

Fellowship Forest



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FELLOWSHIP FOREST
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Christine Horel, President
Indira Bucci, Vice President
Nancy Reigle, Treasurer
Christopher Graham, Secretary

AT LARGE MEMBERS:

Patrick Chaulk
Dan Aldinger
Jeff Davidson

Past Presidents:
Kevin Koepenick
Mary McGowan

A Forest Welcome to:

Philip and Julianne Bolton
501 Dogwood Lane

Kenn and Laura Miller
501 Hickory Lane

So glad to have you in the
Forest!

**Please send your family's
accomplishments
(graduations, births, marriages,
death notices and remembrances,
etc.) for inclusion in the next
newsletter to
Mary McGowan
mary21286@gmail.com or call
410-828-1451 with your news!**

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

**We continue to search for a
volunteer to act as our Social
Chairperson. This chairperson
coordinates our yearly social
events (with Board of
Governors' assistance). If
interested, please contact
Christine Horel.**

President's Report

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you are all doing well during these difficult times. I know when 2020 began we never could have imagined we would be dealing with so many national and global issues at the same time. The FFCA Board of Governors and I want to let you know that we are thinking about you, and if you need any assistance do not hesitate to reach out to us.

We welcomed our new board in May. I am honored to serve as president and look forward to getting to know even more of you during this term. We have highlighted the new board members in this newsletter. If you see any of us in the neighborhood, please say hello!

Included with this newsletter you should have the updated copy of the directory and a reminder to complete your census. In addition, we have updated the handbook and are in the process of updating the web site. We will have an electronic copy of the handbook on the web site soon. If you would like a paper copy of the handbook, please email me at cmaccardo@yahoo.com and I will be happy to make sure you get a hard copy.

One of the hallmarks of this wonderful neighborhood is our strong social network and fun events. As you know we needed to cancel the spring picnic due to safety concerns, and, unfortunately, we also need to cancel the 4th of July Picnic. Towson has also canceled the fireworks and the parade. We are sad to be missing these events and the comradery and fun that goes along with them. We are especially sad since we have welcomed so many new neighbors in the past year, and this is a great way for them to get to know the neighborhood. We are hoping that as the restrictions loosen we will be able to hold the wine and cheese party outside at the end of the summer or early fall. As always, health and safety are the number one priority, but we are looking forward to beginning to host events again soon.

As many of you know Noreen Collins passed away last month. Please see a longer tribute to Noreen later in the newsletter. Noreen was an amazing woman who loved to party and was at nearly every neighborhood event. If you have ever hosted a party you know not only that Noreen would be the center of the action, but you could always count on the lovely handwritten note thanking you for the event that followed. She will be deeply missed.

Finally, we are always looking for neighbors to be part of the many events we hold. Although these events have been put on hold due to the COVID-19 crisis please let us know if you would like to be part of our future events. If you have not already liked the Facebook page I encourage you to do so. Please feel free to share pictures of the ducks or other wildlife, your gardens or share any happy news you have that we can post on the page. We want to continue to connect in any ways we can and support each other.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Christine Accardo
President, FFCA
cmaccardo@yahoo.com

4th of July Picnic

We are sorry to report that the 4th of July picnic will be cancelled due to COVID-19 safety concerns.

Meet Your New Board of Governors (BOG)

President: Christine Horel

Christine has lived on Ridgewood Road for 11 years with her husband Rob and sons Max (14) and Leo (7). Christine is a behavior analyst, licensed psychologist and the Director of Clinical Programs at The Shafer Center. She has specialized in working with children with autism for the past 25 years. Christine also works as an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University in the ABA Certificate program. She spends most of her limited free time watching her boys play sports and fighting the weeds in her garden. Christine served on the board during the last term as secretary and is excited to continue with the board during this next term.



Vice-President: Indira Bucci:

Indira resides on Stevenson Lane with her husband, Jeff Bucci, their two daughters, Anjali (20) and Giuliana (16) and their dog Luna. She previously served as a Member at Large on the FFCA board, volunteering for various activities. She currently is pursuing figure sculpture in clay and volunteers at Baltimore Clayworks and CHADD. She recently ended a ten year stretch as the Practice Administrator at Bucci Lancer Pediatrics, which was preceded by a product management career in the business world. Indira also enjoys yoga, cooking and traveling, apart from managing the family household.



Treasurer: Nancy Nastasi Reigle

Nancy has lived in Fellowship Forest for 43 years. She is a retired Baltimore County math teacher and taught at Sudbrook MS, Kenwood HS, and Dulaney HS where she was the department chair for 10 years. Nancy has held many neighborhood positions over the years including: president, vice president, treasurer (twice), board member, directory editor, and TCA representative. By being involved with the association, she believes it helps in getting better acquainted with Fellowship Forest residents. Her two children, Robert and Jennifer, grew up in our neighborhood and attended the local public schools. Nancy and her deceased husband, Bob, bought their home on Hillen Road in 1977.



Secretary: Christopher Graham

Christopher Graham is a Maryland native. He attended St Paul's School, later to graduate from the Severn School in Severna Park. After moving to New York to attend New York University where he was a nationally ranked diver, he returned to Maryland to receive a Masters Degree from the Maryland Institute, College of Art in Photography and Digital Arts. His Uncle was one of the founders of O'Connor, Piper and Flynn Brokerage, and Christopher decided to follow in his footsteps, becoming a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage where he has been a Top Producer since 2013 and member of the International Presidents Circle. He still enjoys photography, as well as tennis, racquetball, and swimming/diving. He is thrilled to become a member of the FFCA board. He can often be seen walking his dog Juke, a very friendly Spitz. He looks forward to hosting community parties and getting to know everyone in the neighborhood.



Meet Your New Board of Governors (BOG)

Member-at-Large: Patrick Chaulk

Patrick Chaulk, MD, MPH recently retired as Assistant Commissioner for HIV with the Baltimore City Health Department. He continues as an adjunct faculty with the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and School of Public Health. He and his wife, Colleen Lamont, have been "Forresters" since 1995.



Member-at-Large: Dan Aldinger

Dan and his wife, Joy, have been residents of Fellowship Forest for 22 years. Dan previously served as Vice-President of the community association. He is a Towson University Graduate and USMC Veteran currently working in the IT field.



Member-at-Large: Jeff Davidson

Jeff is a 2-year resident of Fellowship Forest and lives at 602 Lake Drive. He and his family most recently moved from Mexico City, Mexico where they lived for 2 years. Prior to that, they resided in Reston, VA; Lima, Peru; and Charlotte, NC. He is married to wife Patricia and has 3 children, Joshua, Daniela, and Christine; with 2 in college and one recent graduate. Their spoiled dog Dexter is well known in the neighborhood.

Jeff is a graduate of the University of NC at Charlotte and is presently the District Manager of the mid-Atlantic operations for EFI Global, Inc. a forensic engineering, environmental, and fire investigation firm. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, cooking, Cross-Fit, and relaxing with friends. He has served on several boards both at church and in the community and enjoys meeting and serving his neighbors.



Noreen Collins

1931-2020

(Submitted by Paul Edwards)

Noreen Collins passed away on May 15th at St. Joseph's Hospital from a stroke and failure of other critical organs. The longtime resident of Towson's Fellowship Forest neighborhood celebrated her 89th birthday on April 10th.

Ms. Collins was the daughter of Joseph Collins, a self-employed glazer, and his wife, Mary, a homemaker. Her father built one of the early, post-war homes in the new Fellowship Forest subdivision at 608 Valley Lane from 1948 to 1952, moving from their Baltimore city home on North Washington Street. She cared for her mother in their Towson home until her death in 2007 (at 106 years of age).

Ms. Collins was a 1949 graduate of the Institute of Notre Dame. She noted with regret the recent decision to close this fixture among Baltimore's parochial high schools. She prepared for her career as a medical secretary at Villa Julie College. She served as secretary to three Chairs of Obstetrics at Greater Baltimore Medical Center--the late Dr. John E. Savage, a GBMC founder, the late Dr. John M. McGovern and Dr. Victor Khouzami.

In recent years, Ms. Collins established herself as a matriarch among Fellowship Forest elders. During seasons of favorable weather, she presided over happy hours at the end of her driveway that rises steeply from Valley Lane to her garage. She was a generous distributor of candy and other snacks to neighbors and their children, especially to celebrate holidays. Every trick-or-treat march by the Fellowship Forest children began at her house.

"She happily filled the role of an extra grandmother," said Paul Edwards, a neighbor and grandfather of Ms. Collins' Godson, Will Weaver, a Loyola Blakefield junior.

Until recent years, Ms. Collins regularly vacationed at a Chesapeake Bay shore home built by her father from 1925 to 1927 on Millers Island near the mouth of the Middle and Patapsco Rivers.

Survivors include nephew and niece Dan and Susan Baker of Perry Hall; great-nephews William and Scott Baker, and nephew and niece Brent and Collette Baker of Myrtle Beach, S.C. .

Rest in Peace Noreen. You will be missed by many

Your New Elementary School

Earlier this Spring, the Baltimore County Board of Education voted to re-zone our elementary school due to overcrowding at Pleasant Plains Elementary. Beginning this fall, our new school will be Hampton Elementary. The following information is from the school's website.

"Welcome to the best elementary school in Baltimore County, Maryland! Hampton is a close knit community of about 580 students educated and served by 47 caring and dedicated administrators, teachers and staff members. Located in suburban central Baltimore County, just north of the City of Baltimore and sandwiched between Towson and Loch Raven Reservoir, Hampton, a five star MSDE school, has an idyllic park-like setting with the culture of urban areas nearby. Our campus, nestled in a grove of shade trees, houses the main school building, baseball diamonds, a soccer field, playgrounds, basketball courts and tennis courts."

For more information, please visit the school's website <http://hamptones.bcps.org/>



Noreen celebrating the 4th of July