

# *Dulaney Valley News*

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## ***From the Editor***

Welcome back! Everyone I know is talking about how quickly the summer has passed. Hope it was a safe and fun one for all of you. The kids are back in school and the calendar of events is quickly filling up. Soon we will find ourselves in that whirlwind of holidays that is like a revolving door that spins around and spits us out in January when we scratch our heads and wonder where did the time go?

Bring your children and your grandchildren to the DVIA Annual Halloween Party that takes place on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. RSVP to Bebe Ferro at **410-821-8177**. And when you call, please offer to help Bebe with preparing and/or cleaning up after the event. It's a great way to contribute to an event that brings joy to so many kids and to assist those who devote their time to letting the community's children have a safe and fun Halloween Party.

October 13<sup>th</sup> through October 17<sup>th</sup> is Baltimore County's Pitch In For Progress. County citizens can register a community project for your neighborhood, your school, or your club or group. It can be a local park clean-up, road beautification, visiting a nursing home, school maintenance or organizing a food drive. Baltimore County Volunteers work in partnership with the county departments of Recreation & Parks and Public Works to provide dumpsters, trash bags, mulch, paint, tools and more. Contact Baltimore County Volunteers at **volunteers@co.ba.md.us** or by calling **410-887-2715**. If you are age 55 or older, register through our RSVP program or call 410-887-3101 for more information.

In next month's newsletter, we'll have details for DVIA's annual Wine and Cheese Party at the Fire Museum which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Last year's meeting was a great success with a lot of people showing up and getting to know their neighbors. It's a great feeling to know you're part of a community that cares.

One of the nicest touches of our community is the holiday wreaths that are displayed during the season. Last year a few volunteers were kind enough to make 82 wreaths. Lend a hand to make light work of this project that really provides a joyful touch to the community during the holidays. Many of us work during the day, but for those who don't this is your chance to be a part of this wonderful tradition. Join Barbara Poniatowski on Friday, December 1 at 9 a.m. You can reach Barbara at **410-828-8694**.

Stray Cats might be your favorite band or it could be your neighbor's nightmare. It's hard to imagine a cat on a leash but Baltimore County law states that you must have your pets under your control. Opening the door to let them run free is a clear violation of the law. Not only that, but in doing so, you put your pet and perhaps others in harm's way. Toddlers playing in their yard may not be astute enough to know that pulling on tabby's tail is not proper feline form and they may get seriously scratched for their innocent tugging. Do yourself, your pet and your neighbors a favor and keep kitty inside.

Here's hoping you and your family have a great glorious autumn!

# About Your Neighbors:



## **Condolences**

To Mrs. Lois Boyd of Ridgefield Rd. on the death of her husband Ed. Lois has been a very active member of the DVIA for many years, and is also very active in many other endeavors.

To the family of James A. Houck, Sr. of Oakcroft Rd.

To Mrs. Oliver Reeder and family of Dulaney Valley Rd. on the death of her husband.

To Mr. John VanSlyke and family of Longford Rd. on the death of his wife Mary.

## **NEW NEIGHBORS**

To the Wilson family of Felton Rd.

To all other families who are new to the DVIA neighborhood, and whose names we have not yet obtained – Welcome!

For neighborhood news and milestones, call LaRue Oster at 410-494-9198 or email her husband Ed at ewojr@comcast.net.

## Snow Removers Wanted!

Each year we are asked for snow removal references by members of our community. If you are willing and able, please submit your particulars to the newsletter editor and/or place them on our website.

## DVIA Meeting Schedule

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

- √ **October 9**
- √ **December 7**



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***

Hope everyone had a great summer! Deadlines for the newsletter will generally be the Friday after the monthly Monday DVIA meeting.

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](mailto:rmurrow@comcast.net) or call him at 410-823-5164.

# Volunteers Needed!

We are fast approaching the Holiday season and now is the time to place some important dates on your schedule!

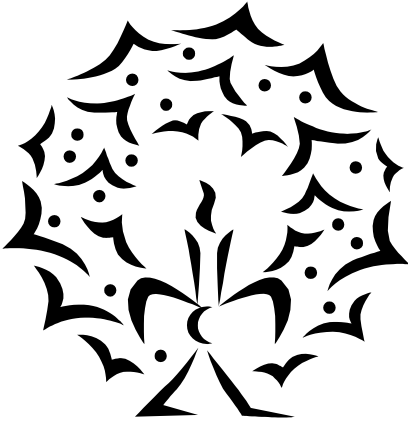
**Christmas Wreath Decorating – Friday, December 1, 9 a.m. at 26 Greenridge Road.**

Please contact **Barbara Poniatowski** at **410-828-8694**.

Last year there were only three decorators: Shirley Gabrielson and Walter and Kate Schroeffer. We decorated 82 wreaths! This included replacing worn or damaged ribbon and applying new greens. It took over three hours because we were shorthanded. Considering that there are over 1,000 potential volunteers in our community, it's difficult to accept that only three people are available for this project. The work is done in our basement so the elements are not a factor and greens, pine cones, wire and ribbon are provided.



***Many hands make light work – Chinese proverb.***



**Christmas Wreath Hanging – Saturday, December 2, 9 a.m. at 26 Greenridge Road.**

Please contact **Conrad Poniatowski** at **410-828-8694**.

This is done in teams of two and requires at least eight people. A truck, minivan, or SUV plus a ladder are essential. We have been fortunate that every year some new volunteers step up to fill the voids for this duty. Hanging 20 wreaths takes about an hour and a half. Of course, you are also expected to take them down and return them the first Saturday in January. Maps and hanging ties are provided.

If only a fraction of the residents who in the past have “promised” to volunteer sign up, we will be sufficiently staffed. We all understand that many of you have work, child or health-related conflicts and know that those priorities with your time. However, four more wreath decorators would reduce decorating time to about 90 minutes. Please try to find the time.

***While on the subject of volunteers, we wish to thank Jennifer Belt of Meadowvale Road for accepting the task of refurbishing the Community’s planter on York Road.***

# When Cats are maddened by the Midnight Dance



Don't cats need fresh air and exercise? No! Experts believe the key to their fitness lies in the isometric-like stretching they do several times a day. Encourage your cat to exercise by providing a scratching post.



Should you let your cat run outdoors? You could but they could:

- Get hit by a car.
- Get caught and mangled in the fan belt of a neighbor's car in cold weather.
- Get poisoned either accidentally by pesticides or poisonous plants or intentionally by cat-haters.
- Get chased by dogs or other animals and be killed or hopelessly lost.
- Get shot with a BB gun.
- Get caught in a trap.
- Get parasites such as fleas, ticks or worms.
- Be exposed to serious diseases such as infectious feline anemia or rabies.
- Cause problems for your neighbors when it uses their lawn for a litter pan or hunts small animals and birds.
- Get "taken for a ride" by the disgruntled neighbor.

Article 12 -3-110 of the County Code states that: An owner of an animal may not allow the animal to be an animal at large. An Animal at Large means any animal off the premises of its owner and not under the control, charge or possession of the owner or other responsible person.

Animal Control can help:

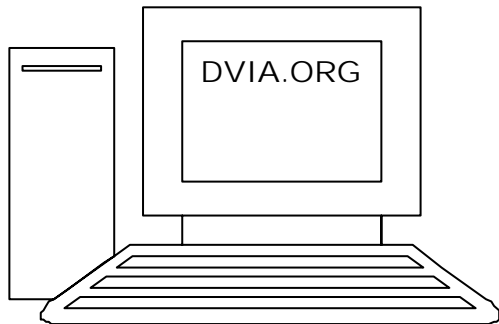
1. Talk with your neighbor about the problem. It might end there.
2. File a formal complaint, which will start the warning process toward violations being issued (name of witness, address, phone number and the cat owner's address is required; identity of the complaining party is not shared with the cat owner unless he or she makes a formal request for that information. Phone numbers are not shared);
3. Borrow a humane cat trap from Animal Control.

# Annual DVIA Halloween Party!

Goblins, ghosts, monsters and mystery await those who come to the annual DVIA Halloween party! Probably for the only time this year, tikes with spikes in their heads will be welcomed at the Hampton Elementary School cafeteria on Monday, October 23, 2006 at 7 p.m.

Children and grandchildren of DVIA members under 10 are welcomed for entertainment, juice, cookies and crafts. RSVP to **Bebe Ferro** at **410-821-8177**.

*Volunteers are needed to help setup and cleanup the evening of the party. If you can help, let Bebe know when you call to RSVP.*



## **VISIT THE DVIA WEBSITE!! [WWW.DVIA.ORG](http://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](mailto:rmurrow@comcast.net) and he will forward them.

## The 2006 DVIA Officers

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

## Helpful Numbers in Baltimore Co.

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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