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President's Report

You know it is spring when the Easter Bunny arrives at Hampton School for the annual Easter egg hunt. Yes, I know it rained again this year – several in a row now – boy can we pick ‘em! However, Susan Shaffer had everything ready under cover and everyone seemed to have a great time. I understand that Bebe Ferro was right there at her side getting tips for next year. Thank you Susan for all of the hard work that went into this year's event and the events that you have handled so well over the past year!

Another sign of spring is the annual yard sale. This year, we had a few less participating than normal, but reports are that money was made! Ginny Thompson handled publicity and getting the map together. Ellen Birkenthal updated the signs and made sure they were in place and Conrad Poniatowski handled the last minute details, including sending out a “special edition” of the newsletter to announce the date and getting the maps distributed the day of the sale. Our former community member, Marilyn Smoot, continues to pick up and distribute our mail and made sure that everyone that signed up got on the map. If some of you did not get your checks in in time, you can still send them - \$3 for dues paying members, \$5 for others.

Don't forget my message last time about your pets – especially the canines. As more of us are walking now that the weather is warmer, please don't make us clean our shoes before we can go back in the house!

Recently, I have noticed an increase in the number of newspapers that are being left curbside and not being picked up to be read – or disposed of. Some of us are getting more than one delivered – and it will take an extra effort to deposit them with the trash. They find their way into the gutters and are blocking the storm drains in some cases. Please “police” the area in front of your home and if you do not want these papers delivered, call and ask them to bypass your address.

The construction project on Greenridge Road continues along with few difficulties being reported. The road is staying clean – and we appreciate the concern of the construction crew. Last Friday, a pile of concrete wound up in the road at Greenridge and York Roads. We do not believe that it was related to the construction project as they did not receive concrete that day.

Yes, I am aware that the signs on the island at Charmuth and Dulaney Valley Roads are down – again! They should be replaced shortly. Efforts are continuing to alleviate traffic problems at that intersection and at Charmuth and Meadowvale. A very large sign has recently been erected on the inner loop of I-695 that points to Towson at the Dulaney Valley Road interchange. Baltimore County Traffic Engineering and the Maryland State Highways Administration are continuing to monitor the situation and make changes that seem appropriate to the signage in the area.

We will all be enjoying our summer soon. School will be out and vacations are planned. While our community association board will not meet during July and August, we are still there if you need us – and we continue to monitor our community even when we are “off.”

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Larry Townsend, President

Start Spreading the News!



Please let us know about any milestones you are reaching: births, graduations, get wells, new neighbors, good-byes, births, passings and those entering the service. You can call LaRue Oster at 410-494-9198 or email her husband Ed at ewojr@comcast.net. This is your newsletter – use it.

- The Editor

Condolences

To **Mrs. Verna Hall** of Strathdon Way on the death of her husband **Richard** and to **John McDonnell** on the death of his wife **Marge**, who was a former Board Member of the DVIA. The entire community shares in these family's sorrows and extends our deepest sympathies.

Congratulations

Happy Birthday to **Benjamin Harris** of Greenridge Road on his April 17th Birthday.

Congratulations to **Tyler Waldman** of Greenridge Road upon graduating from Towson Senior High. Tyler has been accepted to Towson University and will start there in the fall. He plans to major in Journalism.

Congratulations to **Airman William Murrow** upon receiving his Top Secret Clearance. Will is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, and is a radio technician working in Intelligence for the USAF.

DVIA Meeting Schedule

The last DVIA meeting for 2006 will be held in the library at Hampton Elementary, at 7 p.m.:

√ **June 12, 2006**



Please feel free to attend any of these meetings to know your community and your role making our neighborhood a better place to live.

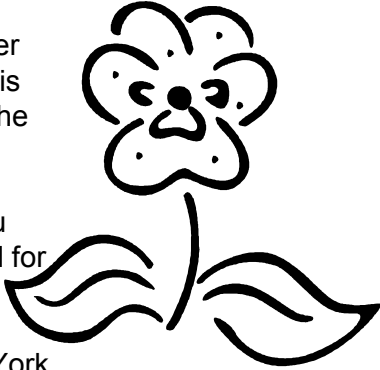
NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Deadlines for the newsletter will generally be the Friday after the monthly Monday DVIA meeting. There will be no newsletter over the summer but we will start up again in the fall. Happy summer everyone!

DVIA will make every effort to get important information to you in a useful, timely fashion. For information on the newsletter, you can email Robert Murrow at rmurrow@comcast.net or call him at 410-823-5164.

A Bit of History and...A call for Help

No doubt some of you have noticed the memorial cross in the community planter between the Ridgefield Road Cul-de-sac and York Road. Our community sign is also located there. There are probably some of you who know the purpose of the cross.



For those of you who haven't noticed or don't know the background or think you know because you have been subjected to some "myths" which have circulated for years, here's the true story.

At one time, about 20 years ago, Ridgefield Road was an open intersection at York Road. While it provided the convenience of entering the community, it was also recognized as a very dangerous intersection because of its close proximity to vehicles traveling at high speeds down the north exit ramp from I-695.

These vehicles were also in a blind spot for people exiting south from Ridgefield. There were numerous accidents but the problem was overlooked until one fateful night. Timothy Lynch, son of a community family (his father served the community as president and board member) was leaving the community south from Ridgefield onto York Road when he was rammed in the driver's side by a truck traveling at a speed high enough to flip the car onto its roof in the center of York Road. It is believed that Tim was killed instantly. A young member of our community had been taken from us.



Members of the community and County and State officials quickly decided that a change had to be made. Doug Riley, then our Councilman, and Jim Barnes, a former community member and Assistant County Fire Chief at that time led the effort. The property which is now Tenbury Road between Greenridge and Ridgefield roads was acquired by the County and the new road was installed within the year...rather remarkable time.

Contrary to some stories, not a penny of community money was spent to make this happen. All parties recognized that it was the proper thing to do. At the dedication ceremony, attended by the County Executive, our Councilman, media representatives and many community members, the new section of Tenbury Road stood for that day as Timothy Lynch Boulevard.

Back to the present...the Lynch family recently asked the community for permission to place a cross in memory of Tim. Permission was, of course, granted. For several years, the York Road planter was cared for by a nearby resident. It has since fallen into disrepair. Our planter on Dulaney Valley Road at Charmuth still receives expert care. We need someone, or a group of "someones" to replant the box and then do periodic weeding and, if necessary, watering. If you're interested in performing any of these "chores," please call me...Conrad at 410-828-8694.



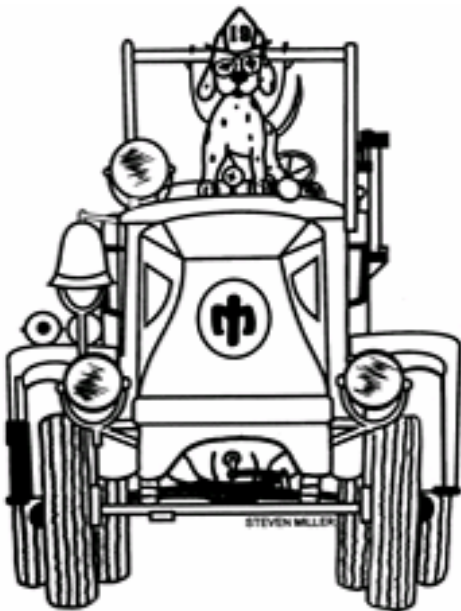
The Hottest Place in Town is Right Around the Corner!

The Fire Museum of Maryland has been a part of our community for 35 years with 40 pieces of hand-drawn, horse-drawn and motorized apparatus and a working fire alarm office. Take an audio tour of the Great Baltimore fire of 1904 or shop in the museum store.

The Fire Museum also offers birthday parties every Saturday from May through December, 2006. Children can explore the Discovery Room which lets kids dress up as junior fire fighters and sit behind the wheel of a 1938 Mack fire engine. Picture that! The fee for a birthday party of up to 20 guests (older than 2) is \$175 with a \$50, non-refundable deposit. Additional guests are \$5 each. Museum members get a \$15 discount.

The Museum can also be reserved for a formal dinner or reception and seats 325 banquet style or 125 sit-down.

The Fire Museum is open every Saturday, May through December, and Tuesday through Saturday, during June, July and August from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Group tours (15+) offered year-round for adults and school groups.



Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and firefighters, \$4 for children 2 to 12 and children under 2 are free. When you purchase your tickets, mention that you are residents of the Lutherville Community and receive \$1 off of each admission!

The Fire Museum of Maryland is located at 1301 York Road. Their number is 410-321-7500 and you can visit their website at www.firemuseummd.org.

2005 DVIA Easter Egg Hunt!

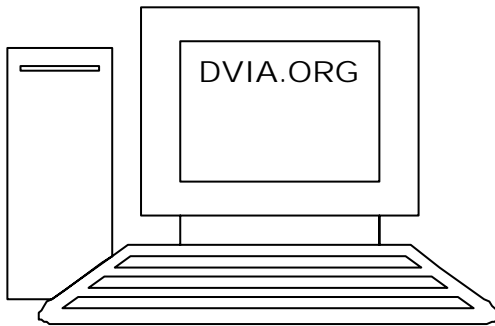
Rainy skies prevented the children from searching for their eggs on Saturday, April 8, but it didn't keep the Easter bunny away. The Easter bunny arrived at Hampton Elementary School around 10 a.m. to deliver treat-filled eggs and goodie bags to 45 children and grandchildren of DVIA members. Everyone stayed dry under the front school canopy while children and parents enjoyed cookies and had their pictures taken with the Bunny.

Congratulations to **Allyson Belt**, winner of the under five golden egg prize drawing and to **Isabella Felix** who won the five and over prize drawing.

Special thanks to Graham, Ethan and Kevin Shaffer for their help in preparing all the goodies and to our neighbors Liz, Phil, Andy and Marley Yakim for staying to help pack things up. And of course, a great big thanks to the Easter Bunny for traveling in the rain with all those eggs!



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.

The 2006 DVIA Officers

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| President: Larry Townsend | 410-321-8242 |
| Vice President: Conrad Poniatowski | 410-828-8694 |
| Treasurer: Max Collins | 410-583-7977 |
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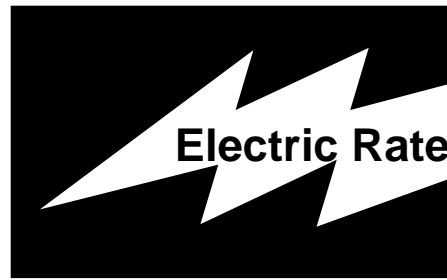
Helpful Numbers in Baltimore Co.

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| General Information & Referral | 410-887-0000 |
| Animals: Licenses | 410-887-3630 |
| Control | 410-887-5961 |
| Consumer Protection | 410-528-8662 |
| Education: Information | 410-887-5555 |
| Planning (school boundaries) | 410-887-4215 |
| Employment & Training | 410-887-2008 |
| Fire Department: Information | 410-887-4500 |
| Police Department: Information | 410-887-2214 |
| Recreation & Parks | 410-887-3871 |
| Refuse Collection: Bulk | 410-887-2000 |
| Recycling | 410-887-2000 |
| Roads & Streets Maintenance | 410-887-3560 |
| Social Services | 410-853-3000 |
| 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 | 410-887-8099 |

For any neighbors who ever have a street light out in their area, the number to call for BGE repairs is 410-685-0123. For all other power outages, the number is 1-877-778-2222.

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As everyone knows, starting July 1, 2006, electric rates are due to increase in cost by 72%. A good place to start for information on what exactly your options are is the Maryland Attorney General's website www.oag.state.md.us/ratehike. Also helpful is the Maryland Public Service Commission at www.psc.state.md.us and the Maryland Office of the People's Counsel at www.ops.state.md.us.

On the Attorney General's site you can link to "Choosing Your Residential Energy Supplier" that gives you some tips of what to look for in an energy supplier and links to those alternate sources. Remember - a knowledgeable consumer is an empowered consumer. There may not be a wide range of choices but there are some and you should at least be familiar with them.

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