

Fellowship Forest



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A Forest Welcome to:

Patty Laibstain and Kirsten
Berol and Jack
610 Lake Drive

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603 Hillen Road

Robin Luxon
515 Club

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
India Bucci
ipbucci@gmail.com

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. This past year has been a very hard time for so many of us in the neighborhood. As we enter spring I am excited for the future and a better year ahead. I hope you are feeling that way too.

I am so excited that so many neighbors have been able to get their vaccine using the links we have sent. As more and more people are vaccinated I truly hope we will be able to put the COVID 19 crisis behind us, and it will become a memory soon. Please make sure to continue to follow all of the local and CDC guidelines for social distancing and mask wearing as we begin to resume regular events.

With nicer weather and more and more neighbors getting their vaccine we are so excited to resume our outdoor events. We are pleased to announce the May annual meeting will be held at my house, 6800 Ridgewood, on May 22nd. This is the annual meeting where all neighbors can meet the board members and ask questions. I am excited to have this event and hope the cicadas are not too bad at that time!

We will also be having our annual 4th of July party. This is a wonderful family friendly event that takes place on Hickory. More details and a follow up flyer to come.

Please save the date for our special end of the summer party which will be held on August 21st at the Davidsons, 602 Lake Avenue. Since we had to cancel most of our events last year, we wanted to add a special event this year to make up for it. Hold the date for this wonderful event. We have booked the band That's What She Said (<https://www.facebook.com>). We are also working on booking a food truck for this event, and the board will provide wine and beer. We will be sending out more details as we get closer to this event, but hold the date—it should be great!

I can't wait to see you all as we resume our neighborhood parties! Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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

Spring Party!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our annual Spring Party!

This year it will be held at Christine and Rob Horel's home.

6800 Ridgewood Rd on **Saturday May 22, from 5-8 pm**. The FFCA will provide pizza, and beverages (including beer and wine). Come meet board members, visit with neighbors and enjoy a great family event, Kids are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

RSVP to cmaccardo@yahoo.com by **Friday May 21st**.

Rain date for this event will be Sunday May, 23, from 3-6 pm.

I Was Hacked : My Friends Were Scammed

I was on my way to meet a friend for lunch when I started receiving calls from friends and family either telling me they could help me financially if needed, or that my online account had been hacked! My email address book had been compromised. They told me that they received an email from my address asking if they had an Amazon account. If the response was yes, they were told that Amazon would not accept "my" credit card and they were asked to purchase a gift card in the amount of \$200 to give to my niece for her birthday. One of the calls was from my brother advising me that I had been hacked because he knew it was not his daughter's birthday!

One of my very intelligent friends did what they asked her to do thinking she was helping me out. Amazon even called her to ask if she knew who the gift card was for because there were a lot of scams going on. She told them she knew who it was for. She realized it was a scam when after she sent the gift card they requested an additional \$100! I contacted my internet carrier. They helped me review my emails to determine the fraudulent ones. There were many! Some were from legitimate organizations but with bogus addresses. One thing to look for is misspellings. In one I noticed the word 'expired' was spelled with three i's. And one friend advised me that part of my email address was misspelled. My internet carrier also assisted me in changing to a stronger password. In addition, they advised me to send the bogus emails to my carrier stating "Phishing Emails" in the memo line. Also, because of this I can no longer log into Facebook. I'm not sure what the connection is.

I contacted the police, but because there was not a large sum of money involved they could not investigate. They advised me that they are already overwhelmed with this problem.

Out of this bad situation came the knowledge of how blessed I am to have friends, neighbors and family contact me to let me know if I needed money they can help me out! In addition, I received phone calls from people in my address book that I hadn't been in contact with for a long time! Be sure to know who your emails are coming from AND check spelling from all you emails!

Donna Scarbrough

For more information on how to avoid scams check out: <https://patch.com/maryland/baltimore/scams-fraud-cases-rise-maryland>. Here are some tips from the article:

Tips to protect yourself from scams in general:

- Do not give out your personal information to someone you do not know.
- Store personal information in a safe place.
- Do not carry your social security card in your wallet.
- Collect mail every day and put a hold on it during extended travel.
- Use security features on your smartphone and computer.
- Use complex passwords.
- Do not use gift cards to pay the IRS or Social Security, tech support, a family member in trouble, ransom to avoid arrest or deportation or to prevent your utilities from being turned off.

Trees!

This year we began the slow process of re-foresting our wonderful forest. As you know many of the trees are very old and in order to protect our beautiful forest we need to plant new trees each year. Thanks so much to Kathleen Naughton for organizing a neighborhood group purchase of trees from Herring Run Nursery ([Herring Run Nursery: A Blue Water Baltimore Program](#)).

Thanks also to Gayle and Roger Voight for the use of their trailer!

If you are interested in recording your tree planting with Baltimore County, they have an easy Environmental Reporter Web Application where you just type in your address and record that you planted a tree on your property. The web site is here: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/environment/forestsandtrees/plantingguide.html>. The link to the environmental reporter is on the right hand column.

Keep up that planting. We are not Fellowship Forest without our trees!

SAVE THE DATE!!
END OF SUMMER BASH
LIVE BAND AND PARTY

Our end-of-summer party is back with style and flair. We've hired the band What She Said to entertain in pop style, covering our favorites from years past. We'll have a food truck selling great party eats as well, so bring legal tender if you want to partake of that culinary action.

Outdoor festivities featuring:

The band 'What She Said' singing pop and rock-and-roll favorites

Food truck (bring cash)

Complimentary beverages provided by FFCA

Yard games



Saturday, August 21st
4pm to 10pm
602 Lake

Bring a chair or picnic blanket.



Safety reminder!

Please remember that Club Lane at Stevenson is a no right turn.

Several neighbors have reported many illegal right turners, and many are at rush hour.

The offenders often SPEED down Club Lane and since there are no sidewalks it puts the many walkers at risk.

We love the walkability of our neighborhood and want to keep everyone safe.

Please follow all of the safety rules and drive slowly in the neighborhood.



JULY 4th CELEBRATION
ANNUAL PICNIC IS BACK!



Our annual Independence Day celebration returns this year as well, so bring your lawn chair! Located again on Hickory, and it will take place no matter the weather, and returning to our usual routine, we'll ask that families bring dishes according to the letter of their last names.

Pot luck dish contributions per family:

A-L bring an appetizer/side

M-Z bring a dessert/fruit

Complimentary beverages and paper products will be provided by FFCA.

We will need volunteers to take turns grilling the burgers and dogs!

Activities will include:

Moon bounce for the kids!

Volleyball

Corn hole

Rain or shine.

Masks recommended.

2021 FFCA Dues Drive

Please renew your household's membership in the Fellowship Forest Community Association. As we enter our 74nd year, the association needs your support to continue our many events and to maintain our critical "Rainy Day" fund. The FFCA General Fund helps pay for the newsletters, directories, website, the 4th of July Picnic, the Wine and Cheese Party, the Children's Holiday Party, the Adult Winter Party, and neighborhood beautification. In addition, your dues help support activities in the greater Towson community such as: the Towson Community Alliance (TCA), the July 4th Parade, and the Loch Raven Fireworks. Your dues allow FFCA to support legal issues and to hire an attorney if necessary.

Our annual budget is \$3400.00. This supports our neighborhood events, publications and additional possible legal expenses. With 138 homes in our neighborhood, we need at least 70% of our households to pay the minimum dues of \$35 to meet our yearly budget. PLEASE support your neighborhood.

Please mail your check or use PayPal or Venmo to pay your dues no later than June 1, 2021.

Dues are \$35.00 per household;

Please place tear-off (below) in envelope along with your dues payment;

Make checks payable to Fellowship Forest Community Association and mail or hand deliver to Nancy Reigle, 701 Hillen Road, Towson MD 21286;

Pay through PayPal using nnreigle@gmail.com and use the "sending to a friend" option.

If using this option, please email the information below to nnreigle@gmail.com

Pay through Venmo using @Nancy-Reigle

You may also want to participate in our optional ROUNDUP campaign – round up your dues to \$40, \$45 or \$50 (or any amount of your choice) and designate where your **additional** contribution will go:

\$ _____ General Fund \$ _____ 4th of July Parade \$ _____ Loch Raven Fireworks
\$ _____ Rainy Day Fund (savings)

Directory Information

Check here if any of the information below is different from what is in the current directory

Name(s): _____ Names of children living at home: _____

Names of other adults living in the home: _____

Address: _____

Land line phone Number: _____ Cell phone Number: _____
Directory: Yes ___ No ___ Directory: Yes ___ No ___

EMAIL Blast

We periodically email important community information and neighborhood events and updates. If you do not currently receive these and would like to be included on this list, please give us your current email address. WE DO NOT SHARE these addresses.

EMAIL(please print): _____ @ _____

EMAIL(please print): _____ @ _____

Would you like your email address to be published in the directory? Yes ___ No ___

Do you currently receive the email blast with the email address listed above? Yes ___ No ___