



CHATTERLEIGH

A S S O C I A T I O N

January 2011

From the President...

Happy New Year!

I commented recently to members of the Association's Board that I have run out of things to say in our quarterly newsletters. I usually begin by referencing the season; then point to the way in which each season seems to add to the beauty of our community; then encourage the involvement of everyone who receives this message; and, finally, conclude by wishing everyone the best for the coming months. Well, here I go again!

Although this has been an unusually cold winter, there is still plenty of beauty to go around. Whether in the form of the songbirds clamoring at local bird feeders, the deer whose coats have turned a much darker shade during winter months, or the sunrises and sunsets that always appear more brilliant against the dry winter sky, beauty abounds, and we are fortunate to call our neighborhood "home".

On January 11th, the Board gathered together for the most recent of its regular meetings to discuss ways of serving our community. Although we have numerous volunteers, each of whom brings their own talents and ideas to the table, we will always welcome new volunteers and new ideas. The shared goal of everyone on the Board is to optimize the quality of life of our neighborhood. It is a satisfying thing to join together for such a worthy cause, and I encourage each of you to contact me to discuss opportunities to serve in the Association.

For those unwilling or unable to become involved in a formal capacity please let me encourage you to serve by a friendly wave to a neighbor or "random acts of kindness" to those with whom you come in contact. Each of us can play a role in making our community a warm and welcoming place, and the rewards that come from even the smallest efforts make it all worthwhile.

Best wishes for a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Doug Desmarais



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FROM THE COMMUNITY AWARENESS / SAFETY TEAM

Please remember to drive slowly and watch out for children playing and people walking. **It has been brought to the attention of the Board that many of the speeders on our streets are our own community residents!** Thanks!

The Board would like to remind all residence to please put trash out after dark and put your trash can back away before going to work but no later than 9:00 AM. By doing this our community will be much more eye appealing. We are also having complaints that both contractors as well as homeowners are leaving grass cuttings in the street as well as on their neighbor's driveways .Please show consideration to your neighbors by removing and securing blowing trash cans and lids!

Help keep our neighborhood beautiful! Please take the time to trim grass and weeds that grow where the curbs meet the street. If this is a hardship ask a neighbor to help. There are many giving and generous people who would not mind lending a hand.

In the event of snow please make every effort to park on your driveway! This will help keep our streets passable and allow the plows to do an even better job than they already do!

Baltimore County Code Enforcement- During the annual meeting code enforcement was discussed. Did you know that you can report code violations to Baltimore County via their website www.baltimorecountymd.gov. Or you may call 410-887-3351, 410-887-3352. Send **faxes** to Code Enforcement Department at 410-887-2824. Please note that when you send an email, fax, or letter you can remain anonymous. If you call you are required to give your name.

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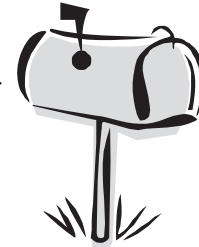
Community News of Interest and Opportunities to Get Involved!

The Chatterleigh Community Association has **covenants** that run with the land and are binding (they can be legally enforced) regardless of whether you knew they existed when you purchased your home and regardless of whether you pay your dues. To avoid unnecessary hassle and hard feelings, please request a copy of the covenants for your neighborhood and submit a completed **Covenants Review Application** (found in this newsletter) before starting any fence, home addition, or structure on your property. This process is to protect all home owners and our property values. Covenants may be requested from our Covenants Team leader: Adrian Palazzi, Apalazzi2@verizon.net

- 1) Want to receive email updates regarding issues impacting the Chatterleigh Association community? The community's Urgent Response Email Network has been sending out updates on the expansion of Loch Raven High School, the Hocker farm development, the Rock church development, the Baltimore Lutheran School issues, the crime in the community and related meetings. If you have not been receiving these emails and would like to, please submit or resubmit your email address, name and street name to chatterleighassociation@hotmail.com. This email site is an effective way for residents to be alerted to neighborhood issues quickly. Not only will you receive updates, you can also send messages to the rest of the community.
- 2) If you would like to **advertise your business** in our annual community directory or our quarterly community newsletter, please contact Phil Maher of FATA at (410)578-3600 or pmaher@fataonline.com. The advertising contracts run year to year and are reasonably priced.

The Chatterleigh Association, Inc. has a post office box for all correspondence.

This address is: Chatterleigh Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 42243
Baltimore, MD 21284-2243



FROM THE COMMUNITY AWARENESS / SAFETY TEAM *Continued...*

Send letters to:
Department of Permits & Development Management
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 213
Towson, MD 21204



The most common residential code violations are:

- storing unlicensed motor vehicles
- storing inoperative motor vehicles
- open dump conditions
- junk yard conditions
- service garage (automotive repair) activities
- commercial vehicle parking
- kennel operations
- use of property to store contractor's equipment
- rooming house operations
- recreational vehicle parking
- illegal accessory structures

BLOCK CAPTAINS – 2011

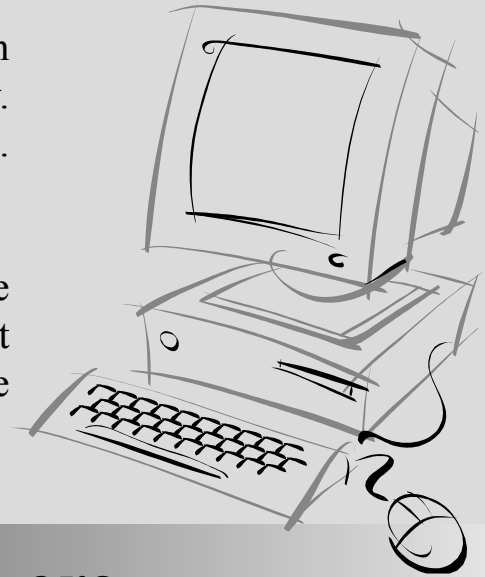
To all block captains: If you are moving, or would like to step down from your position in 2010, please contact Ashley Semesky at (410)821-7638 or asesmsky@yahoo.com. We are looking for block captains for the new addition to the neighborhood. Contact Ashley if you are interested in volunteering to be a Block Captain

NAME	BLOCK 1	BLOCK 2
Gil Spicer	Green Acre Rd. 1018-1024	Cawdor Ct. 1100-1103
Honey Armstrong.....	Green Acre Rd. 1025-1101	Kirkcolm Rd. 1001-1004
Patty Daue.....	Green Acre Rd. 1004-1013	
Mary Ellen McLaughlin.....	Green Acre Rd. 1102-1113	
Megan Williams.....	Green Acre Rd. 1114-1122	
Rose Trotter.....	Green Acre Rd. 1015.....	Dunblane Rd. 1000-1005
Lynn Constantine	Green Acre Rd. 1123-1140	
Ruth Dailey	Glen Luce Ct. 1-5	
Barbara Sandaal	Ryegate Rd. 1100-1110	
Debra Press & Ann Poole	Ryegate Rd. 1111-1121	
Emma Consoli.....	Brook Meadow Dr. 1303-1307	Drake Ct. 3-8
Linda Bardroff.....	Chatterleigh Circle 1103-1108	Buckley Ct. 1-6
Betty Mace	Chatterleigh Circle 1109-1111	Metfield Rd. 1100-1108
Laurie Mitchell.....	Chatterleigh Circle 1113-1124	Brook Meadow Dr. 1301-1302
Sarah Mouring	Waller Ct.3-6.....	Metfield Rd. 1026-1031
Marilyn McGrath	Concordia Dr. 1000-1007.....	Green Acre Rd. 1000-1002
Lynn Wegner	Concordia Dr. 1008-1101	
June Rowe.....	Concordia Dr. 1102-1110	
Patricia Dobyski.....	Concordia Dr. 1111-1122	
Rhonda Memphis.....	Concordia Dr. 1123-1146	
Julie Latanze	Brook Hollow Rd. 1207-1218, Alcan Ct.	Brook Hollow 1219-1227
Jen Descoteau.....	Helm Ct. 1-7.....	Cowpens Ave. 1200
Martha Kirby.....	New Forest Ct. 1-8	
Chip Welsh.....	Brook Meadow Dr. 1200-1211	
Linda Sharkey	Brook Meadow Dr. 1212-1218	
Karen Maricle	Cowpens Ave. 1022-1034	Cowpens Ave. 1102-1110
Ellis Dodd	Cowpens Ave. 1115-1122	
Robin Cirincione.....	Linlow Ct. 3-13	
Jackie Calkins	Temfield Rd. 1102-1108	
Jackie Calkins	Temfield Rd. 1200-1210	
Jackie Calkins	Temfield Rd. 1211-1220	
Anne & Adrian Palazzi	Cowpens Ave. 1123-1132	
Kelly Oakey	Brook Meadow Dr. 1303-1307	
Sally Diehl	Harts Run 1-9	
Carmel Etzel.....	Metfield Rd 900-912	
Janine Robinson.....	Metfield Rd 913-929	
Jean Barker.....	Metfield Rd 931-1031	
Holly Voelker	Meadowlark Dr 1202-1212	
Rita Solinsky	Meadowlark Dr1213-1226	
.....	Minebank Court 1-8	
John & Sandy Macon.....	Ruffed Grouse 4-13	
.....	Brookview Rd 1200-1213	
.....	Brookview Rd 1214-1225	

Chatterleigh's Association Social Calendar 2011

Announcements for all social events can be found in Chatterleigh Association's newsletter, our website www.chatterleigh.org, and through our EVITE invitations. Check in for updates and all current news.

Please RSVP to the EVITE invitation or to the Committee Janine Golden goldenjanine@comcast.net or Adrienne Hammel adrihammel@yahoo.com by the deadline so the social team can plan for events.



www.chatterleigh.org

Annual Board Meeting

Tuesday May 3rd. Please look for signs with the exact time and location.

THANKS

Special thanks to
BOB ALTENBURGER
for a great job on the
community landscaping!

Look for more
upgrades this spring.

Save the Date

Community Yard Sale
May 14th.



An Open Letter to the Community

Please READ!

Happy New Year neighbors,

Just wanted to share a huge thank you to our neighbors of Chatterleigh! It meant the world to us that the association and our neighbors collected toys and monetary donations to help out our family after our September house fire. September 12 was an awful day. The fire started in our garage from an extension cord that was there since before we moved in. Thankfully the fire was contained to the garage but we lost both cars and all inside. The interior of our house sustained extensive heat and smoke damage. After 3 long months, we moved back home December 18! It's been a long couple weeks trying to unpack many boxes and decorate for Christmas so that our kids felt comfortable and safe again. We are so thankful for all the helping hands who helped us unpack and made our house look like a home again. Our family enjoyed a wonderful Christmas at home and we are especially thankful that we are all safe after the fire. If it wasn't for a passerby who saw the smoke from Loch Raven Blvd and banged on our door to wake us up, not sure what would have happened. Our smoke detectors did not go off. I highly recommend hardwiring all your detectors together, install one in the garage and check the batteries more often than just the seasonal time change.

I also wanted to encourage everyone to be as generous as possible when The Providence Fire Department does it's next fundraising drive or sponsored event. They were the first to respond after my neighbor called them the morning of the fire. They worked extremely hard to put out the flames as well as making several attempts to find all our pets from the smokey rooms (both cats, a bunny and several hermit crabs are all doing just fine! Our one kitty was touch and go for the first couple weeks but is doing just fine now and has regained much of her vision and is seizure free now). Several other departments showed up as well including Lutherville Volunteer fire department, but Providence was first and in command. After the fire was extinguished, Providence volunteers walked us through our home to gather some essentials and one man in particular helped me search through the broken glass and insulation that fell from the attic in the kids rooms, to find their loovies. It was a small gesture that meant the world to our kids! Finally, they gave us advice as to who to call and what to look out for (apparently folks hear about fires on scanners and can come to the house with bad intentions. We had no idea!). The next day Providence came back to check on us and our pets. We were there meeting with the restoration company. They gave my son (who was too shaken up to go to school) a ride on the fire truck.

I just wanted to paint a picture of how amazing these men and woman are who volunteer right down the road from us and chances are in an emergency, they will be our neighborhood's first responders. These brave men and woman do this each day without compensation and they risk their own lives to help others. Plus they take time from their own families on Christmas Eve to venture around our neighborhood with Santa. I know this is an annual tradition my kids look forward too. I always knew they were brave, but their dedication truly touched our hearts. I know times are tough, but give what you can. Even if you cannot now, please remember to do so during the year. Also, be sure to check your smoke detectors frequently! We typically do when the time changes in Fall and spring but obviously our battery didn't make it to the fall time change! Also, make sure you have the appropriate extension cords in use. The one in our garage was not strong enough for being connected to our garage door opener.

Thank you again to our wonderful neighborhood for your generosity! We were so touched. It was tough being gone for three months but we are back and truly thankful to live in such a caring and supportive community. Our family wishes everyone a happy and safe New Year.

Thankfully,
The Descoteau Family at Helm Court
Chris, Jennifer, Morgan & Cole

Chatterleigh Association Covenants Review Application

Return this form to:
Chatterleigh Covenants Team
Attn: Charly Gibbons
P.O. Box 42243
Baltimore, MD 21284-2243

The Chatterleigh Association, Inc. must receive your applications PRIOR to ANY changes being made and before any application is filed with Baltimore County either for a variance or a permit. Before signing any contracts, be sure your application has been approved. If you follow the correct procedure with the association, as outlined below, you could avoid unnecessary delays, fees or even possible court costs.

Property Owner _____

Property Address _____

Phone (and best time to call) _____

Change or alteration requested _____

Reason for change _____

Have you reviewed a copy of your covenants and restrictions?
Yes or No

For all alterations or structures, please attach a separate, detailed drawing. Drawing needs only to be of sufficient quality to show proposed changes. Include an overall sketch of your property where necessary. Photographs may be helpful.

Description of change (include dimensions): _____

Materials: _____

For Covenants Team use only:

Applicable Covenants: _____

Plat #: _____

Decision: _____

CALLING ALL GREEN THUMBS! BEGINNER AND "SEASONED" GARDENING ENTHUSIASTS ALIKE!

In an effort to commend and continue to improve the look of our community, the Neighborhood Association is kicking off our **1st Annual Gardening Contest**.

You DO NOT need to be the greenest thumb to win!

Details:

- We will select 4 winners: 2 residents East of Cowpens and 2 residents West of Cowpens.
- We are looking for residents who show pride in Chatterleigh by keeping their property presentable, clean and attractive – with plantings and tidy curb maintenance.
- If you have such a lawn or live near a neighbor you believe is deserving consideration, please speak with a board member or e-mail Adrienne Hammel at adrihammel@yahoo.com. Be sure to include a name, address and phone number.
- Prizes and recognition will be given.
- Please submit all nominations by September 1st, 2011 – to give everyone a chance to take advantage of the Spring and Summer weather to spruce things up.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The neighborhood has started a program to provide home-cooked meals to families with new babies to help parents with the transition at home. If you would like to be informed of any new births and volunteer to provide a meal, please contact Ashley Semesky at asesmesky@yahoo.com.

In addition to the above program it was recently suggested that a similar program be offered to our neighbors in need. If anyone knows of a neighbor who has recently become a 'shut in' please ask this neighbor if they would need assistance of any kind. If they are agreeable to receiving help please contact Ashley Semeskey at asesmesky@yahoo.com



PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES

Pay your **voluntary association dues!** For just \$50.00 a year you can support your community association and have a vote at the annual meeting.

- ✓ **Maintain our monuments and common areas**
- ✓ **Print and send special mailings to the community**
- ✓ **Send out our quarterly community newsletters**
- ✓ **Provide community social events such as the Halloween Party, Mock Tail/Cock Tail Block Party, Movie Nights and much more!**
- ✓ **Decorate the community at the holidays**
- ✓ **Pay for signage advertising community events**
- ✓ **Deal with legal issues as they occur**
- ✓ **Provide the dumpsters for our annual dumpster day**

To pay your voluntary dues, send a check made out to "The Chatterleigh Association, Inc." to our treasurer, Charly Gibbons P.O. Box 42243, Baltimore, MD 21284-2243. If the annual dues are a financial hardship, the Association may consider assistance. Contact Charly Gibbons at (410)583-2276.

*Please pay your dues by May 3rd 2011. By delaying the payment it makes it more difficult for the community to plan for future events and needs!

Chatterleigh Association Website!

Chatterleigh has a Web site -- www.chatterleigh.org.

The site includes the newsletter, articles and photos of neighborhood events, photos of community "landmarks," and information sent on Hotmail. It also offers links to community resources and lists of board members and standing committees. Send potential contributions to chatterleighassociation@hotmail.com.

- 1) Interested in being a **Block Captain** for 6-10 houses around you? We are looking for block captains for the new additions to the neighborhood. If you live on Metfield, Brookview, Meadowlark, Harts Run, Ruffed Grouse or Minebank and would like to volunteer to be a block captain, please contact Ashley Semesky at (410)821-7638 or asesmesky@yahoo.com.
- 2) New to the neighborhood and did not receive a **Welcome Packet?** Oops! Please forgive us! Contact Ashley Semesky, block captain coordinator for one at (410)821-7638 or asesmesky@yahoo.com.



The Junior League of Baltimore would love to have your donations to showcase in our new Wise Penny Thrift Store!

We gladly accept **new** and **gently** used clothing and household items

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Tuesday & Thursday 12 to 7, Wednesday,
Friday and Saturday 10-5 & Sunday 12-5.

Any questions please call our manager Charly Gibbons 410-435-3244

Visit www.jlbalt.org for information and sale dates

100% of your donations go toward the operating budget for the JLB & all donations are tax deductible.

The Wise Penny is owned and operated by the Junior League of Baltimore. Proceeds are used to fund community programs and to further our mission. We accept tax deductible merchandise donations during store hours. Founded in 1912, the Junior League of Baltimore, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational & charitable.

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