

The Lamplighter



THE WOODBRIDGE VALLEY IMPROVEMENT AND CIVIC ASSOCIATION

A covenant-controlled community

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The President's Message

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving.

The next events for the community will be the **Holiday Party** for the children and grandchildren of the Valley residents **December 17th** and a **Skating Party** for the teens **December 23rd**. Please see the flyer for more details.

We are looking for volunteers to help with some of the projects for next year. Please let us know if you will be able to give a couple of hours of your time to help us.

The Directory will be updated and issued in 2012. Let us know if there have been any changes to your present listing. If you know of anyone who is no longer a resident, please notify us. The only way we get this information is when dues are collected or when you inform us of changes in your block. If you wish to place an ad in the Directory, contact **Myles Carpeneto** by using the e-mail address, wvica@comcast.net, or **Tina Brown 410-747-7069**. Remember only paid members of the Association will receive a copy of the Directory.

The membership drive for 2012 is drawing to a close. If you are an Area Representative, would you check to see that all of your Block Captains have turned in their envelopes. Block Captains please return your envelopes to Dorothy Habersham or Tina Brown as listed in your instruction sheet. Thanks to all of the volunteers who work so hard with the drive each year. If you were missed when your Block Captain came by, you can still fill out the sheet in this publication and mail it in your dues. We use this money to keep Woodbridge Valley a pleasant place to live and to provide functions for you.

Have a Happy Holiday Season to you all.



PLEASE DO NOT PUT "THE LAMPLIGHTER" IN MAILBOXES!

**WOODBRIIDGE VALLEY IMPROVEMENT AND CIVIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2011-2012**

Tina Brown	President	1002 Pleasant Valley Dr.	410-747-7069
Bernie Reinckens	VP & Welcoming	7 Calvin Springs Ct.	410-747-6486
Dorothy Habersham	Treasurer	7209 Pinecrest Rd.	410-455-0135
Joy Reber	Secretary	7 Union Hall Ct.	410-869-7499
Manya Archie		502 Crosby Rd.	410-788-6508
Vernise Burs	Social	22 Stuart Mills Pl.	410-788-0662
Myles Carpeneto	Website	5 Big Stone Ct.	410-455-0277
Rose Marie Hellman		10 Sparrow Hill Ct.	410-747-0041
Sharon Johnson	Social	11 Stuart Mills Pl.	410-788-1120
Ted King		14 Brucetown Ct.	410-788-3626
Leslie Kulick	Island Maintenance	6915 Pinecrest Rd.	410-719-7080
Del Riemer		1008 Pleasant Valley Dr.	410-788-4522
Nicole Smoot	Welcoming	1428 Pleasant Valley Dr.	410-747-5777
Charles Springer	Covenants	13 Forest Rock Ct.	410-455-0069

WELCOME!

NEW NEIGHBORS

Darrell & Andrea James	1408 King William Drive
Harold and Louise Martin	11 Union Hall Court
Sabal Shrestha	1338 Hickory Springs
Julien & Marie Smith	1206 White Mills
Sean & Elisa Smith	14 Elkwood
John & Phyliss Willey	1209 White Mills
Mohammad Raunak & Anjuman Islam	6424 Clifton Forge Circle

If you have new neighbors, please call Bernie Reinckens at 410-747-6486 so that we can welcome them to our community.

Social Committee News

We want to thank Woodbridge Valley residents for supporting WVICA sponsored activities. Our hope is that we will build community through food, fellowship, and fun and that we will provide needed services. We would love to hear about new ideas as well as feedback on past activities. Please e-mail your thoughts to Sharon Johnson at Msraskojohn3@comcast.net.

Outdoor Movie Night

The third time was a charm! Due to poor weather conditions, our annual outdoor movie night was delayed twice. We finally held it at the Woodbridge Valley Pool on Wednesday, August 24, 2011. The location was excellent and the weather *FINALLY* held out. While the weekday crowd was smaller, it seemed that everyone had a great time! Thanks to volunteers Sharon Johnson, Ted King, Dorothy Habersham, and Tina Brown for their help.

The WVICA Board has decided to have Outdoor Movie Nights every other year. The next Movie Night will be scheduled for Summer 2013.

Dumpster Day

In the fall of each year, WVICA sponsors a Dumpster Day event near the intersection of Crosby Road and King William Drive. This year was no different; we had 5 dumpsters ready and waiting for our residents from 8am to noon on September 17, 2011. This annual event allowed our residents to dispose of their unwanted items. Thanks to all who participated in the event! It was a huge success and was much appreciated by all. Thanks to all of the Board members that volunteered their time to monitor the disposal and thanks to resident Sheila Frank that graciously volunteered her time as well. If you would like to volunteer in the future please notify Tina Brown at (410) 747-7069.

Annual Shred Day

On October 1st, from 10 a.m. to noon, WVICA sponsored a Community Shredding event near the intersection of Crosby Road and King William Drive. The WVICA Board provided an opportunity for paid WVICA members to shred personal papers, bank statements, invoices, receipts, etc.. that could make them victims of identity theft. A huge shredder truck was rented from Pro-Shred, and residents brought bags and boxes of papers to be destroyed. Shredding was done on-site at time of drop-off. Close to 4,000 pounds of confidential papers were shredded. All of the shredded paper was recycled into secondary paper products to help protect natural resources. Thanks to all of our neighbors and volunteers who made this event a success! We will have another Shred Day in Fall 2012.

FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS

Annual Winter Holiday Breakfast

Each year, WVICA hosts a holiday breakfast for the children and grandchildren of Woodbridge Valley residents up to 11 years old. Our Winter Holiday Kid's breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 17th at the Old Country Buffet located at 6506 Baltimore National Pike. We have invited Baltimore's own Tom Lilly back this year for a family audience comedy-magic show. Tom Lilly combines magic, juggling, and balloonacy with audience participation to produce a show that leaves all ages laughing. The show will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is confirmed for March 31, 2012 (rain date April 7, 2012) at Woodbridge Elementary School.

Adult Mystery Night

We are looking into having another Adult Mystery Night in Spring 2012.

Universoul Circus

We are also considering purchasing tickets for Woodbridge Valley families to attend a performance of the Universoul Circus, typically held in the Spring/Summer at Security Square Mall.

Annual Spring Community Yard Sale

Our Annual Spring Community Yard Sale will be held in June 2012.

Woodbridge Valley Pool Teen Nights

We expect to continue covering admission for Woodbridge Valley teens for Summer 2012 Woodbridge Valley Pool Teen Nights.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help plan and carry out community activities. We are also seeking sponsors to help offset the cost of our programs. If you can volunteer an hour or two or would like to contribute toward our programs, please contact Sharon Johnson at 410-370-9731.

Safe Speeds

Please observe speed limits especially in the vicinity of schools. They are meant to protect our school children and other residents. Please note that a speed camera was recently installed at Catonsville High School. The goal of the speed camera program is public safety.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

RSVP is seeking talented, motivated volunteers over the age of 55 who are interested in making a difference by utilizing their experience and skills. Join this group of over 1,000 volunteers serving Baltimore County. RSVP is a key component of Senior Corps, which is overseen by the Corporation for National and Community Service. To learn more call 410-887-3101 or e-mail volunteers@baltimorecountymd.gov.

One Call Now

We are continuing to use the One Call Now messaging service to alert Woodbridge Valley residents of emergency situations and of WVICA-sponsored events. Don't miss out! Please contact Sharon Johnson at 410-370-9731 to be added, removed, or to change your contact information.

Recycling and Reuse News

Help the environment and people in need. Baltimore County's 2011 Reuse Directory is available online at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/recycling. This publication lists groups, organizations, and businesses that accept items such as clothing, computers, furniture, toys, and more. Hard copies will also be available by calling 410-887-2000 or by sending an e-mail to recycle@baltimorecountymd.gov.

For more information about Baltimore County residents' drop-off centers, please visit www.bcrecycles.com. For more information about household hazardous waste, please call the County's Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (EPS) at 410-887-3745 or visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/go/environment.

Foreclosure Prevention

Yvette Foreman, Housing and Community Development Coordinator within Baltimore County's Department of Planning has information to assist homeowners in avoiding foreclosure. Contact her at 410-887-5969 or yforeman@baltimorecountymd.gov for information regarding foreclosure prevention. You may also visit their website at <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Services/helpinghands.html> for more information and additional resources.

PTA Membership Drive

Woodbridge Elementary School PTA is having our Membership Drive. The cost for Membership is \$10 per person. Membership is open to all family members (such as mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc.) and community members/friends. Our goal is to have 100% Membership for 2011-2012. Please Join Us!! If you are interested or have questions, contact Phyllis King, PTA President at [\(443\)799-5708](tel:4437995708), dking36953@aol.com.

School Improvement Team (SIT)

The Woodbridge Elementary School PTA would like to see you at our meetings to continue strengthening the educational growth of our students. We would like to hear input from a variety of people such as business owners, community members, clergy, housewives, educators and other professional workers to add diversity to our School Team. Meetings are held once a month. If you are interested or have questions contact Phyllis King, PTA President at [\(443\)799-5708](tel:4437995708), dking36953@aol.com.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

In the event that you are not contacted about paying your membership dues, please fill out and mail the following form, along with a \$25 check made payable to **WVICA**. The mailing address is: **WVICA, P.O. Box 3197, Catonsville Maryland 21228**.



NAME: _____

Please print the name of each adult as you want it listed in the Directory

STREET ADDRESS: _____

PHONE _____

Please, DO NOT put my phone number in the WVICA directory

Please, DO NOT call me about upcoming events

Even if you do not want your telephone number made public, please let the Association have it so that we can contact you about emergencies and Association business

EMAIL _____

Your email address WILL NOT be made public, but please let the Association have it so that we can contact you about emergencies and Association business

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER SOME TIME HELPING WITH
AT LEAST ONE OF THE ASSOCIATION'S PROJECTS?

YES NO

Winter Break Teen Skating Party!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

On Friday, December 23rd, from 7:30-11 p.m., WVICA will sponsor the first thirty Woodbridge Valley teens ages 12-17 at Hot Skates Roller Skating Center's Friday Night Teen Skate. Admission for Woodbridge Valley teens will include admission, skate rental, a slice of cheese pizza, a drink, and 5 game tokens. Regular admission is \$10.00 per teen for admission and skates. Hot Skates Roller Skating Center is located at 1716 Whitehead Road in Woodlawn. Hot Skates advertises that it is a clean, fun, friendly & safe place for family fun! To learn more about Hot Skates, please visit <http://www.hotskatesbaltimore.com>.

Holiday Crime Prevention Tips

Shopping takes up a lot of time during the holidays. Shoppers are so busy thinking about all the things that need to be done, they fail to be aware of their surroundings. It can also make people careless when they are out and about. This makes them easy pickings for purse snatchers and street robbers.

"It doesn't have to be this way," says Chief Jim Johnson. He says that people are not reading their environment and in too much of a hurry to add safety to their list of things to do. He says to scan your immediate area. Don't assume that because there are people around you are safe and secure.

The Chief advises everyone, "Focus on your personal safety and the safety of those with you. Every good police officer is trained to read the environment. Likewise, you should ask yourself questions when you are out and about."

When you are in a parking lot or garage, be alert to someone who appears to be standing around for no good reason. He or she might be waiting for someone or that person could be an opportunist waiting to grab your shopping bags or your purse.

Here are some things to think about when shopping:

- Always park in well-lit areas and park close to the entrance of the store or mall.
- Don't talk on a cell phone when walking to and from your vehicle. Keep your full attention on your surroundings.
- Don't electronically unlock your vehicle until you are within door opening distance. This helps stop a thief from getting into the car and waiting to strike when you least expect it.
- If you are ready to leave the mall and feel uneasy about entering the parking lot or garage by yourself, stay in the mall and ask for a security escort.
- Do not open your car door to anyone in a parking lot or garage. If you believe you are in danger, call 911 immediately.

ADS

DAYCARE:

- **FAMILY HOME CHILD CARE:** Betty Aviles, 410-747-0552, registration number 1077.
- **DAYCARE:** Small Stars Daycare in Woodbridge Valley, Family Daycare, ages 3 mos. to 4 yrs. Call Betty Holloway, 410-869-3834

FOR SALE:

- **CONSOLE PIANO:** 40 in. tall. Highly rated Chickering brand. Great tone. Comes with matching bench and music for popular songs of the ages. \$850. Call Sheila 410 744-2564.

SERVICES:

- **COMPUTER SERVICES:** Why pay box store prices for in-home computer services? Call your personal Woodbridge Valley PC computer geek. Over 25 years of desktop computer experience. Myles Carpeneto, 410-455-0277.
- **HAULING, LANDSCAPING, LAWN CARE, SNOW REMOVAL & AUTO DETAILING:** Call Eric Aviles, 443-762-4032
- **LIGHT HAULING:** Same day light hauling and delivery services. Call Woodbridge Valley resident Julian Bennett on 443-831-8975 or send email to julianbennett64@gmail.net.
- **PIANO LESSONS:** Both children and adults. Call 410-788-5175.
- **TUTORING REASONABLE RATES:** K-12 all core subjects. Private school and high school entrance exam prep also. Call Nicole Moore at 443-622-0248.
- **TUTORING SERVICES:** Professional Educator, MSDE certified, over 15 years classroom experience. ALL academic subjects including German, Latin I, SAT & HSPT Test Prep., Study & Organizational Skills. References available. Proven results at reasonable rates. Call 410-627-5938 or e-mail teacherman68@hotmail.com.
- **WELCOMING LITURGY:** If you are looking for an inclusive Roman Catholic Community not affiliated with the Archdiocese of Baltimore, you are invited to celebrate with the The Living Water Inclusive Catholic Community in Catonsville. See www.thelivingwatercommunity.org for details, or call Gloria Carpeneto, 410-455-0277.

PLEASE NOTE: The publication of ads is provided as a service to Woodbridge Valley residents and is limited to Woodbridge Valley and surrounding communities. Publication of ads does not imply Board endorsement of advertised goods and services. Ads of up to 320 characters, including spaces, with no graphics are published: Free to paid members of WVICA; for \$5.00 per ad to non-members; and, on a first come first served, space available basis. **ADS IN THIS ISSUE WILL NOT BE REPEATED UNLESS REQUESTED.** Mail ads to WVICA, P.O. Box 3197, Catonsville, MD 21228 or email them to wvica@comcast.net. The next publication is scheduled for March 2012. The deadline for the next issue is February 15, 2012.