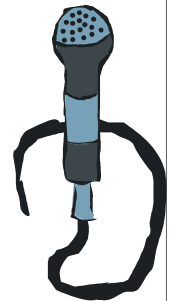
It is important that you give notice that you plan to attend so there won't be a last minute rush to provide enough seating.

If you are interested in taking on this job, contact **Frank Monte** [Frankmonte3@comcast.net](mailto:Frankmonte3@comcast.net) for further information

### Curtain Call Productions

The group plans a "radio play" for the end of September called *The Income Tax*. Those of you old enough to remember radio plays such as *The Lone Ranger* and *Fibber McGee and Molly* know that the scripts were read by actors at a microphone. There was also someone providing sound effects. (How did they ever do McGee's closet?)

*The Income Tax* involves a husband and wife who find they are to be audited and scramble to get everything in order. Most of the play has been cast, but there are still some openings. Contact MJ Ebens if interested.



**The group would like to borrow a microphone and cord for the play. Contact MJ if you have one to loan.**

### Heat (continued from left)

On the way back, we came to a little mountain stream and my niece flung cold water on her face and my nephew soaked his red bandana in the little stream and gave it to me to rinse off my face. It felt so good! We were so glad to get back to the cool air-conditioned car and water. Next time we'll bring along some water.

### Quail Run Real Estate News

by Hugo Guidotti

Quail Run, like much of rest of the real estate world seems to be stuck in the summer doldrums. The last closed sales were 12D Strawberry and 6C Rotherham just a week or so ago but they had been under agreement from some time ago. More recently however there have been very few people looking to buy. My web site, [activeadultliving.com](http://activeadultliving.com) has had very few visitors and those that did get onto the site all have a house to sell. However some of the major indicators, e.g. Case/Shiller, are showing increased buyer activity nationwide but that does not seem to be affecting our little niche here at QR. Let's hope we start to see some trickle down effect sooner rather than later. Another positive nationwide indicator shows an increase in housing starts and a miniscule rise in home prices. Not great but better than the reverse.

I understand there is some concern by home owners that the cost of Obamacare may be partially borne by homeowners when they sell. There will be a 3.85% transfer tax BUT it will only be on owners who make a **profit** of over \$500,000 (jointly) and only on that amount over the \$500,000 for people whose adjusted gross income is over \$235,000. So I doubt any Quail Runners will be affected in any way by that concern.

Below you will see the latest 6 month report on QR condos. Those shown with an H are transactions I was involved in. (Continued right)



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### Curtain Call

Toby Allen



**Our meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 in The Community Center. Our season starts in September and ends in June.**

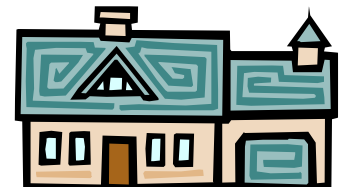
#### Quail Run Real Estate News (From left)

One of our owners, along with Alpine is working to get our complex HUD approved and that could be a big help toward doing a Reverse mortgage or even in just doing a Re-finance. And by the way mortgage rates are the lowest in the history of banking and now at 3.56% for a 30 year fixed. Great time to refinance if you have a need for doing that.

MLS#    Status    Address    DOM    List Price    Sale Price

MLS#	Status	Address	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
71348115	ACT	3B Rotherham Way	132	\$269,900	
71284621	ACT	9C Autumn Dr	313	\$275,500	
71283663	SLD	8B Strawberry LN	200	\$279,900	\$275,000
71265980	ACT	3B Strawberry Lane	358	\$299,900	
71322806	ACT	3B Autumn Dr	197	\$308,900	
71377399	SLD	12D Strawberry Ln	401	\$309,900	\$302,000
H 71321109	SLD	7C Autumn Dr	56	\$309,900	\$300,000
71346984	SLD	6C Rotherham Way	73	\$309,900	\$300,000
71330745	SLD	7A Strawberry Ln	65	\$312,000	\$306,000

Key:  
H—Hugo Sold  
ACT—Active  
SLD—Sold  
DOM—Days on market





## Senior Money Sense

by Howie Pearlman

### When a spouse dies, credit cards do not simply transfer

The practice of canceling cards issued to a deceased spouse is common.

Being a user on an account opened by a spouse doesn't automatically transfer the credit to you. Similarly, if money is owed on the card, you technically wouldn't be personally responsible, the estate would. **If you applied for the cards jointly, they would stay active upon a spouses passing.**

The credit card company said that they strive to treat family members with sympathy during this difficult time, a spokesman said. "When we are notified that the responsible cardholder passes away, we close the account. The account is then referred to a special group of representatives knowledgeable in probate matters, who may contact a family member to obtain information on the probate estate. If a surviving spouse is interested in having a credit card account, we invite him or her to apply for a new account."

Federal law requires applicants to be judged on their own merits, so the surviving spouse has to start from square one. That's going to seem unfair to an awful lot of people, particularly those who were the ones paying the bills.

This is one hurdle that most people don't expect, and the one that is raised at a tough time.

Excerpted from a Mitch Lipka article, June 10, 2012 in the Sunday Boston Globe



The Hudson Transfer Station takes empty gas containers for the grill.

There is a slight charge.



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## Weight & Nutrition Support Group

The Group will NOT MEET in July or August.

We will resume our regular meeting on Wednesday, September 5, at the Community Clubhouse at 9:30 am.

The total weight loss for the group since September, 2012 was 213.5 pounds. The group has set new individual goals for over the summer ranging from 2 to 20 pounds.

There are no dues or fees involved. The group is there to support and help one another by exchanging ideas, recipes, and strategies.

Open to all ladies here at Quail Run. Contact **Marlynn Stott** or **Marcella Monte** – 978-562-0823 [marcella-monte@comcast.net](mailto:marcella-monte@comcast.net)



## July 4<sup>th</sup> Barbecue

Over 20 residents of 4 and 6 Rotherham Way braved threatening weather on July 4, to attend what has now become an annual celebration. The event was organized by **Susan Ciampi, Sherry Lupien, Dean McEvoy** and **Barbara Morgan**. **Bill McEvoy** served as grill master, and **Harry Morgan** took a turn as sous chef. Along with hamburgers and hot dogs, attendees provided a variety of appetizers, side dishes and desserts.

The event also provided an opportunity to introduce new residents **David** and **Leila Mercer** (6C Rotherham), to the neighborhood. The weather held and all enjoyed a lovely summer evening.

From Harry Morgan



# Condo Care

## Plumbing Problems

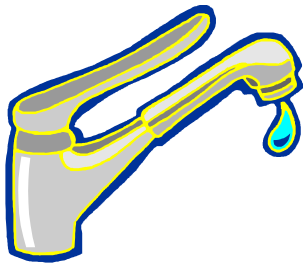
Recently a resident had a very expensive and unnerving experience with plumbing problem that should have been quickly and cheaply solved.

Make sure any plumber you contact is familiar with Quail Run and our water and sewer set up. Our units do not have their own master shut off valve. The master shut off valves are located in one of the end units.

Each unit does have a set of shut off valves in the basement ceiling. If you haven't already, this would be a good time to tag the shut offs.

**Curley Plumbing, 152 Manning St., Hudson, 978-562-2742**, has done extensive work here at Quail Run and resolved

the resident's issue by *replacing a 10¢ washer.*



**Static no-cling.** A rolled-up ball of aluminum foil, about tennis ball size, will reduce static cling effectively. But if you prefer the scent of antistatic dryer sheets, cut them in half and use for two loads.



### Higher water, Sewer rates

Selectmen approved water and sewer rates that will result in a \$6.53 increase on the average quarterly bill.

The rates are for the 2013 fiscal year, which starts July 1, and will first show up on August water and sewer bills. Selectmen approved a sewer rate of \$4.91 per 100 cubic feet, a 3.4 percent jump from this year. Hudson has a tiered water rate, but the average rate will be \$3.13 per 100 cubic feet, up 4.3 percent from this year. The average quarterly water and sewer bills are expected to go from \$174.38 to \$180.90.

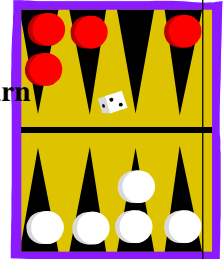
Reported by Calvin Hennick, *Boston Globe*, 6/24/2012

## Games Night Is Back!!!

Games night is back in business; first and third Tuesday, 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Come and enjoy an evening with your neighbors playing any of a variety of games, such as Dominoes, Rummicube, Mah Jong, or whatever strikes your fancy.

**If your last name begins with A-F bring a refreshment to share on the first Tuesday, otherwise it's your turn on the third Tuesday.**

Coffee and Tea will be served. We're looking for some new faces!



## Stitch & Knit

The group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 each month at members homes. All knitters (or other types of handwork) are welcome.



For more information **Barbara Baker**, 978-562-2460.

## Trades People Recommendations

**Compassion Veterinary Clinic**, 275 Boston Post Road, East, Marlborough, 508-481-8387 — recommended by Ebens

**Curley Plumbing**, 152 Manning St., Hudson, 978-562-2742 — recommended by Ebens and others

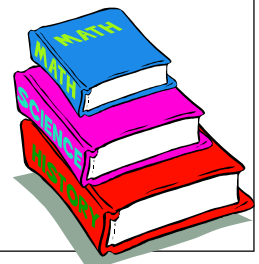
**Locksmith**—Warner Eldredge 978-562-7546

Recommended by Quail Run

## Book Club

Meetings are at the Community Center on Wednesdays, from 7 to 9 PM; generally the last Wednesday of each month.

Contact **Marcella Monte** for more information; 978-562-0823 or marcellamonte@comcast.net



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### Quail Run Birthdays

#### August

- Peggy Kunz, 4
- Frank Monte, 9
- Jeanne Malecki, 13
- Ginny Bosio, 17
- Janice Ogden, 21
- Owen Kilcommins, 22
- Nancy McMahon, 23
- Michael McCormack, 24
- Lee Bradbard, Jayne Donato, 25



#### September

- Terri Kilshaw, 3
- Maria Morrison, 8
- Klaus Schneller, 11
- Marcella Monte, 12
- Joe Aiello, 13
- Sally Mauro, Barbara Paradiso, Aileen Wilson, 14
- Sally Guidotti, 15
- Stephen Hoffman, 20
- Kathy Palmaccio, 23
- Paula Bradbard, 24

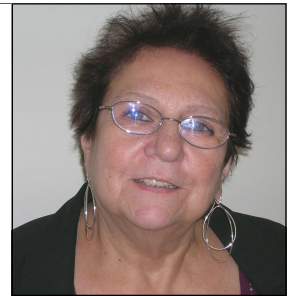
To include a birthday, contact your reporter or the editor

### Astrology — What's Up

By Beverly Beylouné

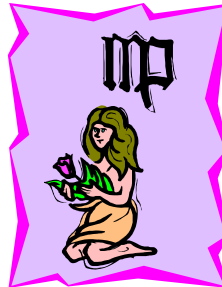
#### VIRGO August 23 - September 22

The planets bring love and harmony to your home this summer as Venus accentuates your



charm! You will be blooming with confidence and optimism as you go after your hearts desire this year. Healthier finances allow you to take a late Summer or Fall trip...you may even invite a friend, as the stars bring you closer to those you care about.

This is the year when you are urged to tackle some long term goals.



#### LIBRA September 23 – October 22

Planets have you feeling smarter than ever. But remember with wisdom, comes responsibility. This year you'll take charge of family matters and help someone close to you earn an award. Under the influence of creative celestial forces, you'll experiment with everything from gourmet cooking to yoga...your success will exceed your expectations as you try new things. This year you will broaden your horizons and be happier than ever.



### Annual Colonial Faire and Muster

Date: Saturday, September 29, 2012 (Rain or Shine)

Time: 10:00am to 4:00pm

Place: Longfellow's Wayside Inn (in the field opposite the inn)  
72 Wayside Inn Road Sudbury, MA 01776 978-443-1776

Admission: Adults - \$1.00 Children 12 and under – Free  
(Admission fee includes chance on a \$100 gift card to Wayside Inn)

This annual faire, run by the Sudbury volunteer re-enactment group has living history demonstrations, children's games and activities, fife and drum muster, crafts, a variety of food vendors and a colonial parade at noon! The Sudbury Ancient Fife and Drum Company will perform traditional colonial music throughout the day, including dramatic refrains that accompanied Revolutionary War soldiers on their way to battle.





### Heritage Chorale Open Rehearsals and AUDITIONS

The Heritage Chorale and John Finney, Conductor, invite interested singers to attend its Open Rehearsals on Tuesdays, September 4 and 11, from 7:45 to 10:15. Auditions will take place on Thursday, September 13.

Location: Scott Hall, First Parish Church in Framingham, 24 Vernon Street (just north of Route 9 and at the end of the green in Framingham Centre.)



The Heritage Chorale is now celebrating its 76th season. We are an auditioned mixed chorus whose mission is to perform high quality choral music in Boston's Metrowest region. With

around 100 singers from more than 30 communities, the Heritage Chorale is conducted by renowned Boston-area music director John Finney. We enjoy coming together to learn and perform choral music for music lovers throughout the Metrowest community.

Our season typically includes three concerts: two classical and one Pops. Our classical concerts feature professional orchestra and soloists in the performance of a wide range of choral music. Our Pops concert features lighter music with a more relaxed atmosphere at table seating, often featuring accompanist Darryl Hollister. The Chorale's rich musical heritage is exemplified by our past concert programs.

Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening, September through mid-May, at Scott Hall, First Parish Church in Framingham. The Heritage Chorale is a member of the Greater Boston Choral Consortium.

For more information contact: **Elaine Recklet**  
4F Rotherham 978 - 562-2721 [erecklet@comcast.net](mailto:erecklet@comcast.net)  
or

Visit our website – [www.HeritageChorale.org](http://www.HeritageChorale.org)

#### 2013 Calendars Wanted

**Bev Minot**, 8F Strawberry, is collecting calendars to go to **Veterans**. Drop them off on her front porch. They will go to a good use.



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### NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE

On June 13<sup>th</sup> 40 residents boarded the comfortable coach at the Community Center for the trip to Newport. At the Playhouse we were quickly seated at stage-front tables and soon enjoying a wonderful buffet lunch.

Afterwards we proceeded to the cozy theater to see the hilarious comedy 'Love, Sex and the IRS'. Back at our tables we had more laughs as the talented staff performed skits and songs in the cabaret.

On the way back to Quail Run everyone agreed it had been a fantastic day out!

Thanks to Terri Kilshaw



Quail Runners at Newport





## Area Highlights

By Barbara Champine

### ORCHARD HOUSE/ALCOTT HOME 100th ANNIVERSARY

On May 27, 1912 the Orchard House, the Concord home where Louisa May Alcott wrote her famous novel, "Little Women", opened as a museum. This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this museum. The museum sees 50,000 visitors a year.

After moving twenty-two times in nearly thirty years, the Alcotts finally found their most permanent home at Orchard House in Concord, where they lived from 1858 to 1877. Louisa wrote "Little Women" in 1868. The home is most noted for being where Louisa wrote and set her beloved classic. Fortunately, there have been no major structural changes to the house since the Alcott's time, and on-going preservation efforts adhere to the highest standards of authenticity. About 80% of the furnishings on display were owned by the Alcotts so that the rooms look much like they did when the family lived there. A walk through the house is like a walk through "Little Women."

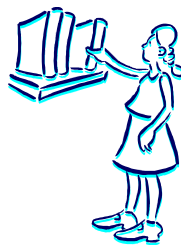
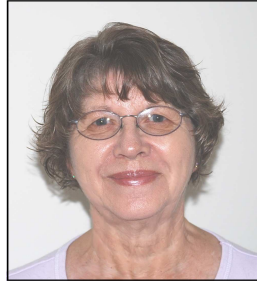
All visits to the house are by guided tour. You will be introduced to objects important to the family and to the family members themselves. An interesting video tells the story of the family's years in the home, and differences between the "March" family in the book and the real-life Alcotts.

The Alcott home is open year-round. From November 1-March 31: Monday-Friday 11 to 3, Saturday 10-4:30, Sunday 1-4:30. April 1-October 31: Monday-Saturday 10-4:30, Sunday 1-4:30. Closed Easter, Christmas, Jan 1 and 2. No reservations are needed for groups fewer than 10 persons.

Admission: Seniors and college students with ID \$8, Adults \$9, Youth 6-17 \$5.

There is a Museum Store that stocks a wide variety of collectibles, gifts, books, and educational materials related to the Alcotts and their world.

For more information call 978-369-4188.



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## Social Committee News

Save The Date  
**Breakfast Buffet**  
**Saturday,**  
**15**  
**September**



### Welcome Party

On July 2 **Sally and Hugo Guidotti** hosted a welcome party for new residents of circle 5/7 Autumn Drive.

**Ginny Daluise** and **Gary Hegan** recently moved in to 7C. Ginny originated from Staten Island, NY and is a retired Hudson teacher. Gary hails from Revere and the pair met while both lived in Marlboro.

A belated introduction was also made to **Claire and Owen Kilcommins**, 5E. Claire was born in Hyde Park and Owen in Boston. They met while attending Boston College.

We had such fun and thank Sally and Hugo. It is great to have our circle complete again!

Welcome to Quail Run!

**Terri Kilshaw**

### ORCHARD HOUSE (from left)

Directions: Rte 62 from Hudson to Concord, follow Main Street until it ends at the "green." Bear right onto Lexington Road. Follow Lexington Road, left at the fork with Cambridge Turnpike. The Concord Museum will be on your right. Approximately .5 mile, Orchard House will be on your left. Address 399 Lexington Road. Park in the Wayside Lot on Hawthorne Lane.

**NOTE:** If you do not have a National Park Senior Pass you may stop at the Wayside (Hawthorne's house) and purchase one. The Wayside is next door to the Orchard House, across from the parking lot. The pass costs \$10 and is valid for life. The pass is good at National Parks and Monuments. You can then also tour the Wayside at no cost, using your pass.

## Refuse Disposal Services

### Recycling Acceptable Items

Aluminum cans  
 Brown paper bags  
 Cardboard (must be broken down)  
 Catalogs, magazines and phone books  
 Chipboard (cereal boxes, shoe boxes etc. must be broken down)  
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By combining the two paint jobs, there is a cost savings as there is only the need to edge in the paint once. The cement siding will be painted to match the vinyl siding on the dormers, which will not be painted. In order for the painters to get to the lower siding and trim, some shrubs, trees, and plantings will have to be pruned.

Owners will need to take down anything hanging on the walls, the porch beams, or from the porch ceiling. You should remove any trellises, garden ornaments, or bird-baths. The painters will be instructed to avoid what they can, but there may be areas that can't be painted otherwise. We plan to give owners in each building at least 48 hours notice before the painters start on their area. Depending on the month they start and the weather, some of this may not be finished until next spring. We expect to have enough money set aside at this point that there will be no need for an assessment. We are not going to do the decks this year at all, but should be able to resume that cycle next year.



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Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL?

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

### To My Cracked Friends

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them.

For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding... You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

So, to all of my cracked pot friends, have a great day and remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path.

**Kevin Fitzgerald**



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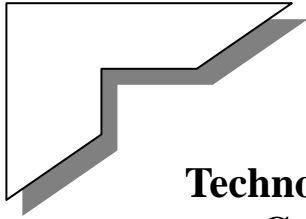
**September 14** is the next lunch planned by **Nancy Reid** and **Claire Kilcommins**. Further information available later.

**Sign up for either event at the Community Center.**

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The Chefs are Italian,  
The Mechanics are German,  
The Lovers are French and  
It's all organized by the Swiss.

**Hell is Where:**  
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## Technology Corner

By George Champine

### Microsoft Surface Family of Tablets

The announcement from Microsoft about its Surface family of tablets is very interesting. In it, Microsoft takes on industry leader Apple with its iPad and others such as Samsung.

Surface comes in two forms: an ARM-based, Windows RT-reliant version, and an Intel Core i5-based, full Windows 8 version.

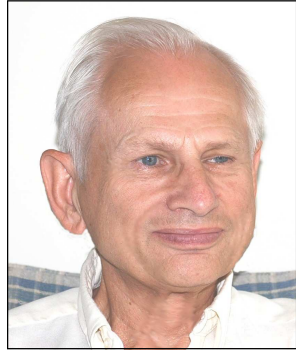
The ARM version is aimed at novice users. It is a device that comes with a version of Windows that is restricted purely to the new Metro interface.

Metro, borrowed from Windows 8 and the Windows Phone platform, is designed for touch screens rather than keyboards. Instead of files and folders, there are touchable tiles that fire up your apps, and those apps take up the whole screen. It goes head-to-head with the iPad, and therefore suffers all the problems that any new entrant into the tablet market would expect. The lack of apps, momentum, and mobile data will probably prevent this Surface from making inroads into Apple's iPad hegemony.

But the Intel version is most certainly a horse of a different color. This version of Surface sits between ultra-books and tablets. It comes packed with an architecture and chip that has more power than any of the ARM-based tablets thus far.

The real winner for business with this Surface is that it is running an instance of Windows 8 Professional, and will therefore have access to the classic desktop within Windows 8 to run the existing catalogue of Windows programs.

If you want apps, forget the various application stores. How does the entire Windows catalogue sound? These apps might not be pretty, optimized for a touch experience, or available for purchase with an iTunes card, but they are the same applications that users



have become accustomed to for years, and IT departments have been maintaining and bug fixing them for years.

You know that application built to work with Windows 95 that you have updated and carried into the future for the past 15 years? That's going to work on this tablet.

If people want an application to work on a mobile device, they can buy a tablet where the existing application works fine. It is a Windows 8 device that can be serviced using the same set of tools and skills that people already have.

The other bonus that Surface provides is its USB port. Want extra storage with an external drive? Need a full keyboard and mouse? It's no problem at all, and you don't have to visit an Apple Store to look for an adapter.

We expect that for home use a Surface will be plugged in to a large display and external keyboard. For mobile use, the built-in screen and keyboard will be used. It's powerful enough to field a proper operating system, small and light enough to be carried like a book, and has the customization and backwards compatibility that people are going to love.

Having a consistent interface on your phone, tablet, desktop and even TV and games machine with the Xbox, suddenly puts Microsoft back into the market as a major player after a long time without an answer to the mobility solutions on offer from Apple and Google.

The Microsoft Surface should be available around the end of the year.

