

The Lamplighter



THE WOODBRIDGE VALLEY IMPROVEMENT AND CIVIC ASSOCIATION

A covenant-controlled community

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The President's Message

Happy Spring Everyone!

If you are like me, you can't wait for the mild weather to come.

We are gearing up for several activities this year. We are looking for volunteers to help with some of the events. You might not be able to commit to working year round on the Board but maybe you can chair some of the events. There is the Easter Egg Hunt or Spring Fling, the Holiday Party, Movie Night and the Yard Sale just to name a few. We are looking for new ideas and fresh faces to help us. If we don't get help with some of these projects, they might be cancelled. Call Sharon Johnson @ 410-370-9731 if you would consider helping with one of these activities.

Please note that the Annual Meeting of WVICA will be held on **Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 8 PM at Woodbridge Elementary**. There are some vacant positions on the Board. If you are interested in serving, call Tina Brown @ 410-747-7069 for more information.

When we think of the warm weather, the **Woodbridge Pool** comes to mind. It is accepting both vested and non-vested memberships. Please see its website, www.wvpool.net for more details or call Tina Brown @ 410 -747-7069. You have the right number. I also work on that board. Come and enjoy fun in the sun with Pot Luck Dinners, Game Nights, Ice Cream Socials, Preteen, Teen and Adult Nights. There are also Water Exercise Classes and Swimming Lessons for the children as well as a Swim Team.

There is an article in this issue about one of our neighbors who lost a pet that was hit by a car. We have had several complaints about the speeding on Crosby Rd. We are attempting to conduct a **Traffic Calming Survey** for this area. When we get to the section where the neighbors will be contacted, please cooperate with the person doing the survey so that we can get a remedy for this issue.



PLEASE DO NOT PUT "THE LAMPLIGHTER" IN MAILBOXES!

**WOODBRIIDGE VALLEY IMPROVEMENT AND CIVIC ASSOCIATION
YOUR BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2010-2011**

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| Tina Brown | President | 1002 Pleasant Valley Dr. | 410-747-7069 |
| Bernie Reinckens | VP & Welcoming | 7 Calvin Springs Ct. | 410-747-6486 |
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| 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

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| Joanna Otten | 7 Forest Rock Ct. |
| Ben & Anne Mancine | 1307 Gatefield Rd. |
| Stephen & Thais Bohli | 1105 Outlet Mills |
| Katrina Brown | 5 Doe Hill Ct. |

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

COMMUNICATING WITH THE WOODBRIDGE VALLEY COMMUNITY

We will continue to keep you informed via The Lamplighter, signs, flyers, and One Call Now messages. To be added or removed from One Call Now messaging, please contact Sharon Johnson at 410-370-9731.

We would like to augment our communications through an enhanced website, an e-mail listserv, and potentially through a Facebook User group. If you are interested in receiving e-mails from us, please e-mail your name, address, and e-mail address to **administrator@woodbridgevalley.com**. We would also like your thoughts about creating a Facebook page. Again, please e-mail your comments to **administrator@woodbridgevalley.com**.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

During 2010, WVICA hosted a "Spring Fling" at Bounce R Us in June (in place of our Easter Egg Hunt/Spring Holiday party which was rained out), held our annual Yard Sale in June, planned a trip to Hershey Park (unfortunately, the trip was canceled as we did not receive enough permission slips and payments by the deadline), held our free Outdoor Family Movie in August, held our annual Dumpster Day in September, initiated a Community Shred Day in October, and held our annual Winter Children's party in December. Thanks to your membership dues, most of the events were offered at no cost to the residents of Woodbridge Valley.

We are thankful for the handful of dedicated volunteers who faithfully carry out these activities. We want to continue to plan relevant activities for the Woodbridge Valley community. If you have activity or program ideas or can volunteer a few hours of your time, please contact Sharon Johnson at 410-370-9731 or e-mail **administrator@woodbridgevalley.com**.

WINTER CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY REPORT

WVICA sponsored a Holiday Breakfast and Family Fun Show on December 11, 2010 at the Old Country Buffet. The children and grandchildren of Woodbridge Valley residents up to eleven years of age enjoyed a delicious buffet breakfast and a holiday themed family-friendly show. There was plenty of laughter and audience participation as Tom Lilly created holiday-themed balloon sculptures and performed a multitude of magic tricks. Each child left with an age-appropriate gift. We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves.

The cost of admission was canned goods or non-perishable items, which were donated to the Catonsville Emergency Food Network.

SPRING HOLIDAY PARTY

Please refer to the enclosed flyer for information on WVICA's Spring children's activity.

CATONSVILLE'S FARMERS MARKETS

Are you ready for farm-fresh foods? Catonsville's two markets will be opening in May.

Catonsville's Sunday Farmers Market will kick-off on Sunday, May 15th and run through November 13th, from 10:00a.m. – 1:30 p.m. It will be located behind the Friendly's Restaurant located at 730 Frederick Road.

The Wednesday Farmers Market will be returning this year as well. It will be located at the Bloomsbury Community Center, 106 Bloomsbury Avenue, beginning on May 4th.

RECREATION

Registration for Catonsville Youth League Baseball and Edmondson-Westview Recreation and Parks Council (EDRECO) has ended. The seasons will begin shortly.

- Gymnastics classes will be held for ages 3-12 at Woodbridge Elementary School, 1410 Pleasant Valley Drive, Fridays, 5 p.m., 5:55 p.m. and 6:50 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m., 9:55 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Cost is \$160. Call Radmila Dishon at 410-788-2972.
- Karate for ages 5 to adult will be offered at the same location on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$50 per month, plus \$50 registration. Call Vance Parker at 410-800-3308.
- Tai Chi will be offered on Saturdays at 9-10:30 a.m. at a cost of \$20 per week. Call Vance Parker at 410-800-3308.

NEED HELP??

The economy has taken its toll and many are in need of assistance. The **Catonsville Emergency Food Ministries** provides **emergency** groceries, limited financial assistance to prevent eviction or utility turnoffs, school backpacks and supplies for students in the 21228 zip code area. ID and proof of residence needed for assistance. Contact them at 410-747-4357 if you need assistance or would like to make a donation.

SENIOR RESOURCES

The newest edition of the Baltimore County Department of Aging Senior Resource Guide is available online at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/seniorresources. Paper versions are available free of charge at Baltimore County Public Libraries and Senior Centers. The guide contains information on:

- Medicare Prescription Drug Program information
- Financial Eligibility Guidelines
- Hotline and web site listings
- Partnership/Sponsorship opportunities
- Summary of Services
- Community resources from A to Z

MARKET DAY AT SOUTHWEST ACADEMY

Two Market Day sales remain in this school year. Orders may be placed online at www.marketday.com (school account number is 25436) or called in to 410-370-9731. Payment is by cash, check, or Independence Cards on the day of the sale. Persons ordering online may opt to pay by credit card.

Remaining order due dates and pick-up dates are as follows:

| Month | Order online or call in by 10:00 p.m. | Pick up in Southwest cafeteria between 4:30 -5:30 p.m. |
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| April (Buy a pie during dessert bonus days and help SWA reach their goal of 100+ pies sold. SWA earns extra profits for the pies you buy! | April 21st | April 27th |
| May | May 17th | May 23rd |

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

A family pet was struck by a vehicle March 16th, on Crosby Road near Upper Mills Circle at approx. 9PM. The young pet was an extraordinary, adorable, fun-loving dog, who unfortunately got loose from his collar during his walk and playfully ran from yard to yard until he reached a wooded area near Crosby Road. The family searched desperately, but could not locate him and learned he was tragically hit by a car a short time later perhaps while trying to find his way home. The loss of the beloved pet has been devastating to the family.

Perhaps the driver was driving in excess of the 25mph speed limit and swerved but was unable to stop or miss hitting the pet. Drivers, PLEASE, be attentive and drive at the posted speed limits in the community to help keep other drivers, pedestrians and our children and pets safe. Also, pet owners, PLEASE, check your pet's collar regularly to ensure it fits snugly before heading out for walks. As that family discovered, some collars loosen without being visibly noticeable and can result in devastating consequences if your energetic pet pulls out of its collar. Additionally, your pet will have no identification if the collar comes off. A harness is recommended to help ensure your pet is better secured during walks.

If you have any information regarding the accident involving the family's loving dog, please call 410-967-3073. A petition to set up traffic calming circles or speed bumps on thru streets to reduce speeding in the community is underway.

CIVIL, RATIONAL, AND RESPONSIBLE PARKING IN WOODBRIDGE VALLEY

When Woodbridge Valley was designed forty years ago as a community of three and four bedroom houses it was assumed that a parking pad for two cars was adequate for off street parking. That assumption regarding adequate parking is no longer valid as families have three, four and more cars per household. In addition, a number of houses have been altered to contain five, six, and even seven bedrooms. First among the obvious problems resulting from this explosion of cars is parking; not off street parking but street parking. Street parking, if not done in a courteous manner, can have a negative effect on relations among neighbors especially in the cul-de-sacs.

Over the past twenty-five years a protocol has developed in Woodbridge Valley to address the street parking in a responsible, rational and civil manner.

1. When street parking, *park only on the side of the driveway in which your mailbox is located*. With this as a guide line, the courtesy of not parking in front of your neighbor's house can be maintained.
2. Do not block the sidewalk when trying to squeeze an additional car on the off street parking pad. Do not force walkers and playing children on to the street to save the car driver a few steps.
3. Do not double park as this contributes to compromised sight lines for drivers and walkers.
4. With two cars on the parking pad and two to three cars in the street in front of the house, four or five vehicles can be easily parked without infringing on the neighbors.
5. If your household has more than five cars that have to come and go on a regular basis consider alternative parking in areas that have open lots. With five or more cars in a household, neighbors should not be inconvenienced because of the choices of your household.

Woodbridge Valley continues to be a pleasant area to live and raise children. Inconsiderate street parking should not be a factor to work against this positive environment.

If you have a situation in which street parking is a concern please share this tried and true protocol with your neighbor.

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

DANCE YOUR WAY INTO SWIMSUIT SHAPE ON A FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE!

EDRECO Dance/Aerobics classes taught by Radmila in the Woodbridge Elementary School gym will begin a new session on April 5. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-8 and Wednesdays 7:30-8:30. Adults, teen and pre-teens with a parent may attend one two or three days per week and mix and match days as your schedule permits. The structure of the class consists of one half hour stretching, toning and tightening exercises set to music and a half hour of enjoyable choreographed dance routines. Ten weeks cost \$65 for one class per week or \$80 for two or more times a week. You may even try a complementary class before registering! For more information call 410 788-2972 or the EDRECO office at 410 887-0962.

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.
- **GARDENING HELP WANTED:** 70 yr. old (38 yr. Woodbridge resident) wishes to hire young teen or spry senior to help with 700 sq ft vegetable garden. Planting, weeding and harvesting, 4-5 hrs per week, 5/1-9/15. \$10/hr. Call 410-788-8699 or email cpgail@verizon.net if interested.
- **HAULING, LANDSCAPING, LAWN CARE, SNOW REMOVAL & AUTO DETAILING:** Call Eric Aviles, 443-762-4032
- **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, 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 June 2011. The deadline for the next issue is May 15, 2011.