

Northgate Hall Newsletter

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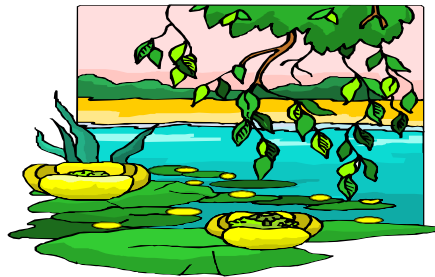
DUMPSTER DAY: Are you too busy to go to the county landfill? If so, this is the day each year that we bring the dump to you. Dumpster Day will take place on Saturday, June 3, 2006, from 7:00 am to 11:30 am. The dumpsters will be placed at the corners of Deviation and Ballygar Roads. Those residents who normally park near this intersection are asked not to do so, from 6:00 am to 1:00 pm on this date. We are not responsible for any damage that might occur due to parking your car near the dumpsters on this date and time. Flammable items of any kind and tires are not permitted. These dumpsters may only be filled to the top. We reserve the right to insist upon the removal of any discarded items that rise above the top level of the dumpsters. Only residents of our community (who have paid their assessment) may take advantage of this opportunity. We reserve the right to request identification before one discards items into the dumpsters.

Architectural Changes

As we approach the warmer weather, you may be considering some architectural changes to your dwelling. While these modifications usually enhance our community, remember any such changes must first be **submitted in writing** to and **approved in writing** by the Architectural Committee of the Northgate Hall Community Association. Failure to follow the proper procedure in this area could result in serious problems or delays. Request should be submitted to:

Northgate Hall Community Association, Inc.
9009 Deviation Road
Nottingham, Maryland 21236-2098

It is also recommended in some cases for safety and legal reasons that a permit be obtained from Baltimore County along with your written approval from this community association **before any such changes are made.**



Warning

Please be advised that as of the writing of this newsletter the Board of Directors have received an alert from the burglary department of the Baltimore County Police Department that some six burglaries have occurred in the Tremper Farms townhouses. Reportedly, these burglaries have happened between the hours of 2:00 A.M. & 3:A.M. by someone apparently entering through second floor windows or townhome walkouts while individuals are asleep. Four of these homes had alarm systems that had not been activated before retiring for the night by the homeowner.

It is again strongly suggested that all of us leave an outside light on from dusk to dawn. There are timers and photocells sold at any home improvement store at very low prices that can accomplish this. Should you see any suspicious activity or persons in the area please call **911** or **(410) 887 2222** immediately. Please don't just turn a blind eye to this type of activity, thinking it's not your problem because it's not your home. We all must be on the alert. Think of it this way, if someone was burglarizing your property would you want an observant neighbor to notify the police or just walk away as if they saw nothing? We have to get involved sometimes.

GOING ON VACATION? If you are planning an extended vacation this summer remember, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". To that end, you are encouraged to contact the Baltimore County Police at (410) 887-5000 to be included in the vacation watch. Please be prepared to furnish the following information:

1. NAME
2. ADDRESS
3. DEPARTURE DATE AND RETURN DATES
4. ARE HOUSE LIGHTS ON TIMERS
5. PERSONS HAVING ACCESS TO YOUR RESIDENCE (NAMES, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE #)
6. WHERE YOU CAN BE CONTACTED IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY
7. VEHICLE TAG NUMBER AND MAKE OF VEHICLE LEFT IN FRONT OF YOUR RESIDENCE, IF ANY

Baltimore County Police has assured us that periodic patrols will be made of your residence while you are on vacation, giving you one less thing to be concerned about and more time for pleasure and enjoyment.

Meetings for Board of Directors- As agreed to by the Board of Directors and published in newsletters dated June, 1992 and again in November, 1992, meetings will be held quarterly. Should you wish to attend any of these meetings please contact one of the members for date, time and location.

Oops...

It was discovered that due to rounding, there was a twenty cent (\$.20) error in the amount billed for the 2006 assessment. To correct it, this amount will be credited to each household for the 2007 assessments. We apologize for the error.



NEIGHBORHOOD WALK-THROUGH: Each year the officers take a walk through the neighborhood and the common ground to look for any potential hazards or compromise to community safety. We also want to ensure that no one is in violation of acceptable land use. The law clearly states that the association must be aware of or should have known of any hazards on its open space. We ask that if you have any items being stored, or temporarily built or permanently built structures on the open space that they be removed prior to this walk through. We are just trying to head off problems or potential problems before they happen. We also ask that you do not take being cited as a personal affront. Rather, it is a means to protect the entire community against litigation. Please be the eyes and ears of our community and report any possible infractions.

The 2006 walk through will take place at 12:00 pm (or as soon after the dumpsters have been taken away) on 6/3/2006, starting at the corner of Deviation and Ballygar Roads. We also welcome anyone who would like to accompany the board members.



Newsletter via the Internet As you may or may not have heard, the price of first class postage is in the early stages of being increased to possibly \$0.42 in the not to distant future. With that thought in mind and although it was touched on before, the officers would like to revisit the possibility of sending the quarterly newsletter via the internet. It is estimated that about 80% to 85% of all homes have some sort of internet access. By sending the newsletter over the internet this would save the community quite a sum of money in postage and supplies. Initial speculation is that the internet set-up would work somewhat like this. The board of directors would set up a blog or website for the community, where sometime during the quarter the newsletter would be posted with other information, as necessary. All interested members of the community who have internet access would submit their e-mail address to the board of directors through our current e-mail address (northgatehall@yahoo.com) These e-mail addresses would be placed in a group folder and would be kept **private, secure and not be viewed** by anyone other than the members of the board. E-mail addresses **will not** be sold to any advertising agency (Spam). The sole purpose of the website would be for the dissemination of information. Reportedly, in most instances the setting up of these small websites is absolutely **free**. If this could be accomplished, it would save us approximately \$376.00 yearly in postage alone at the current \$0.39 per first class stamp. (We do not qualify for bulk rate postage)

Those residents who do not have access to the internet would continue to receive their newsletter via the U.S. Postal Service. Any inquiries, feedback or other request would still be posted at our current e-mail address. However, all requests for architectural changes would still have to be received and replied to in writing.

Hopefully, over the summer months we will be able to get more information and a print preview of what this project will be like along with some of the information it will contain. If you have any tips or ideas that will assist us in this endeavor please respond via our current e-mail address listed above or contact one of the board members. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Projects in the Works



Speed Humps- As of the printing of this newsletter and with the assistance of our neighbor, Mr. Robert Stallings, we have petitioned Baltimore County Department of Public Works, through the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program, to initiate a study in to the feasibility of having speed humps placed on some roads in our community. You may well know that at certain times of the day individuals use our streets to demonstrate how fast their vehicles really are. In spite of the radar surveillance put in place for speeders by Baltimore County Police (Traffic Division) and even with signs posted indicating to use caution because of children at play this idea of racing through our community continues.

Although we are in the early stages of this petition the first street that these speed humps would be placed is in the 9100 block of Kilbride Road.



Street Light- We have also petitioned the Department of Public work concerning the placement of an additional street light at the end of Variation Road. We will keep you posted on the progress of these projects in newsletters and hopefully in the not to distant future via the internet.

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