

The Lamplighter



THE WOODBRIDGE VALLEY IMPROVEMENT AND CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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The President's Message

Happy New Year!

I hope you have been enjoying this mild winter. I suspect we will get one snow fall before the end of winter.

I am sure that those of you who use Pleasant Valley Dr. (PVD) have noticed the new Traffic Calming speed humps. Three years ago, two Woodbridge Valley residents, Anthony Marsiglia and Joseph Striedl, who live at opposite ends of PVD and independent of each other, began the process of getting the County to add Traffic Calming measures to PVD. To begin, the County had to decide that the street was eligible for Traffic Calming. Once that happened, the hard part began. Mr. Marsiglia and Mr. Striedl had to get signed approval from a certain percentage of the residents on the street to allow the County to add Traffic Calming devices to PVD. In May 2011, Board Member Nicole Smoot, who also lives on PVD, joined the effort to get the project completed. With the help of Deborah Ball and yours truly, all of the paperwork finally got processed to the County, which was then able to do the work this past January. The details are in an article in this newsletter. Thank you to all who played a part in completing this project.

I am also sure you have noticed that the Web Site has been down. We are in the process of revamping it. Please note that the new web site address is www.woodbridgevalley.org, the general e-mail address is wvica@woodbridgevalley.org and the social committee's e-mail address is social@woodbridgevalley.org.

Have an enjoyable Spring.



PLEASE DO NOT PUT "THE LAMPLIGHTER" IN MAILBOXES!

**WOODBIDGE VALLEY IMPROVEMENT AND CIVIC ASSOCIATION
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Charles Springer	Covenants	13 Forest Rock Ct.	410-455-0069

**WELCOME!
NEW NEIGHBORS**

Don & Tere Reese

7300 Johnnycake

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

EDRECO Girls Softball Sign-Up

The Edmondson-Westview Recreation Council is accepting registrations for its 2012 Girls Softball Leagues for girls aged 5 through 18. Registration will be held on February 25th (10 am – 1 pm), February 29th (7-9 pm) March 14th (7-9pm), March 17th (10 am – 1pm), March 28th (7-9pm), and March 31st (10am-1pm) at the EDRECO Office located at 1437 N. Rolling Road. Mark your calendars for the Opening Day Parade and a day of festivities on April 14th beginning at 9:00 a.m. For more information, please call 410-887-0962 (TTY/Deaf: 410-887-5319 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Open Burning

What is “Open Burning” and when does it violate Zoning?

Over the past summer and fall the Association has received various inquiries regarding residents burning leaves, trash, construction materials etc. and what can be done to lessen the impact on neighbors. After several inquiries of our own and those of several residents to a variety of Baltimore County agencies (fire, zoning enforcement, & environmental concerns), the following is a summary of Baltimore County definitions, and classifications of “Open Burning.”

Restrictions on Chimineas and Fire Pits

The use of outdoor wood-burning heating appliances — fire pits and terra cotta chimineas — is increasingly popular, especially during the early autumn months. The Baltimore County Fire Department encourages residents to know the rules about these devices and to take appropriate safety precautions.

Chimineas, fire pits and outdoor metal heaters are specifically designed to burn seasoned wood, the same as any wood-burning stove. They are subject to the same fire code restrictions as gas and charcoal grills:

- They are not allowed on balconies or within 15 feet of multi-family buildings, including apartment buildings.
- They are allowed only on property occupied by one- and two-family dwellings, including townhouses.
- The devices cannot be used to burn trash.

The Fire Marshall’s Office cites restrictions on Outdoor burning in the Fire Prevention Code 1:10, 11

Outdoor burning is allowed in Baltimore County outside of the Baltimore Beltway (I-695), but the property owner must obtain a burning permit authorized by the Environmental Health Division of the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management. The permit must be kept at the site during the time of the burning. If Environmental Health does not authorize the burn, no permit is issued and the burn becomes a violation of the fire code.

Burning is not allowed within fifty feet of any structure and if necessary additional distances may be required by the Fire Department, Forest Service, or Environmental Service. The property owner must also take steps to prevent the fire from spreading to any structure, such as having a water supply available.

Open Burning (continued)

Outdoor solid fuel (firewood) burning boilers

There are situations which do not fit neatly into the above categories of "open burning" such as a recent incident in Woodbridge Valley regarding outdoor solid fuel burning boiler used to supplement the heating of a house. Concern with the smoke and seemingly toxic fumes emanating from the boiler, several residents pursued the matter with several county agencies. The county has determined that a permit must be obtained before an outdoor solid fuel boiler is approved.

Summary of the Guidelines

Fire pits and terra cotta chimineas are sanctioned by the county for heating small outdoor areas and come under the same fire code restrictions and common sense usage as gas and charcoal grills. Outdoor burning used to heat the interior of a house is in violation of county fire code and environmental restrictions.

Community Directory

The 2012 Directory will be out this spring. Please contact us if we do not have your information or if there are changes or corrections to the information we have on file. Remember only paid members of the Association will receive a copy. If you moved in after the September membership drive or have not been contacted about becoming a member, you can still pay your 2012 dues until June 30th. There is a form in this newsletter for your convenience.

If you would like to place a paid ad in this edition of the Directory, please contact Tina Brown (410-747-7069, Tina1002@verizon.net) or Myles Carpeneto (wvica@woodbridgevalley.org) for more information. If you provide a service such as Baby Sitting, Daycare Provider, Dog Sitter, Tutoring etc. you can send that information in as well.

Annual Meeting

The General Meeting of the Woodbridge Valley Improvement and Community Association will be held on Wednesday April 25, 2012 at the Woodbridge Elementary School at 8 PM. In addition to hearing from some of our elected legislators, we will be voting on adding new Association Board Members.

The Association is always looking for new Board Members to serve a 2 year term. We also need volunteers for our various activities such as Dumpster Day, Movie Night, and Holiday Parties. If you can give a couple hours of your time or would like to become a Board Member, e-mail us at wvica@woodbridgevalley.org or call any Board Member.

Speed Humps

From Nicole Smoot

Cars often travel on Pleasant Valley Drive well above the speed limit. There have been numerous accidents and several near missed accidents. Residents who live on Pleasant Valley Drive expressed concerns and desired a resolution. Baltimore County assessed the traffic and concluded that the street qualified for traffic flow devices – speed humps. Before installation could begin, however, over 100 signatures were required to approve the project. Gathering the 100 plus signatures took well over two years. Over 110 signatures were obtained this past fall.

The installation of the speed bumps began in January 2012. Originally, Baltimore County approved 9 humps to be installed. During the week of the installation, additional neighbors expressed interest in having speed bumps placed in front of their homes as well. Within 24 hours, these neighbors signed the petition and two additional humps were approved. There are now 11 speed humps on Pleasant Valley Drive, and there is definitely a noticeable difference in the flow and speed of traffic. Thanks to everyone who signed the petition.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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 social@woodbridgevalley.org.

Fall Community Yard Sale Report

On October 8, 2011, the Woodbridge Valley Improvement and Civic Association held its 1st Fall Community Yard Sale. From the number of residents that participated on that beautiful fall day, this will become an annual event for the September/October time period. We had approximately 25 vendors, and we had a good turnout of buyers from the community. As several of the sellers suggested for the Spring Community Yard Sale, however, we will need to get the word out to the surrounding communities to get more traffic. We plan to use social networking websites such as Twitter and Facebook to advertise, as well as more traditional forums such as the Catonsville Times and the Pennysaver.

I would especially like to thank the residents of Woodbridge Valley for their participation. Remember you cannot have a community yard sale without the community. See you in the spring.

Annual Winter Holiday Breakfast Report

What a way to start the day – pancakes and magic! Our annual holiday breakfast for the children and grandchildren of Woodbridge Valley residents up to 11 years old was held on Saturday, December 17th at the Old Country Buffet on Route 40. Baltimore's own Tom Lilly and his companion, Beowulf T. Wunderbunny, joined us for another family audience comedy-magic show. Tom Lilly combined magic, juggling, and balloonacy with audience participation that produced smiles all around! We thank everyone for their canned goods and non-perishable items to help feed the hungry.

We want to keep our Holiday Breakfast fresh! Please e-mail location and entertainment ideas to social@woodbridgevalley.org

FUTURE SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is confirmed for March 31, 2012 at Woodbridge Elementary School at 1:00 p.m. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

Adult Mystery Night

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

Universoul Circus

We are looking into purchasing tickets for a limited number of Woodbridge Valley families to attend a performance of the UniverSoul Circus, typically held in the Spring/Summer at Security Square Mall. The UniverSoul Circus is a highly interactive combination of circus arts, theater, and music that spans genres including pop, classic R&B, Latin, hip hop, jazz and gospel. There will be something for everyone! For more information, visit <http://www.universoulcircus.com/>.

Annual Spring Community Yard Sale

Our Annual Spring Community Yard Sale has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2012 (rain date of June 9, 2012). Once the necessary approvals have been received watch for a flyer with more details. Please contact Ted King at 410-788-3626 or social@woodbridgevalley.org with any questions.

Woodbridge Valley Pool Teen Nights

We expect to continue covering admission for Woodbridge Valley teens for summer 2012 Woodbridge Valley Pool Teen Nights. Please visit www.wvpool.net for Teen Night dates and times.

DJ For The Pool

The Social Committee at the Woodbridge Valley Pool is looking for a DJ to play at the teen pool party this summer. If you are or know someone that may be interested, please contact Nicole Smoot (443) 255-3131 or Vernice Burrs (443)257-2026 for more information.

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.

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

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:

- **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.
- **CUSTOM PAINTING:** Interior & Exterior, Frank Waters, 443-277-3577
- **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.
- **WEDDING/PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHER:** Ted King III Photography, 14 Brucetown Court, Catonsville, MD 21228; www.tk3photography.com, email: 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 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 May 15, 2012.