

The Lamplighter



THE WOODBRIDGE VALLEY IMPROVEMENT AND CIVIC ASSOCIATION

A covenant-controlled community

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The President's Message

This spring and summer have been very different. The storms have been unusually violent and the temperatures have been extremely hot. We probably will have an extreme winter. Make sure you get prepared by cleaning all stair wells, gutters and storm drains. Put together an emergency kit in the event we are without power. Don't forget to look out for your senior neighbors.

This fall we will have the Community Clean-Up, Shred-it day and the Yard Sale. Refer to the flyers and articles for more information.

September begins our Membership Drive. When your Block Captain stops by please consider being a member. If you are missed, there is a form in this publication or on our web site that can be mailed in. Your contribution helps us maintain the Islands, have social functions for the children and adults, and allows us to enforce our covenants.

We hope that you have had a chance to visit our web site. Let us know what you think and whether there is something that you would like to see added.

The 2012 Directory has been delivered. If you paid your 2012 membership and did not receive it yet, contact your Block Captain or me, Tina Brown, @ 410-747-7069.

I have had some calls about different concerns in the Valley. I want you to know that this Board works very hard to handle these complaints. Just because you don't see an immediate response does not mean that we are not trying to reconcile a situation. We will do everything in our power to keep the Valley a pleasant place to live. Do keep in mind that we are all volunteers; that we live here also; and, we are doing our best. Sometimes this is a thankless job but we all volunteer because we care.



PLEASE DO NOT PUT "THE LAMPLIGHTER" IN MAILBOXES!

**WOODBIDGE VALLEY IMPROVEMENT AND CIVIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2012-2013**

Tina Brown	President	1002 Pleasant Valley Dr.	410-747-7069
Bernie Reinckens	VP & Welcoming	7 Calvin Springs Ct.	410-747-6486
Dorothy Habersham	Treasurer	7209 Pinecrest Rd.	410-455-0135
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Sharon Johnson	Social	11 Stuart Mills Pl.	410-788-1120
Ted King		14 Brucetown Ct.	410-788-3626
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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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| Kevin Jones | 3 York Mills Ct. |
| Laura Oaks | 13 Stuart Mills Pl. |
| Lauren Penn | 1314 Pleasant Valley |
| Chris & Kerrie Wilson | 6610 Hunters Wood Circle |
| Salman Ali & Ateka Yahya | 5 Madison Mills Ct. |

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

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day for **Saturday, September 29, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Two nearby drop-locations are the Woodlawn Precinct, located at 6424 Windsor Mill Road, Woodlawn, MD and the University of Maryland Baltimore County Police Station, located at 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250. This is a great opportunity for those who missed the previous events, or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of those medications. Contact the Woodlawn Precinct at 410-887-1340 with any questions.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Not every community sponsors activities, events, services, and programs for its residents. WVICA is proud to sponsor Dumpster Day, Shred Day, yard sales, and activities for residents of all ages. We could not offer these activities without your dues, ideas, feedback, and support. Thank you for volunteering and for supporting our activities. We are open to new ideas and would love to hear from you. If you can volunteer to help out with an activity or would care to share ideas or feedback, please contact Sharon Johnson at 410-370-9731 or social@woodbridgevalley.org.

WOODBIDGE VALLEY ENJOYS UNIVERSOUL CIRCUS

If you've never been to the UniverSoul Circus, you've missed a treat! 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. It features world-class acts from around the globe, including Chinese aerialists, pretzel-twisting contortionists, trick dogs, motorcycle daredevils, bicyclists, and of course dancers, elephants, tigers, and clowns. WVICA obtained discounted tickets and subsidized the cost of tickets which allowed seventy-five Woodbridge Valley residents to purchase \$10 tickets. Our group sat together and enjoyed the noon performance on Saturday, May 26th at the Security Square Mall. We received favorable feedback from many of the participants. We are always seeking family-oriented activities. Please forward your ideas to social@woodbridgevalley.org.

WOODBIDGE VALLEY POOL ADULT NIGHT

The adult night held at the Woodbridge Valley Pool on August 11th was a huge success. Over 60 people attended the event despite the evening rain. The drinks were cold, the water was warm, and the food was hot. Adults ages 25 and older swam to the sound of music for all ages. The affair was catered by Famous Dave's BBQ. Please join us next year as we intend to make the event bigger and better each year.

DUMPSTER DAY

One of our most anticipated events is Dumpster Day! We will have dumpsters again this year on Saturday, September 15th, from 8:00 a.m. to noon (or until the dumpsters are filled). The dumpsters will be located near the intersection of Crosby Road and King William Drive. Please refer to the enclosed flyer for a listing of prohibited items.

ANNUAL SHRED EVENT

Our third annual Shred Day will be held on Saturday, October 6th, from 10 a.m. to noon, near the intersection of Crosby Road and King William Drive. **Paid WVICA members** may bring boxes and bags of personal papers, bank statements, invoices, receipts, etc.. for on-site shredding. All shredded paper will be recycled. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information.

ONE CALL NOW

We have renewed the One Call Now messaging service and will continue to alert Woodbridge Valley residents of emergency situations and of WVICA-sponsored events. To update your contact information or to be added, please call 410-370-9731 or e-mail social@woodbridgevalley.org.

FALL YARD SALE

Woodbridge Valley residents are invited to participate in a Community-wide Yard sale on Saturday, October 13th (rain date October 20th). You may bring your items to a common area near the intersection of Crosby Road and King William Drive (sellers limited to Woodbridge Valley residents) or hold a sale at your residence. There is no need to register and no charge to participate. Participants are responsible for supplying their own tables/set-ups and for removing all leftover items, trash, and residence signs after the sale. WVICA will advertise the sale and provide directional signs into the community. Have a great sale and please share the dates with potential buyers! Contact Ted King at 410-788-3626 with any questions. Refer to the enclosed flyer for more information.

ANNUAL WINTER/HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

Each winter, WVICA hosts a holiday breakfast for the children and grandchildren of Woodbridge Valley residents up to 11 years old. We are soliciting location and activity ideas as well as volunteers for the December 2012 activity. Please call 410-370-9731 or e-mail your ideas to social@woodbridgevalley.org.

RECYCLING AND REUSE NEWS

Help the environment and people in need. Baltimore County's Reuse Directory is available online at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/recycling. This publication lists groups, nonprofit organizations, and businesses that accept items such as appliances, beds, building materials, cell phones/accessories, clothing, computers, furniture, medical equipment/supplies, sports equipment, toys, and more. Hard copies will also be available by calling 410-887-2000 or by e-mailing to recycle@baltimorecountymd.gov.

Household Electronics & Hazardous Waste Recycling & Disposal Day will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2012 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Western Acceptance Facility located at 3310 Transway Road in Halethorpe, MD 21227. Baltimore County residents may drop off unwanted household chemicals, paints, pesticides, medicines, mercury thermometers, fluorescent bulbs, rechargeable batteries, computers and home electronics, ammunition and automotive fluids for recycling or proper disposal. No trash will be accepted during this event.

For more information about Baltimore County residents' drop-off centers, please visit www.bcrecycles.com. For more information about household hazardous waste, please call the County's Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (EPS) at 410-887-3745 or visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/go/environment.

FALLING TREES

As the Woodbridge Valley community matures, so do the trees. In recent years, the Association has been involved with the issue of decaying and falling trees. The Woodbridge Valley Covenants do not address the issue of trees, so here is a summary of Baltimore County government's policy and practices concerning trees.

Private Property – If a home owner feels that a neighbor's tree represents a hazard to property or life, it is the home owner's responsibility to notify the neighbor in writing about the tree hazard. The home owner should also notify his or her insurance company of the hazard and the steps taken to notify the neighbor. Baltimore County will not tell or dictate to a property owner what to do with a tree. In fact if the neighbor's tree falls on the home owner's property and the home owner has not notified the neighbor in writing about the potential hazard, the home owner is responsible for cleaning up the debris in his or her own property.

Baltimore County Property – Most of the property owned by Baltimore County is under the auspices of either the Baltimore County Department of Recreation & Parks or the Bureau of Highways.

- If a plot indicates a section of land as Open Space that land will be under the control of Recreation and Parks. If a tree from Baltimore County Open Space is a threat to your property, call 410-887-3871. The County will not address any fallen trees but will cut down a tree that is a threat. The tree cut down by the County will not be removed.
- Trees that are a hazard along a County street or road will be addressed by the Baltimore County Bureau of Highways. Call 410-887-3300, which is the Baltimore County Department of Public Works. From there, you will be directed to the Bureau of Highways.

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 ___

ANIMAL LICENSING

All dogs and cats four months of age or older and kept in Baltimore County for longer than 30 days per year must be licensed annually. The license period is July 1 through June 30 each year. You must renew your license each year by July 31 to avoid penalty fees.

Find detailed information including fees, documents, and how to apply for an animal license for your pet at http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/pdm_miscperm/animallicense.html

Please read the instructions carefully. The licensing procedures are not what you might expect.

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:

- **AVON:** Buy or become an Avon representative. Call Shannon at 410-655-8309 or email westhoney@verizon.net
- **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, 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.
- **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 January 2013. The deadline for the next issue is December 15, 2012.