



Fellowship Forest



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Please consider volunteering your time to your community. We are always in need of additional members to support our social activities and neighborhood preservation.

Please send your families' accomplishments (graduations, births, marriages, etc.) for inclusion in the next newsletter to
Kathleen Naughton
naughtongoodale@msn.com
Or call 410-435-7041 with your news!

News From the President:

Dear Neighbors,

Hope everyone has had an enjoyable, safe, and healthy summer. Despite the rain, we had a successful turnout for the Spring Party (about 30 people). Councilman Marks was in attendance (briefly) and expressed his shared displeasure with the state of our roads in Towson. He said he would continue to push for the repaving of Hillen, Stevenson, and Bosley Roads (although, I haven't seen any progress on this yet). He was also fighting the proposed Royal Farms development at corner of York and Bosley Ave (which seems to be at a standstill at the moment).

The 4th of July Party was a big success (about 60 people) and I was very happy to see and meet quite a few new neighbors. If you are one of our new neighbors and you are not receiving the Fellowship Forest emails, please contact Stewart Lucas at tstewartlucas@gmail.com and get on the list. It's a great way to stay informed. Please also provide him with your phone number so we can update our neighborhood directory.

We have several upcoming events including the Community Yard Sale, Dumpster Day (one of my favorites) and the Wine and Cheese Party (see details elsewhere in the newsletter). I hope you will consider coming out and getting involved whether it's as a volunteer or just to socialize. It's a great way get to know your neighbors and build a sense of pride in our community.

Finally, I wanted to express my thanks once again to the many people who helped with our community signage and planting at the triangle---Doesn't it look great?! In particular, I wanted to thank those who made significant financial contributions to the effort (\$25 or more): Linda Galati /Elsie Dare, Rick and Donna Thompson, Euginia Ttimis, the Hart's, the Scrafford's, the Kelly's, Kathleen Naughton/Bob Maglia, and the Reigle's. I really appreciate those who have helped with the weeding this summer, especially Colleen Lamont, Kathleen Naughton, Lyndon Hart, Elsie Dare and Chris Keffer. We had the ultimate compliment from another neighborhood association who contacted me about where we got the sign and how they could go about doing something similar for their community.

Go Ravens! Go Orioles!

Sincerely,

Kevin Koepenick



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INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

The Community is still in need of a social chairperson. This individual handles the oversight of neighborhood social events. If you would be interested in finding out more about this position please let Kevin Koepenick know. This responsibility may be shared by more than one person. The title may seem overwhelming but the job itself is not time consuming or difficult. Most Board Members and many neighbors assist in most of the events.

A Fellowship Forest welcome to:

Betsy and Matt Hannibal
Maddy age 5, Wyatt and Zeke age 3.
503 Dogwood Ln.

WE ARE SO HAPPY TO HAVE YOU AS NEIGHBORS!

A Fellowship Forest Shout Out to:

Jake Armstrong
Son of Cathy and Rick Armstrong, who won best film for "Student/Young Film maker" at the Intendance File Festival in Denver, CO
Yeah, Jake!

Criminal Activity in Baltimore County/Towson

Perhaps you have read in recent issues of the Towson Patch or elsewhere that Rogers Forge and Stoneleigh have been subjected to multiple home invasions in the recent months. Window screens were lifted or removed in most cases. If doors or windows were unlocked, entry was gained. Items taken include laptops, purses, wallets, money, cell phones, keys, and a vehicle in one case. A resident in Wiltondale posted this recently on "NextDoor":

"Noticed a strange marking on my front storm door today. Looked like it was made with tree sap. Googled it and it came up as a burglar marking. Also had a delivered package missing last month and found the box in a bush down the street with no contents. Reported the marking and missing package to the police. They asked that I post a message asking if anyone else found markings on their door. Call OFC Kratz at [\(410\) 887-2361](tel:4108872361)"

Foresters: Please keep an eye out for suspicious behavior! Make note of anyone or any vehicle loitering/ moving slowly through our neighborhood. If the situation doesn't look "right" to you – call the police. The police WANT to know about suspicious behavior. Lock your doors, garage doors and cars. Do not leave valuables (including lawn equipment/ bikes) outdoors or in your vehicle. Don't leave high ticket items in plain view of windows. Remember to Inform your immediate neighbors when you will be traveling and always look out for one another! There is no such thing as a nosy neighbor when it comes to neighborhood safety. Do not invite anyone unfamiliar into your home – if strangers are in true need of help, offer to make a call on their behalf while they stay outside. Report anything suspicious to Police. Neighborliness, awareness and vigilance with help with Fellowship Forest crime prevention. Remember also to keep your bushes and shrubbery around your home trimmed so that 'would be' burglars don't have cover while attempting to enter undetected. Use motion triggered outdoor lighting if you have a particularly dark area that may be vulnerable to entry. (Thank you to Davene Good)

PLEASE keep an eye on your trees. They are a precious source of neighborhood identity and great for the environment. Several neighbors have had damaging infestations and have had to remove their beloved trees.

Important Dates for September:

COMMUNITY YARD SALE: September 9th. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mary McGowan so that we can be sure we have appropriate signs and advertising.

DUMPSTER DAY: September 16th from 8am-12n. We still need volunteers from Fellowship Forest to assist in this multi neighborhood event. Please contact Kevin Koepenick if you are interested in helping. Please remember that electronics will not be accepted, nor will toxic or caustic items, refrigerators, stumps or large logs.

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY : Saturday, October 14th from 7-10 pm. This event will be hosted by John and Sirikit Hutch. Location: 601 Hillen Rd. Please consider walking to the event as parking is limited.