# CHATTERLEIGH

# SPRING 2023

## **DUES CHALLENGE**

In the October newsletter, Chatterleigh Association President Jason Barker penned a letter explaining the value of being a dues-paying member of the Chatterleigh Association. At that time, only 15 households had paid and since then, 117 households have paid. Thank you to all of those who paid, that is a huge improvement. We currently sit at 28% of the 415 households who have paid, and I want to challenge the community to get to 50% by May 31, which is the end of our fiscal year. As a reminder, dues are only \$50 a year and our fiscal year runs from June 1 to May 31.

The Association has an annual operating budget of about \$10,000, which covers mundane, but real, expenses like insurance and other operating costs. The budget also includes:

- Maintaining the Chatterleigh, Brook Meadow, and Brookview monuments at the entrances to our community, beautifying the neighborhood and instilling community pride.
- Maintaining the website (www.chatterleigh.org), which provides a virtual introduction for prospective homebuyers, is a portal for community information, and is a platform for neighborhood communications.
- Organizing social activities to bring together families and their children, such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween party, Cul de sac concerts, and Luminaries in December, to name a few.
- Engaging with the Towson Communities Alliance to amplify our neighborhood voice with local government to address infrastructure needs and safety concerns.

The Chatterleigh Association Board appreciates your support as we strive to reach our goal of 50% dues participation. There is still time to pay your Fiscal Year 2022/2023 dues via PayPal or the envelope included in this newsletter.

~Richard Yoskey

## JOIN THE CHATTERLEIGH BOARD!

The Chatterleigh Association will be accepting nominations to fill Board seats for the 2023-24 year, which commences at the **Chatterleigh Association Annual Meeting** slated for **May 17** (location TBD). The Association presently is governed by five officers, six at-large Board members, and various committee chairpersons. The term of most of the present Board officers and at-large members will expire this year due to term limits, although term extension is possible in the event that no nominees step forward.

If you are interested in nominating yourself or another community member for the Board, please send the nomination to President Jason Barker (**Chatterleigh.jason.barker@gmail.com**). Also, if you are interested in Board service, but have questions, please feel free to reach out to Jason as well. This is a tremendous opportunity to become more engaged in the Chatterleigh community!



### **ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD EGG HUNT!**

Hop on over to The Mitchell's home at 2 Buckley Court on Saturday, April 1, at 10 AM for our Annual Neighborhood Egg Hunt! We will provide lite breakfast fare: donuts, bagels, fresh fruit, coffee, and juice. There will be a special guest on hand for a photo op!

\*\*The hunt will start at 10:15 AM!\*\*

If you plan to attend, please RSVP with the subject line **Egg Hunt** to *adrihammel@yahoo.com* and drop off 24 filled plastic eggs in the decorated box on Alison Mitchell's front porch at 2 Buckley Court (off Brook Meadow) by Thursday, March 30, 2023.

Questions? Please text Adrienne at 610-608-8168.

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#### Update on Tributary to Minebank Run Stream Restoration

The Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability has been making continual progress on developing a stream restoration between Cowpens Road and Minebank Run downstream of Brook Meadow Rd. As of this writing, we expect a final design iteration from our consulting engineer, McCormick Taylor, which will incorporate multiple rounds of feedback by the end of the month. The next step will be finalizing permitting, which entails coordination with federal, state, and several local/internal agencies. Some permitting components, which could affect the project timeline, remain to be determined.

We intend to hire a contractor from our prequalified list as soon as practicable afterwards. Barring significant complications in these final phases we expect construction to begin in mid-2023. We will be in touch with the homeowners in the immediate vicinity of the project with significant developments. Project goals remain to protect public infrastructure, meet local pollution reduction targets, create instream habitat, and develop a robust community of native vegetation along the stream.

Please direct any questions or concerns to Doug Rowland, project manager, at 410-887-2904 or rrowland@baltimorecountymd.gov.



#### UNDERSTANDING THE COVENANTS REVIEW PROCESS ~ Phil Golden

Our last newsletter provided a good overview of the covenants that run with each and every property in the Association. Those covenants were established by the neighborhood's original developer, attached to your deed and recorded with the County. Whether aware of them or not, you are bound by them as a homeowner here. Their purpose is to maintain a pleasant and attractive neighborhood for current homeowners and help uphold property values well into the future.That's important to all of us, as our homes are often our largest investment.

As Spring is the most popular season for home improvements, please remember to submit your plans to the Covenants Committee for review as early as possible but at least two weeks before you plan to start a project.Covenants apply to any outdoor structure (additions, fencing, decks, porches, sheds, etc.), as well as to proposed exterior changes to your existing home (painting, siding, etc.). They don't apply to projects inside your house so long as they are not for the purpose of a trade or activity that would be "an annoyance to the neighborhood." You can find Covenants Review applications for each subdivision on the chatterleigh.org website. Not sure what subdivision you're in? There's a helpful map and a host of other helpful information available there as well. In addition to the formal step of Covenants Review, communicating with your immediate neighbors is an important thing you can do. Informing your neighbors of your plans at the outset of a project fosters trust and is one of the guideposts for reviews.

Again, please submit your project early; it will help get it off to a good start. Covenants Committee members are volunteers who have busy schedules and other responsibilities just like you, so they need adequate notice to review projects on behalf of the Association. Of course, if you have any questions, please free to reach out to appropriate members of the Covenants Committee (as indicated on the website). Thank you for investing in our community and your shared interest in maintaining its vitality.

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Charly Gibbons, Treasurer

How does your street compare to others? Visit chatterleigh.org to help contribute to a successful community!

| STREET NAME         | PAID | TOTAL # | 9    | Glenluce Court      | 2   | 4   | 50%        |
|---------------------|------|---------|------|---------------------|-----|-----|------------|
|                     |      |         |      | Green Acre Road     | 15  | 53  | 289        |
|                     |      | HOMES   | PAIC | Harts Run Court     | 2   | 8   | 25%        |
| Alcan Court         | 1    | 2       | 509  | Helm Court          | 2   | 7   | 29%        |
| Brook Hollow Road   | 4    | 15      | 279  | Kirkcolm Road       | 2   | 4   | 50%        |
| Brook Meadow Drive  | 8    | 26      | 319  | Linlow Court        | 1   | 11  | <b>9</b> % |
| Brookview Road      | 3    | 27      | 119  | Meadowlark Drive    | 9   | 21  | 43%        |
| Buckley Court       | 5    | 6       | 839  | Metfield Road       | 19  | 38  | 50%        |
| Cawdor Court        | 1    | 4       | 259  | Minebank Court      | 4   | 9   | 44%        |
| Chatterleigh Circle | 6    | 17      | 389  | New Forest Court    | 3   | 8   | 38%        |
| Concordia Drive     | 9    | 50      | 189  | Ruffed Grouse Court | 4   | 12  | 33%        |
|                     |      |         |      | Ryegate Road        | 9   | 22  | 41%        |
| Cowpens Avenue      | 2    | 29      | 79   | Temfield Road       | 1   | 26  | 4%         |
| Drake Court         | 3    | 6       | 509  | Waller Court        | 1   | 4   | 25%        |
| Dunblane Road       | 1    | 6       | 179  | TOTAL               | 117 | 415 | 28%        |

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