Spring 2012

## A Message From the President...

#### **Spring Forward!**

By Phil Golden

As I sit down to write this quick note, we've turned the calendar to March 1st and it was 65 glorious degrees today. Like the daffodils starting to emerge from winter's soil, I'm seeing more & more neighbors popping out for walks or inspecting their gardens. Spring is poised to be sprung. It's a time of promise and looking forward to the months ahead.

Looking back, it's been 10 fast and relatively quiet months since being elected as President of the Chatterleigh Association last spring. We had some excitement last May over the proposed mega-church that rallied surrounding neighborhoods into action. There was the wayward driver who mistook our iron gate at Cowpens & Brook Meadow for a finish line. That August accident triggering a protracted, though ultimately successful struggle with their insurance company for payment to undertake the repairs. Otherwise, your Board has been able to stay focused on the year's primary goals of monument sign preservation, landscaping, improving communications, offering a menu of social opportunities and reviewing covenant issues.

So, what are we poised for this spring? Quite a bit, actually! Volunteers are coordinating several community events such as the Neighborhood Open House on March 30th, The Easter Egg Hunt, Yard Sale and Dumpster Day. More details are outlined in the newsletter; don't miss out on these opportunities to connect with your neighbors. And, please mark your calendars for the Association's Annual Meeting on May 8th to catch up on what's going on.

We are a neighborhood with a fifty year history that is still poised for a promising future. In considering your spring plans, here are some easy ways to help your own community blossom. We realize that everyone has busy schedules these days. But, you can play a meaningful role as a Board Member by volunteering 15 hours per year; we're looking for nominees for May's slate. If that's too much, we can use volunteers to help with 1 social event per year. Someone could initiate a Neighborhood or Stream Clean-Up Day with community service hours available for participating students – a very cool idea in need of a leader. We want to reengage the role of Block Captains. If you're good with Google or web site development, you could be a big help in our communications effort.

Have other ideas? Have other talents? Don't let them stay in hibernation; it's spring! The Neighborhood Open House, the Annual Meeting or one of the other events are great times to chat about them. We hope to see you there!

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# FROM THE COMMUNITY AWARENESS / SAFETY TEAM

# Be AWARE of Door to Door Solicitors!

Helpful Hints:

Some solicitors will tell you they are neighbors of yours, who live "right around the corner" they do this to gain your trust!

Some solicitors will mention the names of other neighbor's, they do this to gain your trust!

Some solicitors will lure you out of the house to the back as another enters when you are distracted.

Ask to see a Baltimore County Huckster's License that they are required to carry.

DO NOT ALLOW SOLICITORS INTO YOUR HOME. LISTEN AT THE DOOR.

What the law says:

- Solicitors in Baltimore County are required to be licensed as a peddler/huckster through the Clerk's Office of the Baltimore County Circuit Court
- Solicitors **must** carry that license with them
- The license **does not** give the solicitor the right to remain on your property after being told to leave Additionally, the Baltimore County Code was recently amended to tighten up regulations pertaining to neighborhood door-to-door solicitors. Here is that excerpt from The Baltimore County Code Article 21-11-106.
- "No soliciting" signs; sunset
- A person subject to this title may not offer any service or item of merchandise for sale to the occupant of a residential property in the county if the owner or occupant has visibly displayed on the property a "no soliciting" sign, or a sign containing similar words
- The prohibition of paragraph 1 applies to all residences in a neighborhood or community if the neighborhood or community has displayed a "no soliciting" sign, or a sign containing similar words, at each vehicle entrance to the neighborhood or community
- A person subject to this title may not offer any service or item of merchandise for sale to the occupant of a residential property in the county before 9:00 AM or after 5:00 PM, or sunset on any day, whichever is earlier. "Sunset" means the time of day identified by the National Weather Service as the time for sunset on that day in the Baltimore metropolitan area
- Based on the County Code, a homeowner may post his or her individual residence with a prominent sign such as "No Solicitors".

# 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

# THE CHATTERLEIGH ASSOCIATION SOCIAL COMMITTEE WANTS YOU!

We're looking for a few good men, women and even reliable teens looking for community service hours to join our team!

The past 5 years, we've been so happy to watch the annual events grow. Our Easter Egg Hunt, Cul de Sac Mocktail / Cocktail and Pre Trick or Treat Halloween parties have doubled and at times tripled in attendance. We appreciate all the positive feedback!

It's been fun to see new events pop up on their own, including an Ice Cream Social, Progressive Dinners and Backyard Movie Nights.

At this point, we're looking for some extra hands pitch in. In particular, someone to take over the Easter Egg Hunt and Backyard Movie nights as well as expand what's been started.

We're still here and on board. We enjoy planning things that bring our neighborhood together. We're just looking for some help.

If you're interested - please e-mail Janine Golden at goldenjanine@comcast.net With SOCIAL COMMITTEE in the subject line or call Adrienne Hammel at 410-825-2166.

Best,

Janine Golden, Chris Diehl and Adrienne Hammel

### **ADVERTISE WITH US!**

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.

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### **BLOCK CAPTAINS - 2012**

Contact Erica if you are interested in volunteering to be a Block Captain.

NAME	BLOCK 1	BLOCK 2
	Green Acre Rd. 1018-1024	
	Green Acre Rd. 1025-1101	
Patty Daue		1111111111111111111111111111111111
Mary Ellen McLaughlin		
Megan Williams		
Rose Trotter	Green Acre Rd. 1015	Dunblane Rd 1000-1005
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Ruth Dailey		
Barbara Sandaal		
Debra Press & Ann Poole		
	.Brook Meadow Dr. 1303-1307	Drake Ct. 3-8
	Chatterleigh Circle 1103-1108	
	Chatterleigh Circle 1109-1111	
	Chatterleigh Circle 1113-1124	
	Waller Ct.3-6	
	Concordia Dr. 1000-1007	
Lynn Wegner		
June Rowe		
Patricia Dobyski		
Rhonda Memphis		
	Brook Hollow Rd. 1207-1218, Alcan Ct	Brook Hollow 1219-1227
	Helm Ct. 1-7	
Martha Kirby	New Forest Ct. 1-8	-
Chip Welsh	Brook Meadow Dr. 1200-1211	
Linda Sharkey		
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	
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Kelly Oakey		
Sally Diehl		
Carmel Etzel	Metfield Rd 900-912	
Janine Robinson	Metfield Rd 913-929	
Jean Barker		
Holly Voelker		Rlock T
Rita Solinsky	Meadowlark Dr1213-1226	Diock
		Block Captains
John & Sandy Macon		
	Brookview Rd 1214-1225	

# Block Captains Needed Captain, Yes, Captain!

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 Erica Quagliana at 410-8281509 or equagliana@bcps.org

# Chatterleigh's Association Social Calendar 2012

## Easter Egg Hunt

Hop on over to Waller Court on Saturday, March 31st, 2012 at 10 AM for our Annual Neighborhood Egg Hunt! We will provide donuts, bagels, fresh fruit, juice, and coffee. If you plan to attend, please RSVP and drop off 24 filled plastic eggs in the decorated box on Janine Golden's front porch by Thursday March 29th, 2012. (Janine is at 5 Waller Court). Please RSVP to Adrienne Hammel at 410-825-2166 / or e-mail adrihammel@yahoo.com with EGG HUNT in the subject line.



Enjoy conversation, games and an old-fashioned egg hunt fun with your neighbors. Spring's around the corner. Come kick it off with a fun neighborly event whether you have little bunnies or not!

## New/Old Neighbor Get Together

Enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres and catch up with neighbors both new and old. Members of the Chatterleigh Association Board will be there to answer any questions you have about the association and our upcoming agenda/activities for the year! Babysitters will be on hand so please bring little ones along if you'd like. Snacks will be provided. Please Respond by March 25th

Host: Sally and John Diehl Phone: 410-825-2166

When: Friday, March 30 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM Where: 9 Harts Run Court Towson, MD 21286

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

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.

Send letters to:

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



# Chatterleigh Is ONLINE

### www.chatterleigh.org

**Email Alerts**-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 issues 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.

# **Web Page**- 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.





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#### **Tried and True Method**

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



# Chatterleigh Association Covenants Review Application

Return this form to: Chatterleigh Covenants Team Attn: Adrian Palazzi 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.

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Coming Saturday, June 2nd the annual neighborhood yard sale. Ads will be placed in the Towson Times and on Craig's List. The suggested time is from 9-1. Feel free to set up early and stay late, your choice.

#### Suggestions for a successful sale:

Place your own signs within the neighborhood directing people to your sale (just don't forget to take them down)

Buddy up with another neighbor...it looks like you have more stuff and it can be fun!

Start de-cluttering now so you have lots of stuff to sell by June 2nd.

Keep prices reasonable. The idea is to sell, sell, sell!

# **DUMPSTER DAY**

Bring all of the unsold treasures from the yard sale and give them a nice home in one of our spacious dumpsters. Dumpsters will be available on Saturday, June 9th. (TENTATIVE) They will be located in the back parking lot of Loch Raven High School from 8-11.

#### STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION

### **Dumpster Details**

- two dumpsters for yard waste/general household/bulk trash (no metal)
- one dumpster for metal objects
- a volunteer must be in attendance at all times
- dumpsters cannot be filled over the top edge
- prohibited items: engines, oil, paint, toxic substances

Volunteers are needed to provide supervision on Dumpster Day. If you have used the dumpsters in the past, please donate time this year. If you can volunteer please email Sally Diehl at sdiehl@loyola.edu We really need volunteers this year!

### Cromwell Valley Park by Dan Sloat

Like so much about Cromwell Valley Park, it does not shout its virtues, but yields only after probing and observation. A special welcome awaits those that arrive early morning just as the sun's golden light slants through the trees along Cromwell Bridge Road, and across the meadows.

The park's 426 acres of natural beauty are waiting for the "nature curious" to explore the varied natural habitats. Bird watching, wildlife observation, and trail hiking are just a few activities that may be enjoyed year round.

A real sense of natural beauty exists with the park's beautiful oasis of green. In addition to the Minebank stream, the fantastic maze of trails and loops await the visitor. The park's quietness and natural surroundings are stimulating, and are sure to help reduce your level of stress.

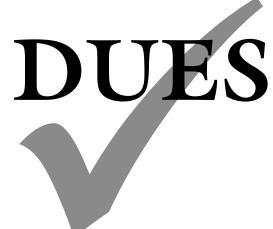
With this mild winter, I typically see Bluebirds that have taken up residence. It's surprising how close-up you can enjoy them. Their numbers have increased thanks to those volunteers whom have erected, and maintained the numerous bird boxes within the park.

Join me at Cromwell Valley Park. There's no place like it..., and it's hidden within clear view! To learn more about the Cromwell Valley Park and the many activities scheduled this spring, go to www.cromwellvalleypark.org

### 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.

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