



**April 2007**

## **A Note From The President**

**Larry Townsend**

Will spring finally arrive? The grass, trees and flowers all seem to think that the time is upon them to “spring” into action. Hopefully, no damage has been done by the recent winter chill. I’ve seen a lot of yard work being done and some of our yards are looking very nice. It’s a joy to see how nice our community looks when everything returns from its long winter nap. (Have you thought to have the annual inspection on your air conditioner?)

The Easter Bunny paid his annual visit to Hampton Elementary School’s grounds on March 31<sup>st</sup>. This annual event was well handled by Bebe Ferro and some of her “bunny” helpers. Although we managed somehow to confuse the reservation telephone number with that of Susan Shaffer, all went very well. Thanks to everyone that contributed to the success of this event.

Our annual yard sale will be held on April 28th. Details will be found elsewhere and in a flyer that is part of this edition of the newsletter. Ellen Birkenthal, Ginny Thompson, Bill Frank and Marilyn Smoot (though she no longer lives in Dulaney Village, Marilyn continues to provide us with a lot of help!) all are working to see that everything is in place. The charge this year as in years’ past will be \$3.00 for members and \$5.00 for non-members to participate and have your address shown on our map. The Orchard Hills Community also will hold their annual sale on April 28th. They will be advertising our sale and we will do the same for them. Please visit our neighbors across York Road to the west as see what they have for sale after you have visited our sale locations.

I looked back at my message from last year at this time and “Charmuth Road” was a top item. Well, it still is! Baltimore County made some changes, the State Highways Administration made some changes and the Baltimore County Police stepped up enforcement, but we still have problems. Reports continue about speeding cars, illegal or dangerous u-turns, speeding school busses (Yes, school busses) and the need for additional traffic calming devices. We have invited a representative from the Baltimore County Highways Traffic Engineering Department to be on hand at our May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. In addition, we have invited Councilman T. Bryan McIntire and an aide from Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith’s Office. Please plan to attend this meeting to voice your opinion and hear what they have to say about possible further remedial actions that might be pursued.

We pleaded our case again before the Baltimore County Board of Appeals on a second go ‘round in the matter of Seminary Galleria’s adding parking spaces in the reserved residential area of their property. I think that we impressed the board that the spaces should be removed as they admit that they were installed to appease complaints from their lessee’s and were installed without proper permits or zoning. The decision will be deliberated on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and we will have a written opinion shortly thereafter.

The new facility at 1209 York Road is nearing completion and except for a delay caused by weather, the contractor for the owner lived up to all his promises. We are very pleased at the respect for our community that the contractor and property owner has shown during this construction project. We again have had complaints about trash in the wooded area along Tenbury Road to the east of the construction site. This trash could not have come from the construction site as it is mostly plastic trash bags and debris “someone” dumped in the woods – on purpose. We are watching and one of these days.... Well, you know where I am going with this!

Summer will be here soon and we will be making plans and reservations for vacation trips. Jean and I spent thirty-eight (38) days touring the Pacific Northwest and into Canada last year. It is a beautiful country and there is a lot to see. “See America First” but no matter what, enjoy your summer. Our board takes a vacation from meeting during July and August, but we never take a vacation from serving our community. Please feel free to contact us at any time on any matter that concerns you.

Larry Townsend, President



UPCOMING EVENTS
Community Yard Sale Saturday, April 28, 2007 Throughout the Community
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UPCOMING MEETINGS
Monday May 14, 2007
Monday June 11, 2007*
*Last meeting until September

DUES NOTICE
The DVIA mailed dues notices in February 2007. It's not too late to return your membership form with your yearly dues.

## Zoning Update – A Short Report

1. Continuing to pursue a “used car” business that appears now and then on Dulaney Valley Road.
2. Pursuing a complaint that a second “used car” business has been active on Oakcroft Drive.
3. Looking into a complaint that at least four (4) students are living in a home on Belmore Road.

Please let any board member know if you have information about or suspect that a zoning violation is taking place anywhere in our neighborhood. We take ALL violations seriously!

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held Saturday, March 31st on the Hampton Elementary School playground under mostly sunny skies! The *dry* weather had everyone hopping about to find dozens of eggs. Congratulations to the children who found the golden eggs: **Megan** and **Colson**. Enjoy your prizes!

It was great to see so many neighbors together enjoying one of the nicer days of spring. I would like to thank the women of The Greenridge Social Club for their help with filling the eggs and the treat bags, and also, a great big thank you goes out to the Easter Bunny for joining us.

Bebe Ferro

## Annual DVIA Yard Sale: Saturday, April 28, 2007

The Community Yard Sale is well known and extremely well attended by folks from near and far. Your registration fee helps pay for signs, paid ads in the Towson Times, and maps which are distributed at several sites on sale day. To participate and be included on the map (with description) please complete and return the form on the back page of the newsletter, along with your registration fee. For any other questions please Ellen Birkenthal 410-823-7382



**DULANEY VALLEY  
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

**PO Box 102  
Lutherville, MD 21094-0102  
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**Yes, sign me up for the Community Yard Sale on April 28, 2007**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

I will be selling (Check all that apply)

- Household Items
- Children's Clothing
- Furniture
- Toys
- Adult Clothing
- Jewelry
- Miscellaneous

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$3.00 for members, \$5.00 for non-members)

**Make check payable to:  
D.V.I.A.  
P.O. Box 102  
Lutherville, MD 21094**



**Attention: Yard Sale**

**Cut off date: April 20, 2007**

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help prepare. Please call me at \_\_\_\_\_.

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