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A Forest Welcome to:

Nicholas Rossi
12 Jacobo Lane

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603 Hillen Road

**So glad to have you in
the Forest!**

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

**Please consider volun-
teering your time to
your community. We
are always in need of
additional members
to support our social
activities and neigh-
borhood preservation.**

**We continue to
search for a volunteer
to act as our Social
Chairperson. This
chairperson coordi-
nates our yearly social
events (with Board of
Governors' assis-
tance). If interested,
please contact Cris-
tine Horel.**

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President's Report

Dear Neighbors,

Hello and once again I hope you are all doing well during these challenging and ever-changing times. I had hoped that by this newsletter I would be able to reflect on how wonderful it was to return to "normal" after the COVID 19 crisis, but sadly here we are still in the middle of it. I am so grateful to live in a neighborhood with such wonderful people during this time. I have seen so many neighbors helping one another, checking in to make sure everyone has enough essentials, and I love the socially distanced chats while dog walking or just walking in the neighborhood. Thanks to everyone for all you are doing for each other, and if I or the board can offer any assistance please let us know. Just as a reminder, the Baltimore County COVID 19 response page can be found at: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/News/COVID19/index.html>.

Keeping the health crisis in mind, I am pleased to announce that the board has decided to re-suspend modified social events this fall. We all agree that a modified event that takes safety precautions would help to bring us even closer together and provide more support to the neighborhood. Please see this newsletter for the Wine and Cheese Party plan, and keep a look-out for a flyer coming soon about a modified fall stream clean-up. Health and safety continue to be a priority, so these events will not look the same as they have in the past. We all look forward to the day we can resume our regular events and are excited to be together soon.

Another concern that has come up recently concerns our beautiful forest. Many of the trees have been dying due to disease or just age. I know I personally have had several large, old trees either come down or taken down for safety. We will be sending a survey to you soon gauging interest in re-foresting the forest. Please keep an eye out for more information on this. I know so many of us were drawn to this area because of the trees, and I am excited that we will be moving forward on a plan to protect the forest.

Finally, a few good citizen reminders. If you have not completed your census, please do so as soon as possible. This is essential to make sure we are all counted and get the services needed. Also, please make a plan to vote this year. The COVID 19 crisis has made voting much more complicated. Baltimore County has a web page that can provide all the information you need to find your voting location, request an absentee ballot, locate secure drop off points, as well as other information you might need. This information is located at <https://baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/elections/>. If you need any help accessing this information please feel free to contact me.

As always feel free to contact me with any questions at any time. Please stay safe and continue to take care of one another.

Sincerely,

Christine Horel
President, FFCA

410-227-3386; cmaccardo@yahoo.com

Wine and Cheese—COVID Style



Saturday, September 26th
Rain Date: Saturday, October 3rd
7-10 pm

Hosted by: Christopher Graham
606 Valley Lane

Due to COVID, this will be a socially distanced event.
MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

Guests should provide their own chairs, drink of choice, glasses and any individual snacks.
There will be NO shared food or bathrooms.

Your Vote Counts!

Things you should know:

- If you wish to register to vote—the deadline is October 13th,
- If you want to request an absentee/mail-in ballot—the deadline is October 20th
- Early Voting will take place between October 26th and November 2nd
- Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd from 7 am to 8 pm
 - You may not vote in person once you have requested a mail in ballot.
 - If you go to vote in person they will provide you with a provisional ballot.



The closest location for early voting is the Towson University South Campus Pavillion, 1 South Auburn Drive, Towson, MD 21252. The hours are 7 am to 8 pm.

Ballots should be mailed and postmarked on or before the general election day, November 3rd and must be received by your local board of elections by 10 am on November 13th.

Ballots can be delivered to one of the drop box locations. The closest locations to our neighborhood are:

- Towson University, South Campus Pavillion, 15 Auburn Drive
- Honeygo Run Community Center, 9033 Honeygo Blvd, Perry Hall, MD 21128
- Baltimore County Board of Elections, 11112 Gilroy Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21031

For your vote to count you **MUST** use a black pen, seal and sign the envelop and send or drop off before the deadline. For more information go to election.maryland.gov.

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Oh, the Places You'll Go!

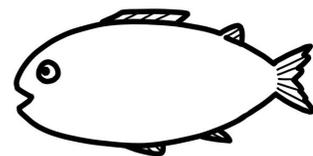


Congratulations to our recent neighborhood graduates:

Congratulations to:	Graduated From:	Future Plans:
Logan Abaldo	Towson High	Rochester Institute of Technology
Elizabeth Curry	Roland Park Country School	Tulane University
Dylan Gerry	University of Baltimore Law School	Currently working for the Baltimore County States Attorney's Office. Taking the Bar Exam in October.
David Hutch	Towson High	University of Maryland, College Park
Daniela Rengifo	Radford University	Job Seeker
David Wilbourne	Loyola High School	Rochester Institute of Technology

Do you need a helper, baby or pet sitter? If so, look no further...

Giuliana Bucci	Age 16	Babysitter (certified)	410-560-0136 (h) 443-465-0058 ©
Katie Curry	Age 15	Dog Walker	410-258-1071
Chiara Hutch	Age 16	Babysitter Pet Sitter	443-890-9696
Eva Koepenick	Age 13	Babysitter	410-299-6158
Sophia Rafter	Age 12	Mother's Helper	410-299-6158
Violet Smith	Age 10	Mother's Helper	410-948-7756 (Amy)



Frequently Asked Questions: Fallen Trees on Private Property

(Information compiled from State resources)

A tree or parts of a tree fell on my property – Who is responsible?

In Virginia and Maryland, the general rule for fallen trees, or similar accidents that may be qualified as an “Act of God,” is that the affected owner is responsible for the damages to their own property, including clean up, removal and similar expenses. Such accidents are normally covered by the affected owner’s insurance and are usually resolved by reporting the claim to his or her insurance company. Please note, however, that the exception to the general rule is that the owner of the property where the tree originated will be responsible for damage to a neighbor’s property if the owner knew or had reason to know that the tree presented a danger to adjoining properties. For example, if a tree was diseased and had been weakened by previous storms, it may be fair to say that the owner had reason to believe that the tree would fall and, judging by its size, damage a neighbor’s property. Otherwise, the accident is considered an “Act of God” and the affected owner is therefor responsible for the damage to his or her property.

I want branches removed that are overhanging my property, but the tree belongs to my neighbor – Who is responsible?

Maryland follows the “Massachusetts Self-Help Rule”. This rule states that a property owner can cut off branches which are intruding over his property if he doesn’t kill the tree.

If the tree is already down on the ground, does the person need to be a MD Licensed Tree Expert to remove the tree?

No, if the tree is already on the ground the person removing the tree does not need a MD Licenses Tree Expert. If the tree is being cut into firewood to sell, the person doing the work needs to be a licenses forest product operator.

For additional information and a listing of Licensed Forest Product Operators: www.dnr.state.md.us/forests. Click on the link for Licensed Tree Experts.

Who should I hire to do tree work on my trees? Should I ask about insurance?

In order to do tree work in Maryland, the tree care professional must be a Maryland Licensed Tree Expert. The Maryland Tree Expert Law addresses tree care work done for compensation on private or public property in Maryland. The purpose of the law is to provide a layer of consumer protection by licensing qualified and insured tree care companies and individuals. Maryland Licensed Tree Experts must maintain insurance that covers the tree work not just “bonded and insured” as stated in business advertisements. Use the same link as above to find a Licensed Tree Expert.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources can be reached at 410-260-8531

WHAT EVERY FAMILY SHOULD KNOW!

(By Nancy Reigle)

Do you have a “Do Not Resuscitate” order? Did you know that might not be enough?

When hospitalized you can present a copy of your “Do Not Resuscitate” order and hopefully your wishes will be carried out. What happens if you collapse at home or are seriously injured in an accident? Will the emergency medical personnel (on site) exercise your wishes? Will they know your wishes or listen to your loved ones who might be with you?

Maryland MOLST is a portable and enduring medical order form covering options for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other life-sustaining treatments. The medical orders are based on a patient's wishes about medical treatments.

The Maryland MOLST order form:

- Consolidates important information into orders that are valid across the continuum of care;
- Standardizes definitions;
- Reminds patients and providers of available treatment options; and
- Increases the likelihood that a patient's wishes regarding life-sustaining treatments are honored throughout the health care system.

The order form must be signed by a doctor or nurse practitioner. As long as you can make your own decisions you may change and update your MOLST orders (again requiring a signature of your doctor or nurse practitioner. Every time a form is completed, a copy must be given to the patient or authorized decision maker within 48 hours, or sooner if the patient is discharged or transferred.

The MOLST form is valid across the continuum of care. Even if the doctor is not on staff at a facility, it is still a valid order and must be honored.

This form does not expire and goes where you go, whether it is to a hospital, rehab or in your home. Keep one in your car, wallet or purse. Have one in a known place in your home. If EMT's are called, they will only honor the MOLST. If you do not have this document, they will do whatever is necessary to resuscitate the patient and will not honor an advance directive or any other order that may be included in your will.

This form can be accessed online at marylandmolst.org.