

The Lamplighter



THE WOODBRIDGE VALLEY IMPROVEMENT AND CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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The President's Message

Happy Fall Everyone! Even though the weather has been unseasonably warm, before you know it, we will be looking at snow. To prepare for snow, always make sure your storm drains and gutters are cleared of all debris and leaves,

The Easter Egg Hunt, the Community Clean- up, and the Shred It Day were very successful again this year.

We are preparing an updated web site which will be coming out soon. The address will remain the same and the old web site will remain in effect until we change over. We hope you like it.

There have been several complaints about tractor trailers and trucks being parked in the community. See the article in this issue about some changes the County Council has enacted to deter these trucks and trailers.

The Membership Drive is going on. Would all of the Block Captains get your membership packets to your Area Representative or to our Treasurer, Dorothy Habersham. If you were missed when your Captain stopped by, you can mail in your dues. There is a sheet in this issue for you to fill out. Remember, if all of us do a little, much can be accomplished. In order for the Association to continue to enforce the covenants and have events all of us, the Association needs your support. Please, become a Member.



PLEASE DO NOT PUT "THE LAMPLIGHTER" IN MAILBOXES!

**WOODBIDGE VALLEY IMPROVEMENT AND CIVIC ASSOCIATION
YOUR BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2016-2017**

Tina Brown	President	1002 Pleasant Valley Dr.	410-747-7069
Nicole Smoot	VP & Social	1428 Pleasant Valley Dr.	443-255-3131
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Charles Springer	Covenants	13 Forest Rock Ct.	410-455-0069
Levone Ward		12 Brucetown Court	410-719-1221

WELCOME!
NEW NEIGHBORS

Joseph McMorris
Hussain Abrar & Bushra Feb

3 Monroe Field Ct.
4 Randolph Springs Ct.

If you have new neighbors, please call **Deborah Ball** at **410-747-0494** or **Ayesha Kahn** at **443-860-9445** so that we can welcome them to our community.

SEMI-TRAILER TRUCKS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Over the past year various residents in Woodbridge Valley have had to put up with the inconvenience of having a semi-trailer truck (with a 53 foot Trailer) parked near or in front of their houses.

Woodbridge Valley along with other community organizations lobbied the Baltimore County Council to enact legislation to discourage this intrusive parking. As a result of this petitioning, on August 1, 2016, our Councilman, Thomas Quirk and the Baltimore County Council passed Bill No. 52-16, An Act Concerning Parking which went into effect September 19th.

For parking a tractor, trailer, or tractor trailer in a residential zone (Woodbridge Valley) the person violating this bill is subject to a fine of \$250.00 each for the tractor or trailer and \$500.00 for a tractor and trailer, in combination, for each day the violation exists.

If you see a tractor-trailer parked in Woodbridge Valley, call 410-887-2222, and the Baltimore County police will ticket the tractor-trailer.

DID YOU KNOW????

The Baltimore County District Courthouse located on Wilkens Avenue is relocating to Rolling Road in 2018. The new Courthouse along with a parking garage will be built on the vacant lot behind the professional building at Johnny Cake and Rolling Roads. The Courthouse will have 5 floors with 8 courtrooms. There are also plans to house other State Agencies, such as the Public Defender's Office and Parole & Probation, within the building as well.

THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it.
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.
6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom - and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door - understandable. But understand this; I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at <http://www.faketv.com/>)

MORE THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU

1. Sometimes I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never ever look like a crook.
2. The two things I hate most; loud dogs and nosy neighbors.
3. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
4. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?
5. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home; and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
6. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.
7. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.
8. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in.

Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky; security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs <http://www.crimedoctor.com/> and Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book "Burglars on the Job."



HALLOWEEN



October 31, 2016

A MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN

ADULTS and CHILDREN. Please remember these rules while you're out "Trick or Treating" with **GOBLINS and GHOSTS;**

1. If you plan to dress up, please don't be late.
2. **Trick and Treat** between 4 & 8 PM.
3. If you wish to be visited, please turn on your lights we will all have fun on Halloween Night
4. If your lights are not on, we'll pass right by not making a sound on that you can rely.

HALLOWEEN SECURITY

1. Be sure someone is home to greet little ghosts and goblins.
2. Light up the outside of your home, front and back.
3. Always lock doors.
4. Don't open door before looking out to see who is there.
5. Safely store all Porch, Lawn and Patio furniture.
6. Lock outside sheds and garages.
7. Put family pets in safe place.
8. Park car in safe place.
9. Have emergency telephone numbers handy.
10. Instruct children not to eat treats until checked.
11. Children we asked you to respect the property of others.

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
- **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
- **DAYCARE:** Small Stars Daycare in Woodbridge Valley, Family Daycare, ages 3 mos. to 4 yrs. Call Betty Holloway, 410-869-3834

ADS (Continued)

- **DRIVER:** Experienced Driver (with Class B commercial driver license) available for your driving needs, local and long distance, your vehicle or mine. Safe, reliable. Tutoring and notary services available. Please call (410) 591-7930 or e-mail pharmsk2008@yahoo.com
- **FAMILY HOME CHILD CARE:** Betty Aviles, 410-747-0552, registration number 1077.
- **FINANCIAL ADVICE:** John Comberiate, local Edward Jones advisor, can help with 401(k) rollovers, inheritance, retirement and education planning. Right in Rolling Crossroads at 4 E Rolling Crossroads Ste. 6, Catonsville, MD 21228 Call 410-455-0148 for free consultation.
- **FLUTE LESSONS:** Experienced flute instructor. Children and adults. Call 443-854-1687, www.catonsvilleflutestudio.com
- **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.
- **INSURANCE:** Advice and consultations (no obligation) for Life (Term and Universal), Disability, Long-Term Care, Accident Only, Retirement savings. Individual and group. Please call/text Jackson Shaw at (203) 980-2262 or email at jjs.1993@yahoo.com. Thank you.
- **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 issue is scheduled for January 2017. The deadline for the next issue is December 15, 2016.