

# The Lamplighter



## THE WOODBRIDGE VALLEY IMPROVEMENT AND CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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A covenant-controlled community  
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### *The President's Message*

The calendar says it's Spring but up until a week ago we were experiencing snow. If you're like me, you can't wait for sunny days and warm weather. Remember to clean the drains near your home because April brings spring showers.

I have begun to receive calls about cars being ransacked. They cannot be called break-ins because to date all of the cars have been unlocked. This happens every year.

**PLEASE LOCK YOUR CARS!**

**The WVICA Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 23, 2014 ,at the Elementary School at 8:00 PM. We are looking for members to the board.**

A WVICA Facebook page has been created. Please check it out and "like" us at <https://www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeValley>. It will be used primarily to alert users of Woodbridge Valley events. You don't need to be signed up to Facebook to view the page. We thank Board Member Ted King for creating it and being its Administrator. To be added or removed from One Call Now or to update your phone number, please e-mail [social@woodbridgevalley.org](mailto:social@woodbridgevalley.org) or call 410-370-9731.

This is the year for the new Directory to be published. Contact any Board Member with your contact information at our website or our e-mail address (listed at the top of this page) if there are any changes or you were not listed in the 2012 edition. Remember only paid members of our Association will receive a copy.

I recent attended the grand opening of the **Herbert V. Simmons Museum of Negro Leagues Baseball**. It is housed in the Owings Mills Public Library, and it's a trip worth taking to view this history. Mr. Simmons was a member of the legendary **Baltimore Elite Giants** in the 1950's.

Enjoy your Spring!



PLEASE DO NOT PUT "THE LAMPLIGHTER" IN MAILBOXES!

**WOODBIDGE VALLEY IMPROVEMENT AND CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2013-2014**

Tina Brown	President	1002 Pleasant Valley Dr.	410-747-7069
Nicole Smoot	VP & Welcoming	1428 Pleasant Valley Dr.	443-255-3131
Dorothy Habersham	Treasurer	7209 Pinecrest Rd.	410-455-0135
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Manya Archie		502 Crosby Rd.	410-788-6508
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Sharon Johnson	Social	11 Stuart Mills Pl.	410-788-1120
Ted King		14 Brucetown Ct.	410-788-3626
Ben Miller		11 Big Stone Ct.	410-869-9380
Charles Springer	Covenants	13 Forest Rock Ct.	410-455-0069
Kathy Stein	Welcoming	7 Doe Hill Court	410-788-0742

**WELCOME!  
NEW NEIGHBORS**

Solomon Adamu	5 Hoffield Court
Robert Auld & Emily Evans	1404 Lincoln Woods Drive
Greg Betz & Alli Vacovelli	6441 Clifton Forge Circle
Regina Dublin	9 Union Hall Court
Loretta Fitzgerald	7206 Pinecrest Road
Raees & Ayesha Kahn	1406 King William Drive
Justin King	1418 Pleasant Valley Drive
James McFall & Karat Kitburi	1231 Pleasant Valley Drive
Prakashbhai & Ramilaben Mistry	1434 Pleasant Valley Drive
Halim & Sirajum-Murina	408 Crosby Road
Shivaz Soheila	414 Crosby Road
Monty & Josephine St John	6403 Clifton Forge Circle
Ahmed Syed	1300 Pleasant Valley Drive

If you have new neighbors, please call **Nicole Smoot** at **443-255-3131** so that we can welcome them to our community.

## Drug Drop Boxes

Baltimore County Department of Health, 6401 York Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Flr., Balt. MD, 21212-2130  
Email: [substanceabuse@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:substanceabuse@baltimorecountymd.gov)

Phone: 410-887-3828, TTY users call via Maryland Relay

The Baltimore County Department of Health and the Baltimore County Police Dept. have initiated a drug "take back" program in Baltimore County. With a grant from the Maryland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration, **drug drop boxes** have been installed at all 10 police precincts and **are accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.**

Parents, grandparents and guardians are encouraged to take inventory of what is in their medicine cabinets, secure all unexpired medications that are genuinely needed, and use our drug drop boxes to dispose of those that are not.

### **Drug Drop Box Locations**

- Precinct 1 Wilkens - 901 Walker Avenue, 21228
- **Precinct 2 Woodlawn - 6424 Windsor Mill Road, 21207**
- Precinct 3 Franklin - 606 Nicodemus Road, 21136
- Precinct 4 Pikesville - 215 Milford Mill Road, 21208
- Precinct 6 Towson - 115 W. Susquehanna Avenue, 21204
- Precinct 7 Cockeysville - 111 Wight Avenue, 21030
- Precinct 8 Parkville - 8532 Old Harford Road, 21234
- Precinct 9 White Marsh - 8220 Perry Hall Boulevard, 21236
- Precinct 11 Essex - 216 North Marlyn Ave., 21221
- Precinct 12 North Point - 1747 Merritt Boulevard, 21222

### **Acceptable Deposits**

- Any expired or medication that is no longer needed
- Illegal drugs
- Pills, capsules and liquid medications in a container
- Non-liquid forms of medication can be in original container or a zip lock baggie

### **Unacceptable Deposits**

All medical waste (needles, lancets, syringes, and razor blades) should be securely enclosed in a metal or plastic container and thrown in the regular trash. These items should not be place in the drug drop boxes!

### **Substance Abuse Assistance**

If you or a loved one is suffering from an alcohol, tobacco or drug (illegal or prescription) addiction, help is available. Call the Department of Health, Bureau of Behavioral Health at 410-887-3828.

## Social Committee News

We thank all of the volunteers who assisted with planning community-wide activities and to each and every resident who participated in WVICA sponsored activities during the 2013-2014 membership year. We held our annual Easter Egg Hunt, Spring and Fall Community Yard Sales, our biennial Outdoor Family Movie Night, Woodbridge Valley Orioles Night (a first!), a Winter Youth Bowling party, and our much anticipated Shred and Dumpster Days. In addition, we co-sponsored a Health Care Implementation Workshop, and covered the cost for Woodbridge Valley teens to attend a Woodbridge Valley Pool Teen Night. We partnered with our neighbors from Ellicott Mills for the Easter Egg Hunt, Movie Night, and Orioles Night.

Plans are underway for the Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Community Yard Sale (see flyers). We will be sponsoring our annual Dumpster (September) and Shred (October) Days, Fall Community Yard Sale (October 11<sup>th</sup>) and are planning to cover admission for Woodbridge Valley Pool Teen and Tween nights. We are investigating another outing to the UniverSoul Circus (June 21<sup>st</sup>), another Orioles Night (Summer), an Adult Mystery Night (Fall), and a Winter Family Bowling night (January 2015). As always, we welcome your ideas and feedback so that we may continue to provide relevant programs.

If you are interested in volunteering, please indicate your interest on your membership form, e-mail [social@woodbridgevalley.org](mailto:social@woodbridgevalley.org), or call 410-370-9731

### Scouting for Food

As one of many service projects, both Boy and Girl Scouts have been participating in a food collection project for many years now. In mid-April 2013, Girl Scout troops including 43 youth and 27 adults met in area neighborhoods to distribute food collection bags, bags that look like ordinary shopping bags but should have contained a flyer explaining the "Scouting for Food" project. The weekend following, scouts returned to those same streets to collect donations. Additionally, some scouts were stationed at Woodbridge Valley Pool so residents could drop off donations. Many thanks are extended to anyone who contributed in any way as Woodbridge Valley area results were again high at **more than 1,200 donated food items**, only a few items lower than what was collected the previous year!!

Many organizations are willing to accept food donations, so the decision on where to take donations is not easy. However, area scout groups have committed to the idea that food collected locally should remain local. So, all 2013 proceeds went to local food ministries, including Grace AME Church, 40 West Assistance Center at St Bartholomew Church, the CEFM Network, Southwest Emergency Services (SWES), Beechfield UMC, Our Lady of Victory, and the Woodlawn shelter at Salem UMC.

# Woodbridge Valley Pool

www.wvpool.net

**Put a splash of fun in your summer at the WOODBRIDGE VALLEY POOL!**

There's a great summer vacation spot right here in our neighborhood!

## ***New Non-vested Memberships Available!***

The Woodbridge Valley Pool is a members-only pool and all members must possess a bond, either through rental or ownership. The current one-year rental price for a WVP bond is \$50.00, and the SPECIAL PRICE of a Non-vested Membership is just \$337! ***Your family can enjoy an entire season of fun at the pool for just \$387!***

Non-vested Membership entitles you to all of the rights and privileges of full family membership, except there is no ownership interest in the pool, no vote on pool issues, and no service allowed on the pool board.

Come enjoy swimming at the Woodbridge Valley Pool! Attend any of the special events, such as Teen Night, Adult Night, Water Exercises, Ice Cream Social or Family Game Night! Learn to swim by taking swim lessons, or develop swimming technique by joining the Bluefins, the pool's summer youth league swim team!

The pool season starts on the Memorial Day Weekend and ends at Labor Day. The pool is only open on weekends while public schools are in session.

Visit the pool online at [www.wvpool.net](http://www.wvpool.net) for complete information.

Download and complete the New Membership Application today. You will soon be enjoying fun in the sun with your whole family.

## **Summer Fun in Woodbridge Valley**

Woodbridge Valley Pool will have plenty of activities for you and your family this summer. You will need to either join the pool or come as a guest of a pool member to attend. Join us for Pot Luck Fridays, everyone brings a dish; the first begins on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Family game night will commence on June 13<sup>th</sup> as well. We will have Arts & Crafts activities to keep the kids busy and engaged during the day and evening. Our home owners' association is collaborating with the pool committee to support a Teen party-> towards the end of June; there will be a live DJ. There will also be a Tween Party this year as well.

We will have organized pool volley ball games on Sunday evenings. The Adults will have their special evening as well. Dates for all pool activities will be finalized by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please check our website [www.wvpool.net](http://www.wvpool.net) for specific dates and times. **If you do not have internet access, you can contact us after Memorial Day at 410-747-7069.**

**COME JOIN US FOR SUMMER FUN!**

# Online Code Enforcement System

The Code Enforcement Bureau processes about 18,000 complaints per year, with increased volume during the warmer months, including an estimated 150 to 200 complaints per day in the summer for tall grass and weeds. The most common complaints include:

- Tall grass and weeds
- Junk, trash and debris
- Untagged or inoperable vehicles
- Trash not stored properly
- Graffiti

## **How to File Your Code Complaint Online**

1. Visit [www.baltimorecountymd.gov/codecomplaint](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/codecomplaint).
2. Under the File a Complaint Online heading, select the type of complaint you'd like to submit. You will then be taken directly to the Code Enforcement Complaint form.
3. Read and agree to the terms of service.
4. Fill in the fields to file your complaint.
  - Provide an exact address of the complaint if possible. If you don't know the exact address, provide the street name and an approximate number.
  - You must provide a description of the complaint. More detail is better.
  - You may provide your contact information or file anonymously. If you provide an email address, you will be notified at each step as your complaint moves through the tracking system. Your contact information and email address will be available only to County personnel and is not visible to others using the website.
5. When you submit your complaint, it is automatically entered into the tracking system. In most cases, it will be investigated within a few days.

## **How to Follow Up on Your Complaint**

1. Visit [www.baltimorecountymd.gov/codecomplaint](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/codecomplaint).
2. At the bottom of the page, look for the Check Complaint Status heading and select "Check the status."
3. If you have your complaint case number, you may enter it. You may also search for a complaint by date range, address or partial street name.

You do **not** have to provide your name and address. You may file anonymously. No one from the Association or your neighborhood will know who is filing the complaint.

## 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

## ADS

- **ACUPUNCTURE:** David Paton has been practicing acupuncture for 22 years, having treated adults & children with a variety of conditions including ADD/ADHD, autism, asthma, hypertension, seizures, chronic pain, headaches, arthritis, stop smoking & anxiety/depression. Some insurance accepted. (410) 299-1952
- **AVON:** Buy or become an Avon representative. Call Shannon at 410-655-8309 or email [westhoney@verizon.net](mailto:westhoney@verizon.net)
- **AVON REPRESENTATIVE:** Woodbridge Valley resident – 50 years experience – Millie Hartley 410-744-3577
- **COMPUTER SERVICES:** Why pay box store prices for in-home computer services? Call your personal Woodbridge Valley PC computer geek. Over 30 years of desktop computer experience. Myles Carpeneto, 410-455-0277

## **ADS (Continued)**

- **DAYCARE:** Small Stars Daycare in Woodbridge Valley, Family Daycare, ages 3 mos. to 4 yrs. Call Betty Holloway, 410-869-3834
- **FAMILY HOME CHILD CARE:** Betty Aviles, 410-747-0552, registration number 1077.
- **HAULING, LANDSCAPING, LAWN CARE, SNOW REMOVAL & AUTO DETAILING:** Call Eric Aviles, 301-957-1068 and 410-747-0552
- **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.
- **REAL ESTATE:** Teresa Sullivan Sales Associate with Caldwell Banker. Please call for a consultation. Office:410- 744-4100 Cell: 410-419-9242 or email:teresa.sullivan@cbmove.com
- **ROOFING:** Siding, windows and gutters. Celebrating 20 years of business in Catonsville. Licensed, bonded and insured. Quality workmanship. [www.ecroofinginc.com](http://www.ecroofinginc.com), EC Roofing, 410-455-9880.
- **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](mailto:teacherman68@hotmail.com).
- **WEDDING/PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHER:** Ted King III Photography, 14 Brucetown Court, Catonsville, MD 21228; [www.tk3photography.com](http://www.tk3photography.com), email: [TK3Foto@photo.net](mailto:TK3Foto@photo.net); 443-691-8677 (cell); 410-788-3636 (home)
- **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](http://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](mailto:wvica@comcast.net). The next issue is scheduled for June 2014. The deadline for the next issue is May 15, 2014.