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Welcome to the Forest!

Beth & Charlie Reighart
612 Lake

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501 Hickory Lane

Kiran and Adam Brooks
603 Hillen Road

**Please check your emails
for updates and event
information.**

Congratulations!

2nd Lieutenant Gustav
Wachhaus commissioned to
the US Army and graduated
from Texas A&M in May,
and begins law school in the
fall.

Please send your family's
accomplishments (graduations,
births, marriages, death notices and
remembrances, etc.) for inclusion
in the next newsletter to
Christine Horel
cmaccardo@yahoo.com
with your news!

If you are interested in hosting a
neighborhood event, please contact
Jeff Davidson at [jeff@jeff-
davidson.com](mailto:jeff@jeff-davidson.com)

Fellowship Forest

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Dear Neighbors,

I hope you had a wonderful summer! Our last event, August Fest, was another fun, well attended event. It was quite hot when it started, but it did cool down later and that's when folks got bold enough to dance. The music from the live band, *That's What She Said*, really made the event. Special thanks, as always, goes to Jeff and Patricia Davidson for generously hosting!

You can find pics of all of our events and other notifications on Facebook. Please follow us at Fellowship Forest.

Get ready for our next event, **The Annual Wine & Cheese, on Saturday, October 14th, from 6-10pm.** Christopher Graham offered to host again this year at 606 Valley Lane. Please view the enclosed flier for more details on what to bring etc.

Right on the heels of the middle school boundary decision, BCPS announced that Elementary schools in the Towson area will be under boundary study review in the new year due to overcrowding in some of the schools. I am confident that our community will rise to the challenge! Stay tuned after the new year to learn our strategy.

Our next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4th at 7:30pm. Please email me at ipbucci@gmail.com if you are interested in attending. Anyone in our neighborhood can attend! We always welcome new volunteers.

Sincerely,
Indira Bucci
Board President





Spotted Lanternfly



As many of you have noticed we have had spotted lanternflies enter our neighborhood. Many of us have lost trees to infestation already. Below are some suggestions from the MD Department of Agriculture. If anyone is interested in doing some neighborhood wide remediation, please contact Christine at cmaccardo@yahoo.com

The MD Dept. of Agriculture (MDA) does not have a suppression program in place to treat private residences for spotted lanternfly. Any control measures you wish to undertake will have to be done on your own initiative.

You have several control options available to you:

Mechanical controls involve destroying lanternfly by hand or with a tool.

- During spring, summer, and fall you can destroy lanternfly nymphs and adults by hand or by depositing them into a container filled with alcohol, vinegar, water, or other liquid. You can crush egg masses during the winter. Look for egg masses wherever lanternfly adults congregate. Lanternfly prefer to lay their egg masses on flat, vertical surfaces that are somewhat hidden from view.
- Trapping – Penn State offers a tutorial video for a DIY circle trap similar to the one that MDA uses for its trapping purposes. MDA purchases circle traps from Great Lakes IPM. We have found these traps to be effective in capturing lanternfly; however, be sure to attach the trap to a tree that is at least 8” in diameter around the trunk. Try to identify trees on which the lanternfly are congregating.

Cultural controls involve cultivating your property to minimize the impact of spotted lanternfly.

- Tree of heaven is the primary host of spotted lanternfly. The insects are strongly attracted to it. You can remove tree of heaven to reduce the attractiveness of your property to lanternfly.

Chemical controls involve the use of natural and synthetic insecticides.

- Please be judicious in your use of chemical agents. Widespread use of potent insecticides may cause substantial harm to beneficial insects where you apply them. Consider mechanical or cultural controls before deciding to use chemicals. If you do use chemicals, please consider some of the less toxic options such as horticultural oils, insecticidal soaps, and neem oil.
- As the state regulatory body, the MDA cannot recommend specific pesticide formulations. We encourage you to contact the University of MD Extension Service for specific recommendations on insecticide brands that are effective against spotted lanternfly.
- General-use insecticides are available at most home and garden stores. Less toxic options include horticultural oils, insecticidal soaps, and neem oil.
- Restricted-use insecticides are available through state licensed applicators. A list of licensed applicators in MD is available on their web site
- We recommend that you only apply restricted-use insecticides to the tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*). Tree of heaven is the primary host of spotted lanternfly and is itself an invasive species. You can limit your environmental impact by treating concentrations of lanternfly. **Do not engage in broadcast spraying to suppress spotted lanternfly. You will kill beneficial insects as well as the lanternfly.**

Resist the temptation to resort to homemade chemical agents. Use products specifically formulated for insect management. Your health is more important than the lanternflies’.



Composting in the Forest



If you are interested in the possibility of composting in Fellowship Forest, please send an email to me at kandpwalkertalker@gmail.com with COMPOST in the subject line.

I am working to organize as many participants as possible in Fellowship Forest. Composting allows us to take all of our food scraps, put them in a storage container provided by the composting company, and the company will pick up the scraps on a weekly basis (just like recycling or trash). Composting helps keep food waste out of landfills. It also helps to revitalize local soils by providing a nutrient rich addition. Depending on how many families participate, we would pay somewhere around \$32/month if there are only a few of us, and lower as our number of participants goes up. In addition, each house would receive 2 bags of finished compost (aka black gold because of its great quality) annually. That can be used in a garden, for house plants, or even your lawn!

Even if you're only a little bit curious, please reach out to me. I hate throwing out my food scraps and knowing that they are just decomposing in the landfills when I know there is a better way to go. There is no pressure or commitment. I just want to get a sense of how many families would consider this so I can get a good estimate of how low our neighborhood rate might be.

If you want to talk about any of this, feel free to call or text me at 410-349-7566.. Most of all, please shoot me an email if you're even the littlest bit curious.

Thanks so much! Patty Laibstain (610 Lake Drive)
kandpwalkertalker@gmail.com

August Fest 2023

Thanks so much to Jeff and Patricia Davison for hosting once again. It was a great time!





You are cordially invited to:

The Fellowship Forest Annual Wine and Cheese Party Saturday, October 14, 2023



6:00pm to 10:00 pm

Rain or Shine

Location: Christopher Graham's House

606 Valley Lane

BYO Beer or Wine with an appetizer to share.

Board Members will provide desserts.

This is an adult only event.