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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.

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May 2017



Greetings From the President

Dear Neighbors,

As I am sure most of you have seen by now, the Triangle Beautification Project is finally complete! It was a true team effort and I wanted to personally thank everyone who committed their money, time and labor to the project, especially Lyndon Hart who not only created the design but purchased all the plants and oversaw the plantings for 5 hours through a steady rain last Saturday. Other neighbors who contributed to the planting effort included: Dan Johnson, Craig Wietscher, Aaron, Eve and Gus Wachhaus, Dave Rafter, Rick and Donna Thompson, Rick Armstrong, and Laurie Hart. We were fortunate to also have the help from 5 Towson students though there annual Earth Day event. I have already received many positive comments about the new look and anticipate the appearance will only improve over time as the plants, shrubs and trees grow and mature.

In other news, the FFCA along with the Greenbrier community petitioned to the Baltimore County Board of Education on March 21 to initiate a boundary line study for the elementary schools in the East Towson area to address the overcrowding at Pleasant Plains Elementary. On March 31, we received a letter from the Baltimore County Public Schools indicating that they were systematically reviewing the overcrowding of schools across the county over the coming years. In short, they deferred any decision about boundary line changes in our area until this analysis is complete.

Finally, I wanted to make one more pitch to encourage you to join me at my house for the annual Spring Party on May 6 from 5-8 pm. The FFCA will provide pizza and non-alcoholic beverages at this family friendly outdoor event. (Please RSVP to Kevin Koepenick at 410-804-8989) Bring a chair and the alcohol of your choice. We will have a brief business meeting to allow neighbors to voice any questions or concerns to the board. Councilman David Marks will also be there to answer any questions you have for him.

Hope to see you on May 6th!

Kevin Koepenick
FFCA President

Please Send in your Dues
today!
Your Neighborhood thanks you!



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FFCA is still in desperate need of a social chairperson. This position 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 position may also be shared by more than one person. The title may seem overwhelming but the job itself is not all that time consuming or hard. There are many Board Members and neighbors that assist in most of the events.

A Fellowship Forest Welcome to:

Liu Enshan
Zhang Xingrong
513 Hillen Road

Mattias and Dorothy
Simonsson
3 Jacobo Lane

Please send your families' accomplishments (graduations, births, marriages, etc.) for inclusion in the next newsletter to :
Kathleen Naughton
call 410-435-7041 with your news or email
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Have you ever driven by my property on Stevenson Lane and noticed the tree everyone refers to as "The Big Tree"? Let me tell you what I know...In December, 1997 my husband and I visited the Hampton Mansion and noticed that they had the same type of tree, a Cedar of Lebanon. My husband and the groundskeeper had a discussion of who had the bigger tree so we contacted the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Maryland Big Tree Program. After measuring our tree it was found to indeed be the biggest Cedar of Lebanon in Maryland. The circumference measured 16 feet 1 inch, 58 feet in height and 80 feet crown spread.

In May, 2015, John Bennett of the Maryland Big Tree Program, stopped by to measure the tree again. He told me that it was determined that the tree is in fact a Blue Atlas Cedar. It is now the biggest Blue Atlas Cedar in Maryland and I was given a certificate that states that it is a Maryland State Champion. The circumference is now 16 feet 10 inches, 60 feet high and 87.5 feet crown spread. My husband grew up on the property (the house was built by his father) and said that when he was a child he would climb the tree and he could see the clock tower of Stephens Hall on the campus of Towson University.

I am not sure how old the tree is but a proclamation from a Bicentennial Celebration committee in 1976 told my mother-in-law it was years old at that time. There is a belief that a tree that old is a funnel for souls to get to heaven. Whether you believe this or not it is comforting to sit under my tree and in the evening, when the sun is setting, it is beautiful with the reds and golds of the sunset.

The Scarbrough family has always been very proud of having The Big Tree on our property. It is my understanding that the Scarbroughs bought the property because of the historic tree. This property was once part of the estate owned by Duncan Black of Black and Decker.

If you would like more information about the Maryland Big Tree Program, you can go to the website www.mdbigtrees.com. And please, stop by to see The Big Tree sometime.

Donna Scarbrough

Welcome Geese!

Each year, we look forward to the return of our Canadian Geese to "the Pond" on Lake Drive. My kids and I love to walk by and see the mommy sitting on her eggs and eventually spend time feeding those little goslings. Little did I know that the bread we were feeding them can do more harm than good! (It was even whole wheat bread!) It turns out that when a goose ingests bread, it expands and fills its stomach quickly, giving it the false impression of being full. But this feeling does not last. Also bread gives little nutrition to these wild birds. Cracked corn and whole wheat are good for the Geese. They are herbivores and shouldn't have high protein foods. They can eat wild birdseed but don't like sunflower seeds. These birds will be fine on their own looking for food but if we want to feed them we should put a few small piles of cracked corn on the ground and watch them eat. We shouldn't throw the seed into the pond as it will sink to the bottom...and even those cute little fish won't eat it. Don't feed the birds from your hand as their beaks are sharp and can cut you. Also, they will protect their young...just like we do...so you might want to keep kids from getting too close. We look forward to spring and our friends from the north coming back to raise yet another family of Canadian Geese. AND PLEASE, slow driving around the Lake. The goslings don't know the danger of cars, and they are free spirits!

Merritt Keffer

