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So glad to have you in the
Forest!

Please send your family's
accomplishments
(graduations, births, marri-
ages, etc.) for inclusion in the
next newsletter to
Christine Horel
cmaccardo@yahoo.com
Or call 410-227-3386 with
your news!

Please consider volun-
teering your time to
your community. We
are always in need of
additional members to
support our social ac-
tivities and neighbor-
hood preservation.



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President's Report

Dear Neighbors,

I hope everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Despite some rain earlier in the day, the 4th of July party went well and we had a good turn-out. Thanks to the board members and other residents who helped with the festivities, in particular the Wilbourne's and Stansbury's who so graciously allow us to set up on their lawns.

I've continued to attend meetings with the owners of Towson Place Shopping Center along with other surrounding community members to discuss future plans at the property. The Jared's jewelry store will be leaving at the end of this year. Kimco, the owners of the shopping center, want to market that space and part of the space currently occupied by Game Stop with other retail and fast casual restaurants. The communities will have final say on the proposed restaurants as well as lightning, landscaping and building facades. The DSW store will also be closing sometime in the next year. It is unknown for sure what future business will occupy this space.

As you may have seen in a recent email blast, we are seeking a host for the annual Wine and Cheese Party. If you are willing to host please let me know soon. We try to make it as easy on the host as possible. The board and guests bring the food, drinks and party supplies. We typically have the party on a Saturday night sometime in late September or October. Call me with any questions. If no one volunteers, we will not have the event—and we don't want that to happen!

Finally, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all the new neighbors who have moved in during the last year. I would encourage you to come to our social events and consider getting involved with the Fellowship Forest Community Association Board. It is a great way to get to know your neighbors and contribute to our great community.

Sincerely
Kevin Koepenick
FFCA President

Wine and Cheese Party!

Fall is approaching fast and the Board of Governors is looking to plan for our annual Wine and Cheese Party. We are seeking someone who is willing to host this event for some time in late September or early October (preferably on a Saturday night). This is an adults only event for which the board provides the party supplies (disposable plates, cups, napkins, etc) and the guests bring the wine (or beer) and an appetizer to share—we try to make it as easy as we can for the host. We normally have between 25-40 people in attendance. Please let me know if you are willing to volunteer for hosting and I will be glad to answer any questions you may have. It's a fun event and a great way to get to know your neighbors!

Coming soon! New Radebaugh Neighborhood Park

When the Radebaugh Florist family said in 2016 they were interested in selling their greenhouses south of Burke Ave to Baltimore County (but keeping the greenhouses at the store at [120 E. Burke Ave](#), and also on Grandpa's farm north of Towson), the Green Towson Alliance (GTA) jumped into action to spearhead the formation of a new neighborhood park. The Alliance successfully lobbied to secure \$1,275,000 from the State and \$175,000 from the County to tear down the industrial buildings, and to grade, add topsoil, and seed the 2.4 acres of land. This year, they secured \$100,000 more for benches, a walking path and a bike rack, and the current County administration has agreed to provide 80 shade trees in 2020. All the funds were secured with help from Delegate Lafferty, ex-Senator Brochin, Senator West and Councilman Marks, and Dr. Carol Newill is the leader of the GTA Workgroup that has persisted in this effort. At this point, most of the land has been graded and grass is starting to grow. Located on 11 Maryland Ave, the park is hoped to be completed and open to the public in 2020, after the grass has grown in enough. Visit Radebaugh Florist and thank them for making the new park possible!

During the formation of the Park, the Six Bridges Trail Project was formed, led by David Riley (current President of Knollwood Community Association), to improve the walking trail and its bridges on the Western Branch of the Herring Run. The trail begins at Stevenson Lane, goes north past Towson High, and will end in Radebaugh Park. The trail crosses six bridges over the winding stream, hence the name. Currently no funds have been allocated for this project, but the Six Bridges Trail Project obtained a grant to address the flooding by the bridge near Stevenson Lane. In the section going north from Aigburth Rd and connecting to Radebaugh Park, the hope is to build a boardwalk trail which will not disturb the sensitive ecology of the riparian buffer along the stream.

A Message from the Board of Governors

For those Fellowship Forest residents who may be unfamiliar with the neighborhood association and the role of the board of governors (BOG), we thought it would be helpful to summarize those duties.

The primary goal of the BOG is to foster communication and promote fellowship within the community. We try to accomplish that goal through organizing various social events, updating our neighborhood directory, and sending out periodic emails and newsletters about local issues we think you may be interested in. Occasionally, the BOG will also spearhead special efforts to improve/enhance our neighborhood or resolve communal problems. However, the BOG is NOT responsible for addressing/responding to complaints regarding other neighbors. There are no covenants in Fellowship Forest and the BOG has no enforcement authority. In the event that you are having problems with a neighbor, we would first encourage you to try to work it out diplomatically. If that approach is not effective, you also could contact the Baltimore County Code Enforcement Office to determine if there is a specific code violation that they could help get resolved. There is an easy-to-use BaltCoGo app you can download on your smart phone to report violations.

The most common complaints that we receive include:

- Properties that are not properly maintained (i.e., overgrown vegetation, dilapidated buildings, trash, etc.).
- Barking dogs; Dog poop not being picked up.
- Noise (usually from parties).
- Traffic (people driving too fast)

We would encourage all residents to be respectful of their neighbors and be aware that how we collectively maintain our properties has a direct impact on our quality of life and our property values. Finally, we would encourage anyone interested in attending a board meeting or getting involved with the community to contact a board member. The BOG can always use a helping hand and it is great way to get to know your neighbors.

The hope you find this information helpful. We will see you around the Forest!

The Fellowship Forest Board of Governors