

# *The Lamplighter*



## **THE WOODBRIDGE VALLEY IMPROVEMENT AND CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

A covenant-controlled community

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### *The President's Message*

I trust everyone had a safe and happy Fourth of July.

It has been a very pleasant spring and summer thus far.

We will be gearing up for our activities for the remainder of the year. We need some help from you to have these activities come to fruition. **August** will be the **Family Movie Night**. We just need you to come out, bring your blankets and chairs and enjoy the movie. **Community Clean Up Day** is tentatively set for **September**. We can always use volunteers to keep things running smoothly. Back by popular demand will be the **Shred It** day in **October**. Start collecting your documents now. Only paid members of the Association may participate in this day. **December** will be the **Children's Holiday Function**. We are looking for someone to chair this event. The Board will be your back up and support. You might have some new ideas on things to do. Please let us hear from you.

Congratulations to **Area 9** for winning the membership contest for last year. They collected 67% membership. The Area Representative and a Block Captain is **Geraldine Moore** who will probably be stepping down this year after many years of service. Please consider being her replacement if you are in her area. You will already have a winning team. The Block Captains are **Patti Johnson, Marie Turbe, Nicole Smoot, Sharon Attaway, Kathy Stein, Cindy Shonaiya** and **Karen Thompson**. Thank you for all you do to keep the Valley a lovely place to live.

The membership drive will begin in September. The 2012 Directory will be published the first of the year. Please let your Block Captain know of any changes to your listing. Just a reminder that only paid members will receive a copy of the Directory.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer.



PLEASE DO NOT PUT "THE LAMPLIGHTER" IN MAILBOXES!

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

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**WELCOME!**  
**NEW NEIGHBORS**

Riaz Durrani & Salma Shaheen	9 Slate Mills Court
Abdul Kuddush	1006 Pleasant Valley Dr.
Moh	6300 Collinsway
Myra Russell	1317 Pleasant Valley Dr.

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 are planning another exciting year of activities. We need new ideas to help keep our activities fresh. Volunteers are desperately needed to help with planning and carrying 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.

## **Spring Kid's Holiday Party Report**

To celebrate the arrival of Spring, WVICA sponsored it's annual Spring Kid's Holiday party. When raindrops began to fall, we wondered, "Would the children still come out?" Despite the rain, many Woodbridge families came out to enjoy the Easter Egg hunt. Adorned in raincoats and carrying umbrellas, the children ran for eggs as though the sun were shining! Ahh youth! After gathering their eggs, the children had cupcakes and juice. See you again next year!

## **New Baltimore County Law**

"If a vehicle is parked, stopped, or left unattended in a manner that prevents or impedes the free passage of ANY OTHER VEHICLE, the Chief of Police may tow the vehicle after making a reasonable attempt to locate the owner or, if the owner is known, the owner refuses to remove the vehicle."

This law takes effect July 21, 2011.

## **Yard Sale Report**

WVICA sponsored its Annual Community Yard Sale on June 4, 2011. The number of vendors and customers were down from the norm this year. However, with perfect weather as a backdrop several great deals were had such as Apple Computer G5 with monitor sold for \$ 30.00 and a manual treadmill sold for \$ 50.00. Contact Ted King at 410-788-3626 if you are interested in assisting in setting up the next community yard sale (maybe in the Fall 2011).

## **Hot Skates Roller Rink To Open On Whitehead Road**

**HOT SKATES ROLLER RINK** IS ALMOST READY TO ROLL. Opening the week of July 20, 2011, the rink is looking cleaner, brighter, and more family oriented than ever.

**HOT SKATES ROLLER RINK** Located at 1716 Whitehead Rd in Baltimore County, formerly known as "Skate Works". The newly named **HOT SKATES ROLLER RINK** will be run by an affiliate of United Skates Of America, Inc. roller skating rink, a corporation that has been in the roller skating business for over forty years. We provide family and fun entertainment for the entire family to enjoy in their own community.

**HOT SKATES ROLLER RINK SKATING RINK's** first priority on the remodeling of the building is to create an entirely open space so that our management and parents can watch their children from virtually any location within the facility. Hot Skates Roller Rink also will focus on affordable family entertainment.

Experience will be the key to making **HOT SKATES ROLLER RINK** a vibrant piece of the Baltimore County community. We host thousands of fundraisers, and are a resource for schools, churches, and non-profit organizations in the communities where we operate. We provide quality, affordable entertainment for daycares, summer groups and youth groups.

Something new is our **WELLNESS PROGRAM AND READ AND ROLL PROGRAM**. This is a really exciting project, and we are looking forward to opening day. "The community has been so supportive in our vision, and everybody I talk to is ready to skate", states Kenya Vincent, on the management team of Hot Skates Roller Rink.

Hot Skates opening day is set between the dates of July 20<sup>th</sup> and July 26th. Visit [www.hotskates.com](http://www.hotskates.com) or 410-265-skat (7523) for more details on the grand opening.

## **Help Deter Crime in Woodbridge Valley**

Woodbridge Valley is not immune to crime. If you see anyone suspicious lurking around your neighborhood or to report an emergency or crime in progress, dial 911, and let the police know. An officer can cruise through the area to check things out, and you don't need to provide your name: the call can remain confidential.

Criminals never take vacations. Take some time to protect your property and valuables. For tips on how to protect your property and valuables, visit the Baltimore County Police Department Burglary Unit's homepage at: <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/police/media/crimeprevhomes.html#neighborawareness>.

Crime reports and statistics for Baltimore County communities are available online at <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/agencies/police/crime/index.html> . Click on 'Community Crime Profile,' then type 'Woodbridge Valley' or an individual address into the search block.

## **Catonsville Arts and Crafts Festival – September 11, 2011**

Mark your calendar now for the Catonsville Arts and Crafts Festival! Be among the tens of thousands who enjoy hundreds of artists, crafters, food vendors, and exhibitors from local businesses, schools, churches, and civic groups. For more information, visit <http://www.catonsville.org/events/artsfest.html>.

## **Senior Resources**

The 2011 edition of the [Baltimore County Department of Aging Senior Resource Guide](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/seniorresources) is online at [www.baltimorecountymd.gov/seniorresources](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/seniorresources). In the guide you will find Medicare Prescription Drug Program information, Financial Eligibility Guidelines, Hotline and web site listings, Partnership/Sponsorship opportunities, Summary of Services, and Community resources from A to Z

Paper versions are available free of charge at local Baltimore County Public Libraries and Senior Centers.

### **Upfront With Vegetable Gardens**

Having one's own vegetable garden is a traditional and positive activity. To put food on the table or share food with neighbors that was produced by one's own hand creates a sense of well being.

A recent concern in Woodbridge Valley is not vegetable gardens but their location. Various Woodbridge Valley residents have commented on the growing of vegetables in the front of one's home. The concern of these residents is that vegetable gardens in the front yard changes the nature of a residential neighborhood.

Whereas the covenants address the prohibition of raising chickens, geese, etc. to protect the residential nature of Woodbridge Valley, there is no specific restriction on vegetable gardens. The implication, however, in all of the covenants is to maintain the residential character of the neighborhood.

Those residents with vegetable gardens in the front of their houses are not asked to discontinue the gardens but rather to use the backyard for vegetables in the future.

### **Make A Difference To Our Youngest Learners**

Do you have a few hours a week to help and guide the young learners through the world of discovery?

Baltimore County Elementary Schools have openings for the 2011-2012 school year within the Kindergarten Volunteer Program. Experience is not required; just a love of learning and children.

Opportunities are available in elementary schools throughout the County. There is no minimum requirement for number of hours of service. This opportunity is flexible and you will be trained by the Baltimore County Public Schools before entering a specific classroom. Qualified Kindergarten Classroom Volunteers will support teachers in their goal of encouraging and assisting students.

If you are interested, contact the Baltimore County Volunteers at 410-887-2715 for more information.

Thank you for all that you do!

Speaker Pro Tem Adrienne A. Jones  
Maryland House of Delegates  
10th Legislative District Delegate

## One Call Now

We have renewed our One Call Now messaging service and will continue to use it to alert 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.

## Splash Fun Summer

To jump start the summer **Woodbridge Valley Pool hosted a Teen Party on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**. Seventy-four teenagers from ages 13 to 19 were in attendance! Of the seventy-four in attendance only 15 teenagers identified themselves as living in the Valley. There was swimming, dancing, game playing, line dancing and special song requests. Western Tech High School students were represented! Pizza and soda was sold

The Woodbridge Valley Improvement Civic Association covered the cost of the 15 Woodbridge Valley teen residents and **will sponsor the first 50 Woodbridge Valley teen residents attending the August 20th Teen Party**, from 7:30 to 10:30. Proof of residency will be required. **HOPE TO SEE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS AT THE AUGUST PARTY!** The cost to non-residents of the Valley is \$5.00. Pizza & soda will be sold.

A Pre-Teen Party was hosted by **Woodbridge Valley on June 23rd with 28 in attendance**, ages 9 to 12. They enjoyed playing ping pong, swimming, dancing and playing other games. The music was really **PUMPING !! All Woodbridge Valley pre-teens and their friends are invited to the next Pre-Teen Party, Saturday, July 16th from 7:30 to 9:30**. There will be pizza and soda sold for \$1. Admission cost is \$5. Please come out for splashing fun this summer.

## Baltimore County Restaurant Week Returns This Summer!

Come explore all that Baltimore County restaurants have to offer from August 12 to 26! Visit [www.baltimorecountyrestaurantweek.com](http://www.baltimorecountyrestaurantweek.com) for details.

## 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

### SERVICES:

- **APPLIANCE REPAIR:** We repair all major appliances from garbage disposals to water heaters. We are best known for our great customer service and honest reasonable prices. Mention this ad and receive a 1/2 price neighborhood discount off of the service call fee. Call Wooten Appliance, 888-325-3099
- **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
- **MATH/ENGLISH HELP: PROVEN METHOD!!!** Summer Learning Enrichment Course all the core subjects. Be at grade level or higher by the next school year. Reasonable rates. Call Nicole Moore 443-622-0248.
- **PIANO LESSONS:** Both children and adults. Call 410-788-5175
- **WEDDING/PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHER:** Ted King III Photography, 14 Brucetown Court, Catonsville, MD 21228; [www.tedking3photography.smugmug.com](http://www.tedking3photography.smugmug.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 publication is scheduled for November 2011. The deadline for the next issue is October 15, 2011.