



forest feedback

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Message from the President

Happy Spring!

I don't know anyone who likes being cooped up in the house all winter so I think we all welcome the warmer weather and the chance to get outside. Fellowship Forest is especially beautiful in the Spring with the return of green grass and colorful flowers.

I hope you will plan on joining us for our Annual Spring General Meeting on Saturday, May 21st (Rain Date May 22nd; 3-6 pm) to welcome new neighbors, new association officers and catch up with those you haven't seen during these long winter months. This year's gathering is a special one as we will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Fellowship Forest Community Association.

The meeting will be held at the home of board member, Donna Scarbrough, 1202 Stevenson Lane (her home sits back a long driveway), from 5-8 pm. The association will provide appetizers, pizza, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. We ask that you bring lawn chairs and your own alcoholic beverages.

As part of our SHORT annual meeting we will be electing new officers and board members. The following slate of officers/board of governors will be voted on at the meeting:

- President: Kevin Koepenick
- Vice President: Mike Harty
- Secretary: Kathleen Naughton
- Treasurer: Nancy Reigle
- Member at Large: Donna Scarbrough
- Member at Large: Stewart Lucas
- Member at Large: Davene Good
- Past-President: Jason Fitzsimmons
- Past-President: Mary McGowan

The above represent the voting members of our Board of Governors but we also are fortunate to have the following residents giving time to our neighborhood.

- Communications Officer: Merritt Keffer
- Newsletter Editor: Laurie Fick
- Directory: Merritt Keffer and Meagan Grimm
- GTCCA Delegate: Nancy Reigle

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We are 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 me 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 neighbors that assist in most of the events.

On a final note, I would like to thank all Fellowship Forest residents that assisted in the resolution of the fence issue with the Country Club of Maryland. A new fence has been installed and, like it or not, it is better than a six foot high chain link fence originally planned for Club Lane. Special Thanks go out to Nancy Reigle, who handled this issue in my absence; Trey Grimm, who worked directly with the country club; residents that contributed to the cost of the upgraded fence and board members who worked as a team to address this issue. We will continue to work with the country club on matters that affect our neighborhood.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about anything I have covered. I can be reached at 410-828-1451 (home), 410-804-4978 (cell) or at mary21286@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support of the Fellowship Forest Community Association.

Sincerely,
Mary McGowan
President

DIRECTORY UPDATES – LAST CALL

The new FFCA Directory will be published soon. **Our Directory is published every 2 years.**
If you have changes or corrections to your Directory entry,
then **immediately** contact Merritt Keffer at mpkeffer@gmail.com
New in this publication: you have the option to list your email address and cell phone number.
Even if your information has not changed or
needs correction – contact Merritt if you would like your email and cell numbers included.

EMAIL BLAST

FFCA is phasing out paper distributions of flyers and newsletters. If you have access to email, it is to your benefit to be included in the Email Blast. If you are not currently on the Email Blast distribution, please contact Merritt Keffer for inclusion. Indicate whether or not you wish to be included in the Blast List Only, or Blast List and Directory when you contact her at mpkeffer@gmail.com
Inclusion in the Blast is the only way to ensure you will continue receiving timely updates on community happenings, the FFCA Newsletter, and Events Flyers. No spam- no junk- just news!

FFCA is on Facebook

Like our page:
Fellowship Forest Community Association



FFCA Spring General Meeting and 70th Anniversary Party

Saturday, May 21, 2016

The Scarbrough Yard

1202 Stevenson Lane

5:00 - 8:00 pm

(Rain Date Sunday, May 22 from 3:00 - 6:00 pm)

Join your neighbors in the election of FFCA Officers and a celebration of our community association's 70th Birthday!

Since we are ordering pizza - **PLEASE RSVP** if you are attending (with # in your family attending) to Mary at mary21286@gmail.com

*Do you have any gently used or excess sports equipment?

WE ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR LEVELING the PLAYING FIELD.

LPF collects sports equipment to donate to youth centers & sports programs in need. Please bring your donations to this meeting/party. Contact Donna Scarbrough with questions: 410-321-8309

- FFCA will provide pizza, dessert & non-alcoholic beverages.
- Please bring your own chair & alcoholic beverage.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- This is an outdoor event so dress appropriately.
- Look for email blast updates.



New Newsletter Editor

It has been my privilege to serve the community association as Newsletter Editor these past few years. I extend a huge Thank You to our wonderful Board of Governors for their support and help with the Newsletter. I leave its production in the capable hands of our neighbor - Laurie Fick. Please join me in welcoming Laurie as our new Newsletter Editor!

- Davene Good

FFCA Financial Update

As of March, the FFCA Annual Dues drive for 2016 has collected dues payments from 75 households. Our goal is to collect dues from 100 of the approximately 130 homes in The Forest. If you have already paid your 2016 dues, **THANK YOU!** If you have not yet paid, please remit \$35 via the form at the bottom of page 4 of this newsletter.

**THANKS to everyone for supporting
OUR neighborhood!**

**SAVE THE DATE -
Annual FFCA July 4th Picnic
Food, Fun &
Fellowship in the Forest!!!
July 4, 2016
Look for email blast updates**



Welcome & Congratulations!

*Please submit New Neighbor Names, Birth, Wedding, and Graduation (high school & college) Announcements to Laurie Fick:
fick.laurie@yahoo.com
for inclusion in the next edition of
The Forest Feedback!*

Fellowship Forest Community Association Communications Policy

The following policy was adopted by the Board of Governors on January 11, 2016 and amended on April 16, 2016. Communication to neighborhood residents is handled in several ways. Residents are currently contacted using our newsletter (The Forest Feedback), the Email Blast and our association Facebook page. The Board has agreed on the following uses of our methods of communication.

Newsletter

- Event Notices
- Community News
- Announcements from Board of Governors
- NO ADVERTISEMENTS/WANT ADS

Newsletter will be reviewed by at least two officers prior to publication

Email Blast

- Event Notices
- Urgent Matters
 - Zoning
 - Safety/Crime
 - Legal Issues
- Announcements from Board of Governors
- Newsletters (see note below)
- NO ADVERTISEMENTS/WANT ADS

Email announcements should be approved or written by President or Vice-President prior to publication. Beginning in 2016, newsletters will also be sent out electronically to anyone on the Email Blast. All email communication is done in blind copy format; others will not be able to see your email address.

Facebook Page

- Advertisements/Want Ads
- Event Reminders (without location information)
- Personal Announcements
- Lost Pets

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2016 Fellowship Forest Association Annual Dues Payment

-Annual FFCA Dues is \$35, checks payable to Fellowship Forest Community Association

-If you would like to ROUND UP by donating more toward a particular fund(s), then please indicate which fund(s) by circling the following: Loch Raven Fireworks, Towson Citizens on Patrol, Greater Towson Council, Operating Fund or Savings Account.

-Send this form & payment to: Treasurer Robin Vahle, 609 Hillen Road, Towson, MD 21286

-Form & payment can also be dropped off at the May 21 General Meeting & Anniversary Party.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Cell Phone (optional):

email to be included in Directory? Yes or No

cell to be included in Directory? Yes or No