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### **A Forest Welcome to:**

Brittany and Brooke Cariello,  
501 Hillen Rd.

So glad to have you in the  
Forest!

### **We are sad to announce the passing of a few of our neighbors.**

**Mary Lou Kaestner** passed away on February 26 after a prolonged illness. Mary Lou was a long time resident and very active in the neighborhood association. She served as president in the late 1970's and served on the board for many years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her husband Al and their children.

**Peter Charles Santoni**, former-long time resident, passed away on February 4, 2022. He was the beloved husband of Patricia A. Santoni (nee Clark); devoted father of Joan M. Beitman (J. Phillip), Lori L. Santoni, Nancy P Georges (Nicholas), and the late Marianne Santoni.

**Eugenia Tsimis**, long time resident passed away on February 6th. Our condolences to her beloved brother, Michael. She will be missed.

### **Congratulations!!!**

William and Kelly Tudja of 623 Hillen Road announce the marriage of their daughter Meagan E. Tudja to John P Wittler on June 5, 2021.

**Please send your family's accomplishments (graduations, births, marriages, death notices and remembrances, etc.) for inclusion in the next newsletter to Indira Bucci ipbucci@gmail.com**

# Fellowship Forest

March 2022

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## **President's Report**

Dear Neighbors,

Hello! As we head into spring we are hoping for a wonderful year of events. The Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 caused us to cancel our winter party, but we are looking forward to the spring party in May. More information will coming soon about our next big event!

We will be electing a new board of directors this spring. We are always looking for more neighbors to get involved and volunteer. Please reach out to me at [cmaccardo@yahoo.com](mailto:cmaccardo@yahoo.com) if you are interested in supporting our social activities and neighborhood preservation. It is a minor time commitment, but the more neighbors we have participate the better our events are and the stronger our neighborhood gets.

We have attached the 2022 dues information and you should have received an electronic payment sheet as well. If you have not already, please make sure to pay your 2022 dues. Those dues are essential for all of these events. Pay through PayPal using [nreigle@gmail.com](mailto:nreigle@gmail.com) and use the "sending to a friend" option or pay through Venmo using @Nancy-Reigle. We have, for the first time in many, many years, increased our dues from \$35 per year to \$45. As you may know we have been able to hold 5 wonderful events per year with the \$35 dollars per household. These are: The Winter Party, Spring Party, 4th of July, Wine and Cheese and Santa at the Lake. Last year, we added the August Fest as a way to utilize the funds not used in 2020. The August Fest was, according to our collective memory, one of the most successful parties we have had, with attendance reaching around 130 people. Due to this wonderful response we are planning to make the August Fest a regular event. So we have added the \$10 to fund this additional party. I know that we are the envy of many neighborhoods for our social events and comradery, and I am so excited to have a wonderful year of events again this year.

Thanks so much!

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,  
Christine Horel  
President, FFCA  
[cmaccardo@yahoo.com](mailto:cmaccardo@yahoo.com)

## *Stream Clean*

We will be holding our annual stream clean on April 30th. Please consider volunteering for this important event to help keep the neighborhood clean and protect the Chesapeake Bay. If you are interested in helping out please email me at [cmaccardo@yahoo.com](mailto:cmaccardo@yahoo.com)

**Don't forget to like our Facebook page! Facebook is a great way to get up to the minute information about what is going on in the neighborhood. Anyone who follows us on Facebook will get a free Fellowship Forest cling sticker**

## Trash/Recycling Updates

Our last newsletter alluded to more changes in trash/recycling in Baltimore County. Here's the latest:

- Beginning April 1, 2022, the County will require all separate yard material collection to be placed in paper bags, and will no longer accept plastic bags for yard waste.
- The county will accept larger weight and capacity limits, up to 45 pounds and 45 gallons for garbage cans.
- Starting January 1, 2022, scheduled collection days which fall on or after a holiday will slide to one day later that week, regardless of type of trash collected.
- The county will introduce bulk collection this year and the dates are March 10th and August 31st for our neighborhood. Details on acceptable items can be found on the Baltimore County website.



## Safety Update: Top Fire Hazards



After learning that a number of homes caught fire this past year in our neighborhood and surrounding area, not to mention nationally, it begs the question, "what are the biggest fire hazards in homes and how can they be prevented?" Here are the top 15 fire hazards and how to prevent them:

1. Space Heaters - keep them at least 3 feet from clothing, draperies, furniture, stuffed animals, and never leave them unattended while on.
  2. Smoke Detector - make sure you test regularly and replace batteries every year.
  3. Cooking - The grease in an unattended frying pan catches fire and ignites nearby combustibles. These types of fires need to be smothered with a heavy metal lid, not with water, which will spatter and exacerbate a grease fire. Also avoid turning up the heat too high while cooking and keep your stove clean to avoid buildup that burns.
  4. Overloaded extension cords, hidden electrical shorts, bad connections, and oversized bulbs and fixtures can ignite nearby combustibles and lead to a big fire.
  5. Appliances - Clothes piled too close to a gas water heater, or excessive lint in clothes dryers cause seven percent of home fires. Be sure to clean the lint screen and dryer exit vents regularly.
  6. Fireplaces - Have your chimney swept annually, and keep flammable materials and children away from the fireplace. Don't use lighter fluid or charcoal to get your fire started.
  7. Sawdust - clean up immediately as it's highly combustible.
  8. Loose outlets or switches - causes dangerous arcing leading to sparks
  9. Old laptops, antiques with old wiring should be updated with proper batteries or wiring.
  10. Glassware or mirrors in direct sunlight can refract to the point of combustion. Keep them out of the path of combustibles if sunlight is prevalent.
  11. Exposed incandescent light bulbs, especially in clothes closets, can get too hot, so they should be switched to lower temperature LEDs.
  12. Dust bunnies and paper piles should be minimized for their combustibility.
  13. Barbecue grills should never be underneath any part of the house, and be sure to keep the grease trap clean between uses. Take care to follow manufacturers recommendations on reigniting a grill if it goes out.
  14. Smoking - moving to the garage to avoid smoking in the house is a bad idea given the number of combustibles typically stored there.
  15. 9V batteries can spark against steel wool or other metal objects. Make sure to tape the posts, or keep them in their original packaging while storing them.
- Lastly, be sure to keep matches, lighters, candles, stove tops or ovens out of reach or secured from children.  
Stay Safe!!

## Help Needed!

The Marchands are looking to hire a male high school student to help with yard work and other tasks starting this spring.

Will pay \$20 per hour. 631 Lake Drive. 410.296.4980.

## Food Scene: New Towson Restaurants and Food Stores

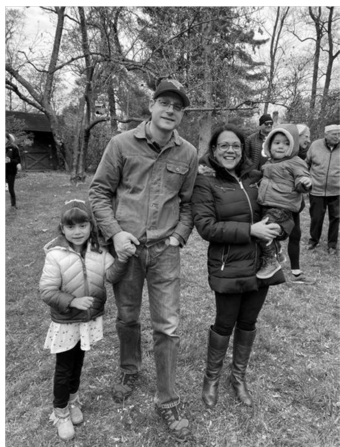
The pandemic didn't stop plans for these food sales establishments!

- Whole Foods just opened at the corner of Towsontown Blvd and York Rd. Free parking with receipt. It's bigger than the Mt. Washington location.
- Absolute Thai arrived about 6 months ago in Kenilworth mall. Offers gluten-free options as well.
- Felipe's Mexican Taqueria arrived just before the pandemic at Kenilworth mall. Has a bar as well.
- Nana's - Mexican taqueria in the old Uncle Wiggly's space on York Rd arriving late spring.
- Papis Tacos Towson on Dulaney Valley Rd recently opened, part of a local chain with locations in Fells Point and Hampden. Offers gluten-free and vegan options too.
- Cunningham's, now rebranded to Perennial, opened last summer.
- Asian Kebob and Hot Pot - Offers make your own soup or kebobs/grill food. BYOB.
- Ledo's Pizza and Panda Express are coming soon at the corner of Putty Hill and Goucher Boulevard.

Looking forward to trying out these new establishments and see the Towson food scene continue to expand!

## Santa at the Lake

We had another great turnout for Santa at the Lake. Thanks again to Santa and all of the neighbors who helped make this event so successful!



# 2022 FFCA Dues Drive

Please renew your household's membership in the Fellowship Forest Community Association. As we enter our 77<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic, August Fest, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 approximately \$4300.00. This supports our neighborhood events, publications and additional possible legal expenses. PLEASE support your neighborhood.

**Please mail your check or use PayPal or Venmo to pay your dues no later than May 1, 2022.**

**Dues are \$45.00 per household;**

**Please place tear-off (below) in an 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](mailto:nnreigle@gmail.com) and use the "sending to a friend" option.**

**If using this option or Venmo, please email the information below to [nnreigle@gmail.com](mailto:nnreigle@gmail.com)**

**Pay through Venmo using @Nancy-Reigle**

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You may also want to participate in our optional ROUNDUP campaign – round up your dues to \$50, \$55 or \$60 (or any amount of your choice) and designate where your **additional** contribution will go:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Fund                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> 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): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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