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DVIA NEWSLETTER

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Community Meetings

March 9

April 13

May 11

June 8

7pm at

Valley Baptist Church

All members welcome!



Dulaney Valley Improvement Association



Hello neighbors! Thank you for those who were able to attend the January Annual Meeting at the Fire Museum where our treasurer Max Collins and myself as President were re-elected to serve the DVIA community. We have had another volunteer step forward interested in the vice president position, which leaves the two secretary positions available. If you are interested in assisting the community with taking notes during the second Monday of the Month (with summers off) please

contact me. Also available is a corresponding secretary who sends out cards to the community as needed.

As everyone is quite aware from the many 2019 meetings, newsletters, Facebook posts, and emails, the CZMP is moving along their timeline to accept any zoning request. This spring they move into the hearing phases. We will need your assistance during these hearing phases. Please pay attention to communication regarding what assistance will be needed.

We have met with the attorney and the representative of the owner again. They spoke of building a one-story business with a possible inclination for a day school center on the rear parking lot of the 1301 York Road property, yet we have seen no renderings to speak regarding such a building.

The concern we have for the 1215 York Road corner property stems from the two renderings that are inclined to support either gas pumps with a convenience store or a drive-thru restaurant style facility. As a board, we have responded to the idea of any gas pumps being placed there as a hard no. The environmental impact to the community, the concern for the traffic at the location and actual need for this type of facility when within a mile there are 3 other stations are the reasons for this decision.

We have spoken with Councilman Wade Kach and he is aware of the situation and understands our concerns for such a zoning change to allow for gas station to be built on the entrance of our community. Councilman Kach has stated he is concerned for this zoning change as well.

While the process continues forward, the meetings, communications and follow up are done because of the DVIA boards understanding of its long-term investment in the community. Please continue your efforts in communicating with our elected officials concerning the zoning change request from the new owners for these properties.

Thank you for your continued support for the community. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Be informed, be involved, be in contact.

Ellen Birkenthal, DVIA President

2019 Holiday Decorations Contest



Congratulations to the winners of the 2019 DVIA Holiday Decorations Contest! Our neighborhood sparkled with many festive displays. This year winners received prizes from The Peppermill, Mezcal, and Trader Joe's. A special thank you to the Peppermill for their generous donation.

Nighttime Display Winners

#1 Charles & Carolyn Daley 58 Belmore Rd
#2 Stephen & Susan Riegger 101 Tenbury Rd
#3 Ken & Amy Harrison 132 Ridgefield Rd

Daytime Display Winners

#1 Frank & Diane Olszewski 29 Ridgefield Rd
#2 Michael & Barbara Jeunette 308 Valley Court Rd
#3 John & Gina Frizzera 309 Felton Rd

Santa's Firetruck Run



Thank you to The Fire Museum of Maryland, the Birkenthals, and Jeff Kollar for the neighborhood Santa Run. Santa's visit always brings lots of cheer. A special thank you to our retired Santa, Bill Frank, for all his years of volunteer service!

Holiday Wreaths

Thank you to the crew of volunteers who hung the holiday wreaths around the neighborhood for the 2019 season. Mike Green, Mike Ganter, Mike Roark, Sam Coulter, Gordon Amato, Pat Smith, and Tom Oliver - we greatly appreciate your help! Thank you for carrying on this special tradition.

2020 DVIA Dues



A dues notice for 2020 has been included in this mailing. Please complete the form and send in \$20. All funds go toward providing community services for residents. Additional donations are always welcome, and much appreciated. Visit our website: www.dvia.org to pay via PayPal. Or mail a check to: DVIA PO Box 102 Lutherville, MD 21094

Volunteers Needed

The DVIA needs volunteers! Here are a few opportunities. Email dviapresident@gmail.com if interested.

- Recording Secretary: attend DVIA meetings and take minutes
- Corresponding Secretary: send correspondence of gratitude or condolences to community members as needed
- GTCC Representative: attends Greater Timonium Community Council Meetings to keep us up to date on local issues. Next GTCC meeting is 3/11, 7pm at Cockeysville Library. <http://www.gtccinc.org/index.html>
- Yard Sale Coordinator: Assists with planning of our annual neighborhood yard sale. Places local advertisements and signage for the event.
- Zoning Committee: Assist committee to address local zoning concerns. Currently monitoring the Heaver Plaza property development. Volunteers needed to speak at the District 3 Planning Board Public Hearing on March 12th (Loch Raven High School, arrive at 4pm).

Annual DVIA Easter Egg Hunt



Join us for the Annual DVIA Easter Egg Hunt - **Saturday, April 4th at 3:00 pm** behind Hampton Elementary School. Neighborhood children (toddlers through 5th grade) will participate in activities as we gather, take pictures with the Easter bunny, and collect Easter eggs. BYO basket and dress for the weather. Come enjoy this fun community event! We're looking for students in middle school+ and adults to assist with the event. Contact Melanie Ganter or Julie Culotta to volunteer: melganter@gmail.com or julieculotta@gmail.com

Community Yard Sale



SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual DVIA Yard Sale will be on **Saturday, April 25th from 9am-1pm**. Registration forms will be available in March.

Neighborhood Notes

Please, lock your cars to help deter vehicle break-ins. Take care to shovel sidewalks and keep them clear. Do not dispose of snow, grass clippings, or leaves into the street.

Hampton Elementary Updates

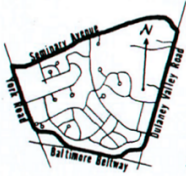
- Used book donations are being collected for Family Reading Night this month until 2/20.
- Registration for Incoming Kindergarteners will be 3/13. Call 410-887-3205 to make an appointment. Paperwork can be picked up in advance at the front office of the school.
- BCPS Boundary Study will affect HES. Attend the public hearing Wednesday, 2/26 6:30pm at Loch Raven High School. Speakers sign up at 5:30pm. Decision will be announced 3/10. Questions - contact HES parent, Jessie Jaeger: jessie.green.jaeger@gmail.com Come and support a *better* plan to address overcrowding in our schools. Help fill the room!

Real Estate Market Statistics

4 th Quarter 2019		Submitted by our DVIA neighbors: Tom & Ashley Oliver, The Oliver Group of Cummings & Co. Realtors 240-381-9805 (cell) 410-823-0033 (office) tom@cummingsrealtors.com www.wesellmdhomes.com
Average List Price	\$351,825	
Homes Sold	6	
Low Sales Price	\$263,550	
High Sales Price	\$483,000	
Average Sales Price	\$347,842	
Average Subsidy	\$6,271	
Average Days on Market	29	

Notice from the Zoning Committee

BE FOREWARNED: The zoning committee has learned from an extremely reliable source that Zoning Enforcement has conducted a "Community Sweep" to enforce the Code concerning sidewalks in another Baltimore County community. Code Enforcement Correction Notices were issued to every resident with a cracked, crumbling or razed sidewalk (tree roots). The notices allowed four months to correct the damage. Failure to comply may result in a \$200 fine per day per violation, a citation may be issued, and a trial scheduled at which the resident may be fined and/or imprisoned. The informant advised he had difficulty finding a contractor to replace/repair the sidewalk ('job too small'), but since he had made efforts to comply, the judge extended the time for compliance. Some residents were actually fined \$1000 or more for noncompliance. **We suggest our residents be proactive. If you have a damaged sidewalk, arrange to have it repaired or replaced before any zoning inspector visits our community.**



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