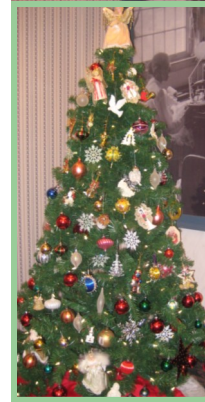


Christmas Decorations At Flag



Exterior Lighting Update

After evaluating the exterior lighting at all three of our buildings, the conclusion was that the Bard Complex was the only building with an immediate need for an upgrade.

A few factors went into our decision, one being our new sidewalk to the Schuylkill Trail.

We will be adding lights to the parking area of the Bard for better illumination and safety.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact John Piechota in the Facilities Department.



Bard Christmas Decorating Party

On December 3rd at 3:30pm, Bard held their Christmas decorating party. The residents enjoyed a light lunch. Everyone had a grand time decorating and spreading holiday cheer throughout the building.



Bea Snyder, Sally Waltman & Margaret Banks



Mary Hozyash, Josie Sandin, & Francis Sosnowski



Sara Cooper



Betty Hampton, Jack Walters, & Irena Herr



Ann Coll in her elf hat

A Stitch a Minute

By: Sara Greis

From the early 1940's until the closing of both the Spring City Knitting and the Flag Company, Bard and Flag House residents played an important part in the industry of Spring City.

Those residents are: Loryn Robinson, Frances Maute, Jake Maute, Doris Favinger, Doris Bauman, Mary Hozyash, Doris Gertenich and Irma Dacciaro. Here are some of their experiences of stitching and being in stitches at work in Spring City.

Loryn Robinson shared, "At Spring City Knitting, I prepped bundles for the sewers, this job was called shaking down the bundles. After shaking the bundles, I put a plastic binder on them for production. I also did garment trimming by hand and labeled shorts. The ladies next to me looked like they were doing a jitter bug as they kept in rhythm to their machines. We all worked hard and had fun while we worked."

Frances Maute commented that, "We had good times at Spring City Knitting. I sang while I worked. I liked to sing Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin songs. No one else could hear me over the ding of the machines, but I could do my work better if I sang. My job was to tack sleeves onto athletic tees. Don Shaner, son of Harvey and Hazel Shaner, was our mechanic. I liked working at Spring City Knitting and I like living at the Bard Complex."

Jake Maute related that, "There were several floors of office secretaries at Spring City Knitting who processed the paper work for orders and shipping notices. He noted that "Mr. Ed Gruber would frequently come into to chat with the crew in the packing room. I was a picker and filled the orders. The four story building had no elevators, and the materials were moved up and down wooden steps. We parked our cars on the lot where Coventry Properties is now. I met my wife

Frances at work, just outside the current Community Room, and we were married in 1959."

Doris Favinger noted that, "Arguments would occur over how the highest paid bundles of work were distributed. Yet, there were humorous moments: one was when my co-workers lifted me onto a shelf and left me there for a while. They also gave me an iced round box that looked like a cake. At Christmas, the company provided department parties and gave us each a turkey. The ladies received flowers on their birthdays and that is how I met Doris Bauman. The birthday names were announced over a loud speaker and I heard Doris Bauman's name being announced with mine. We introduced

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L to R: Doris Bauman, Frances Maute, Jake Maute, Doris Favinger, & Loryn Robinson Unable to attend the picture: Irma Dacciaro, Doris Gertenich, & Mary Hozyash

Resident Bike Storage at Bard

A new bike area has been selected on the ground level stairwell outside of apartment 8 at Bard. Resident can place bicycles in the designated area and can purchase a locking device for their bike. Please be reminded that Phoenixville Homes is not liable for any damages or stolen bikes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Donna Beard, Housing Coordinator

Fun Holiday Facts

- Christmas was declared a national holiday in 1870.
- President Franklin Pierce was the first president to decorate the White House Christmas tree.
- Since the 1970s, the Kennedy Space Center has made their shuttle landing facility available for emergency landing just in case Santa Claus should have any problems during his annual visit to children around the world
- 12 million packages are delivered by the Postal Service every day during the holiday season.

For more fun holiday facts visit: www.justreadfamilies.org/holidayfacts.asp