

Dulaney Valley News

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President's Report:

There has been an attempted break-in, a break-in and a vehicle theft in the early days of May. All occurred in the Northwestern quarter of the community.

Nowadays no community is immune to crime. We have the ongoing "flasher" incidents around schools in communities north of us. This perp does not leave his truck but tries to get the attention of young girls walking to and from school. It is a white pick-up with a bright metal toolbox in the back. The driver is a white male and approximately 30 to 40.

This has been going on since last year and it appears that he is involving more schools and varying his times. It is quite probable that he would put Hampton on his list. ***Please tell your children that if a vehicle stops and tries to get their attention to ignore it and report it as soon as they get home! Call 911 immediately!***

We are trying to get a handle on school bus drivers who are violating driving laws both speed and otherwise. So far, a few violations have been noted. This is very difficult since it is practically impossible for police and citizens alike to have their travels coincide with a problem bus.

There have been some observations of running stop signs and the like but we need times and bus numbers. We need your help. If you have definite information (the only speed complaints which we will accept are those where you were following and your speedometer clearly indicated a speed violation – anything else cannot be considered) please let us know.

The April Neighborhood Watch was cancelled. We had one participant and two of Cockeysville's finest. There will be one last attempt in October. The September newsletter will contain a tear-off RSVP slip. If not enough subscribe we will cancel the

program. It is not fair to have the police give up their time for a non-event.

Elsewhere in this month's newsletter there is information for avoiding phone scams and mediation and dispute resolution. Please note how to obtain this information.

Finally, it cannot be stressed enough that you must keep your home, vehicle and garage/storage buildings locked. You must not leave bikes, garden equipment and the like out overnight. Remember, if the doors are open, it's not a break-in just a theft. Insurance companies get rather upset if it's just a theft and normally show their displeasure via increased premiums.

If you are a victim...**CALL THE POLICE AS SOON AS YOU DISCOVER THAT YOU HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED!** Please don't call me a few days later and expect something to happen! If you haven't reported a problem to the police (something your insurance company would expect if you are making a claim), then don't call a DVIA officer either!

Got household mysteries? The DIY network will solve it!

Everyone has annoying little mystery problems in their homes like the paint job that keeps peeling or the toilet that magically flushes by itself in the middle of the night!



Producers of the new DIY network program are looking for local homeowners with household mysteries to appear on the show. If selected, DIY will send a certified home inspector to your house, identify the problem and then bring in professionals to remedy the situation.

Those homeowners interested in applying can email show producers at hdproduction@aol.com or call Catherine Sager at 800-521-4587. Homeowners should briefly describe the problems in their homes and their previous efforts to have them fixed. They should also include address, phone numbers and an email address. If interested, a show producer will contact the homeowner. Here's a chance to end once and for all that unfixable problem that has been taunting you all these years.

The 2004 DVIA Officers:

President: Conrad Poniatowski	410-828-8694
V.P.: Larry Townsend	410-321-8242
Treasurer: Max Collins	410-583-7977
Recording Secty: Lois Boyd	410-339-7707
Corresponding: LaRue Oster	410-494-9198

DVIA Meeting Schedule:

The following is the schedule for the last DVIA meeting for 2005 before the summer break, held in the library at Hampton Elementary, at 7:00 p.m.:

✓ June 13, 2005



Please feel free to attend any of these meetings to know your community and your role making our neighborhood a better place to live. The next meeting after the summer break will be in September.

About Your Neighbors:

New Neighbors:
Let's welcome:



Paul and Karon Baer and their daughter Mollie who have made 39 Belmore Road their home; and

Michael and Leslie Tinati, with their daughters Isabel and Olivia, who have settled in at 24 Greenridge Road.

If you have news about your family to share please call LaRue Oster at 410-494-9198.

Talk It Out!

The Mediation and Dispute Resolution Center of Baltimore County handles disputes between neighbors, couples, parents and teenage children,



tenants and landlords, businesses and community association members. This is a free, voluntary and confidential program. For information on how to access this service, please call **310-242-0388**.

They Want to Take Your Money!

The Baltimore County Department of Aging has produced two consumer reference guides to help seniors avoid becoming victims of common scams and frauds including: Telemarketing Scams, Door-to-Door Scams, Mail Fraud, Con Games, Vacation Schemes, Home Improvement Cons, Work-at-Home Scams, Investment Scams, Internet Scams, Hearing Aid Scams, Health Care Fraud, Nursing Home Admissions, Funeral-Related Decisions, and Insurance Scams.



Also included is a Directory of Consumer Resources, listing local and national numbers to report suspected economic crime.

You may pick up a copy of **How to Avoid Scams & Frauds** and **Avoiding Telemarketing Scams & Frauds** at any Baltimore County Senior Center, or you may call **410-887-2594** for more information or email aginginfo@co.ba.md.us.

VISIT THE DVIA WEBSITE!! WWW.DVIA.ORG

The DVIA website is chock full of information: events, neighbor news, meetings, DVIA officers, helpful info, the president's report, meeting schedule, meeting minutes, Hampton Elementary news and animal control info.

Surely as time goes on it will get bigger and better. If you have suggestions, you can email them to the newsletter editor, Robert Murrow at rmurrow@comcast.net and he will forward them.

TIMONIUM ROAD LIGHT RAIL CROSSING WEEK-END CLOSURE

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) plans to temporarily close Timonium Road at the Light Rail crossing for up to 6 weekends from late May until early July 2005, weather permitting.

During this construction at the Timonium Road crossing, traffic will be detoured.

Each weekend road closure will start Friday night at 10 p.m. and reopen Monday morning at 5 a.m. Detour signs will be posted.

The specific starting dates for each weekend closure are listed below:

May weekend – 5/27

June weekends – 6/03; 6/10; 6/17
and 6/24

July weekend – 7/01

Weather permitting.

Since January 3, 2005, Light Rail service from North Avenue to Hunt Valley continues its service

outage because of double track construction. Service is expected to resume to Timonium in the fall of 2005. Shuttle bus service is provided to accommodate Light Rail riders. The entire double track project will be completed by 2006.

The MTA wishes to thank you for your patience during construction. They will continue to provide updates of their progress. Information about the shutdown, along with other project information, can be found on the double track website at www.mtadoubletrack.com.

The closure dates and detour route for the shutdown have been coordinated with Baltimore County, the Maryland State Highway Administration and the Maryland State Fairgrounds.

Contact information:

Maryland Transit Administration
6 St. Paul Street, 9th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21202
410-539-5000 or 1-866-RIDE MTA
DoubleTrack@mtamaryland.com
www.mtadoubletrack.com



Helpful Numbers In Baltimore Co.

General Information & Referral	410-887-0000
Animals: Licenses	410-887-2594
Control	410-887-5961
Consumer Protection	410-528-8662
Education: Information	410-887-5555
Planning	410-887-4215
Employment & Training	410-887-2008
Fire Department: Information	410-887-4500
Police Department: Information	410-887-2222
Recreation & Parks	410-887-3871
Refuse Collection: Bulk	410-887-2000
Recycling	410-887-2000
Roads & Streets Maintenance	410-887-3560
Social Services	410-887-2800
Water: Drinking Water	410-396-5352
Regulatory Agencies:	
Building Permits	410-887-3900
Environmental Concerns	410-887-3733
Special Permits & Licenses	410-887-3616
Traffic Engineering	410-887-3554
Zoning: Information	410-887-3391
Complaints	

Also, for any neighbors who ever have a street light out in their area, the number to call for BG&E to make a repair 410-685-0123. For all other Power Outages, the number is 1-877-778-2222.

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Lost/Found at Easter Egg Hunt

A watch in good working order! If you can provide an accurate description, we will be only too happy to return it. Call Conrad at **410-828-8694.**

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