

CHATTERLEIGH

ASSOCIATION

Winter 2013

School Redistricting Discussions: Another Major Reason for a Strong Association

By Phil Golden

In 10+ years of involvement in our neighborhood I've seen a fair share of "trending topics" – i.e. a wave of new families arriving prior to the housing bubble, the post-bubble buyers' market, covenant clarifications, new communication tools, more social opportunities, the addition of Brookview Farms to CAI, Board turnover, square offs over public & private school expansions, concerns about new housing and church development plans, etc.

Were there common themes in those issues? Sure. A collective concern about the quality of life in our community. Close attention to the impact of potential events on our home values. And, the necessity of motivated volunteers to make themselves available, become informed and take action.

Until the past 60 days, I'd never been part of a school redistricting process. When unveiled as an issue at our fall Board meeting, it ignited concerns that I'd never seen spread as widely or quickly in the neighborhood. Though only two months into this one – which still has information to sift through and time to play out – one thing is clear. This is yet another prime example of why it pays to have a strong association. Sure, one could try on their own to sift through the rumors, School Board reports and public information, then find an informed network to help decipher what it all means and try to have their voice heard. But, this is another case where collective community resources are valuable and there is truly greater strength in numbers.

Read up on the elementary school overcrowding issues in the central district of Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS). You'll notice that strong, coordinated voices from Rogers Forge influenced local officials on where additional capacity would be built; you'll also notice that a vocal, reasonable group of neighborhoods north of Seminary Avenue preserved their inclusion in Riderwood Elementary rather than becoming part of the boundary for the new Mays Chapel School. Associations matter!

For Chatterleigh homeowners, it appears we'll have the same boundaries for Hampton Elementary a while longer. Its boundaries will be revisited and the County's magnet school program potentially tweaked prior to opening the expanded Cromwell Valley Elementary in 2016. We will

remain involved in the process as an Association. These two schools both offer an excellent elementary education, which has helped attract home buyers here for decades.

Of greater concern frankly, were early rumors that we'd be redistricted away from Ridgely Middle School as soon as next fall to lesser performing schools to our east or south. Our research indicates that while it very much behooves us to stay attuned to further developments, the rumors are unfounded at this time. Middle school boundaries will not be reviewed until the elementary school issues are settled and middle school crowding is far less of an issue at this time.

It's been an educational 60 days since the prospect of redistricting was put on the Board Meeting

table. I greatly appreciate those Association members who came together to attend meetings, make phone calls and share information. They also identified an outstanding advocate in Hampton PTA President, Yara Cheikh, who attended an open Board Meeting with us on November 18th.

This agenda item is far from over. Members will be attending the public forum at Dulaney HS on December 11th and monitoring the actions of BCPS, which has not been particularly forthcoming in their recent actions. We'll be putting together letters to Superintendent Dance and others involved in the redistricting process. And we'll do our best to keep you informed via venues like this newsletter and on-line at NextDoor.

With our Annual Dues season coming up early next year, it's a timely question to think about the potential costs of an inactive or underfunded association. Do you want questions like school redistricting resolved without your neighborhood having a seat at the table? Isn't the payback on this issue alone, where our home values are truly at stake- not to mention the other initiatives that help strengthen our neighborhood- worth at least \$50 a year? I encourage everyone to support your Association this year and welcome you to get involved in any neighborhood issue or activity of interest.

*On behalf of the Board and our Committee Chairpersons
we wish every Chatterleigh Association resident a happy
and blessed holiday season!*

Chatterleigh's Social Calendar Update

By Adrienne Hammel

Our community's first ever Fit and Fun Family Hike in Cromwell Park was a big success! Neighbors of all ages enjoyed navigating the trails, including a few four legged friends on leashes.

Ray Reed was kind enough to lead the way at an easy pace. Ray's lovely wife Carla provided refreshments for us at the end of the hike. As a courtesy for using the Park, participants contributed \$100.00 for Park maintenance. We are hoping to do a "Take 2" in the Spring. So if you weren't able to make it out this time, we hope to see you then.

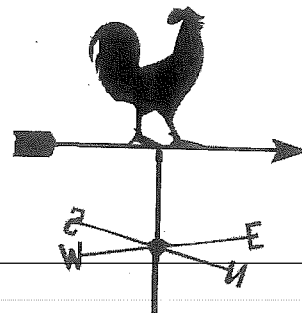
The Annual Pre-Trick Or Treat Halloween Party was a hit with 100+ attendees.

Special thanks to the Good Witches of Waller Court, Chris Diehl and Janine Golden for pulling things together in a spook-tacular way! A big thank you goes to Rita Solinsky for pitching in, big time, with check-ins. And many thanks to D.J. Preston, Scott Mouring, Sarah and Rachel Gude and to Kelly Diehl for lending their muscles to the set-up. Thanks to all who contributed to making this a super event.

As always, the Social Committee is always open to hear new suggestions for events and for new volunteers to help with these events. If you have a suggestion or would be interested in pitching in please email Adrienne Hammel at adrihammel@yahoo.com. We would love to have you join the Social Committee team.

**Happy Holidays and we'll see you soon for a social hour at McFaul's Ironhorse Tavern
(Date is not determined as of now)**

So Where is the Osprey Vane and the Gold Vane and Cupola in Chatterleigh ??



Don Sloat, of Concordia Road, submitted this challenge of our powers of observation in our last issue of this newsletter. Did you walk or drive around looking for these? Did you spot them? Well, Don provided these answers: the Osprey Vane is at 1305 Brook Meadow Drive and the Gold Vane and Cupola is atop the residence of 1117 Green Acre Road.

Our thanks to Don for providing this item of interest for us.

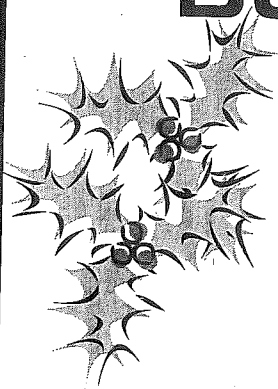
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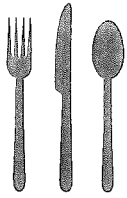
By Chris Diehl

I am still collecting old towels, bath rugs, beach towels, new or used dog and cat beds, toys and food/treats for **Animal Rescue** and **Animal Control**. These organizations are always in need of these items and greatly appreciate any and everything donated.

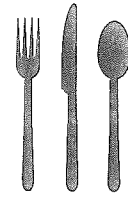
I donate regularly, so feel free to drop off your items on my front porch any time (I live at 6 Waller Court). If you have any questions or concerns, or need me to pick up your donation, please call, Chris Diehl, 410-821-9170 or chrisdiehl@comcast.net.

Thank you for your consideration.





Two Restaurant Reviews – in Towson and in Easton



Cunningham's - Review by Adrienne Hammel

1 Olympic Place Towson, Maryland 21204 Tel: 410-339-7730 www.cunninghamstowson.com

I recently had the pleasure of dining at a beautiful new restaurant in Towson, called Cunningham's. It's part of the Bagby Restaurant group, which includes Fleet Street Kitchen, Ten Ten and Bagby Pizza Co. The space is really nice and the menu is varied, with a nice range of options to fit every wallet. It was a really nice experience, and just the ticket for Towson.

Cunningham's is a seasonal American grille that blends the modern atmosphere of city dining with the rustic flavors of the countryside. Using a wood-fired grill and oven, they're serving up dishes featuring the freshest seasonal and local ingredients they can find...some of which come straight from their farm, in Cockeysville.

There's a beautiful bar area with a creative list of well-crafted cocktails. The drinks are thoughtfully prepared and presented.

We were a party of five, celebrating a friend's birthday, so we decided to share a few things to start. Like *Brown Butter Popcorn* dressed up with honeyed hazelnuts, and espelette pepper. For (\$2) a pop – who could pass up this salty, sweet treat? Next up, *Butternut Squash Toast* (\$6). A hearty slice of crusty baked bread, topped with house made creamy, ricotta, and to a to die for caramelized butternut squash concoction that was both tangy and sweet. The *Pork Belly and Shrimp Dumplings* (\$9) didn't disappoint and we devoured The *Mushroom Flatbread Pizza* (\$11) before deciding that we really needed to save room for dinner!

There are a number of house made pastas – and I like that you can do a half order. We ordered the Ricotta Gnudi (\$12/\$18), which sent us to pasta heaven with chanterelles, pumpkin seeds, rosemary, and black butter. I'm still thinking about it! I sampled the *Seared Rockfish* (\$25) that reeled us all in, with a side of autumn vegetable succotash, parsley root purée, and crispy Cunningham's bacon. It was very good. For you carnivores, we went with the T-Bone Steak (\$30) and couldn't resist adding a pile of onion rings that are served with super yummy kimchi aioli that was a tasty change of pace!

Overall, the food was very very good. The servers attentive, and since they are just opening, ours was honest enough to admit that he was still learning the menu more than happy to check with the chef to answer any of our questions. There is valet parking and a rather high tech elevator system to get into the restaurant – but things are well marked. In the Spring, there will be plenty of outdoor seating and a bakery / café component that I suspect will do well with the caliber of food they're serving. Bon Appetite Towson!

Sugar Buns Airport Café - Review by Don Sloat

Easton, Maryland

Neighbors, you won't need a pilot's license to enjoy this unique café just off Route 50, not far from St. Michael's.

These ladies serve up the most delicious home-cooked delights on either side of the Bay Bridge. For starters, how does a crab omelet served with home fries sound? Or, how about Eggs Benedict? Choose from a list of 16 offerings; home fries included with every order and lobster or crab may be added to each order.

For lunch, choose from an array of incredible sandwiches, soups, salads, and OH YES- made to order hand-dipped onion rings. Their daily specials are sure to please. Everything is awesome!

While here allow some time to view the historic photos of early flying greats such as Charles Lindbergh. Also, check out the nearby hangar loaded with assorted vintage autos and planes.

Before leaving, don't forget to pick up some of their melt-in-your-mouth Sugar Buns.

Be sure to consider this small nostalgic surround for your future day trip. Hurray on down, Hon.

Open Monday- Sunday 7.a.m.-3 p.m.

Chatterleigh Community Association

Chatterleigh Community Association Board of Governors 2013

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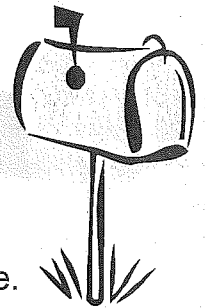
www.chatterleigh.org

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

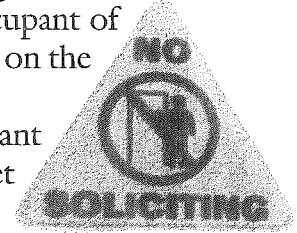


From the Community Awareness / Safety Team

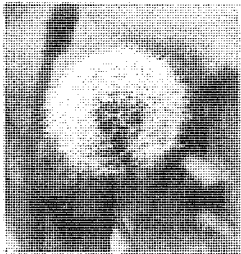
DO NOT ALLOW SOLICITORS INTO YOUR HOME. LISTEN AT THE DOOR.

The Baltimore County Code Article 21-11-106 suggests the following:

- A solicitor 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
- A solicitor 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.



Curb Cleanup!



Please try to maintain not only a beautiful yard, but please take the time to clean away weeds and debris along the curb in front of your home. This small job goes a long way in keeping our community looking its best!

Baltimore County 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**

Covenants Process

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 on page 6) 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



Newsletter Distribution

Currently, the Chatterleigh Newsletter gets distributed by the Board and Committee Chairpersons. That's a dozen or so people to deliver over 400 newsletters. There are 4 issues per year. If you are a Block Captain and would be willing to help with this distribution please contact Erica Quagliana at equagliana@gmail.com. If you are a willing neighbor who would like to help with this effort, please contact Pat Sipes at patriciasipes@comcast.net or 410-296-0208.



LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW

When snow is forecast, please park all of your vehicles in your driveway. This will allow County snow plows to remove our snow completely and efficiently.

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.

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: _____

Block Captains – 2013

The 2013 Chatterleigh Directory listing all neighbors names and addresses will be arriving at your mailboxes in the very near future. Block Captains will be distributing them to all residents. Erica Quagliana has coordinated this endeavor along with her duties as Block Captain Coordinator. Erica changed her email. You may contact her at equagliana@gmail.com.



BLOCK CAPTAINS – 2013

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL	BLOCK 1	BLOCK 2
Gil Spicer	1103 Cawdor Ct.	828-8876	NA	Green Acre Rd. 1018-1024	Cawdor Ct. 1100-1103
Honey Armstrong	1001 Kirkcolm Rd.	823-5152	NA	Green Acre Rd. 1025-1101	Kirkcolm Rd. 1001-1004
Jill Megaro	1101 Cawdor Ct	296-2628	jmegaro@stevenson.edu	Green Acre Rd. 1004-1013	
Mary Ellen McLaughlin	1113 Green Acre Rd.	227-8848	maryellenmcl@verizon.net	Green Acre Rd. 1102-1113	
Megan Williams	1118 Green Acre Rd.	823-3590	mcwrlw2002@yahoo.com	Green Acre Rd. 1114-1122	
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Karen Ceresini	1131 Green Acre Rd.	321-0820	ceresinik@yahoo.com	Green Acre 1123-1140	
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A new Block Captain has joined our team, **Linda Dauses**. *Welcome and thank you for joining us.*

Come see what
your neighbors are
talking about.



Join Chatterleigh Association Nextdoor, the private website for your neighborhood. 164 members of our neighborhood have joined so far! Joining this site has allowed those members to:

- Share recommendations for repairs and maintenance of our properties and homes
- Locate lost pets
- Lend, borrow and give away
- Share safety concerns in our neighborhood
- Stay informed

To join, visit: chatterleighassociation.nextdoor.com/join
Your flyer code: NUMZRA

If you have problems logging on, contact Mary Sloat directly via her email at mconnorsloat@yahoo.com. When sending the email, please put nextdoor in the subject matter and be sure that you include the email address you would like to use for nextdoor and Mary will send you an invitation. Or if you choose to log on to the web address be sure to:

1. sign in using an email account
2. select a password (please remember your passwords -- they are case sensitive)



WELCOME PACKET

New to the neighborhood
and did not receive a
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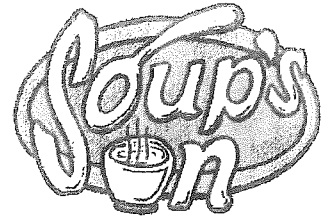
Please forgive us!

Contact the
Block Captain Coordinator,
Erica, for one at
410-828-1509
or equagliana@gmail.com

Newsletter Material Needed!

If you would like to include any article or information in the next newsletter please email Pat Sipes at patriciasipes@comcast.net or call 410-296-0208.

Soup's On! Recipe for Creamy Cauliflower Soup with Chorizo and Greens



There's nothing like a comforting bowl of soup to warm you up in cold weather. This is a very substantial and satisfying soup, developed by cookbook author and TV personality, Sara Moulton. I've worked with Sara for years and can tell you she's very good about testing her recipes! This soup is thickened by pureed cauliflower and potato, which makes it luxuriously creamy without any cream. The sausage, greens, and paprika give it heat, and the cauliflower florets give it crunch. Serve this soup with garlic bread and a nice green salad and you've got a meal in a bowl!

Makes 6 servings Hands-on time: 35 minutes Total preparation time: 45 minutes

INGREDIENTS

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil	1 bunch mustard greens, kale, or spinach, or a mixture, rinsed, dried, and thinly sliced
10-ounces chorizos or andouille sausage, sliced	3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 medium onion, sliced (about 1 cup)	Kosher salt and freshly milled black pepper
1 medium head cauliflower (about 2 pounds)	Paprika, preferably smoked for garnish
1 small Yukon gold potato (about 4 ounces)	Grilled or broiled slices of homemade-style bread, rubbed with a cut garlic clove, optional
4 cups canned chicken broth or Chicken Stock (Sara's Secrets for Weeknight Meals, page 32)	

Heat the oil in a large saucepan over high heat until hot. Reduce the heat to medium, add the chorizo, and cook, stirring occasionally, until the pieces are lightly browned on both sides, about 5 minutes. Transfer the chorizos with a slotted spoon to a plate. Add the onion to the pan and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, cut 2 cups of small florets from the cauliflower and chop the rest. Peel and thinly slice the potato. When the onion has softened, add the chicken broth, chopped cauliflower, and potato to the saucepan; bring the mixture to a boil over high heat. Reduce the heat to low and simmer for about 8 minutes or until the cauliflower and potato are very tender. Transfer to a blender in three or four small batches and puree until very smooth. Measure the pureed soup and return it to the saucepan. Add water, if necessary, to make 7 cups. Stir in the cauliflower florets and simmer for 4 minutes or until they are almost tender. If you are using mustard greens or kale, add them to the soup with the florets. When the florets are just tender, stir in the chorizo and lemon juice; add salt and pepper to taste. If using spinach, stir it in with the chorizo. Ladle the soup into bowls; sprinkle each with some paprika and serve with garlic bread, if desired.

Adrienne Hammel is one of the Executive Producers on Sara's Weeknight Meals, which airs on WETA on Saturday's at 1:30 PM. Check it out for all kinds of simple and delicious recipes – or visit <http://saramoulton.com/shows/>

Block Captains – 2013

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

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.

The advertising contracts run year to year and are reasonably priced.