



**Dulaney  
Valley  
Improvement  
Association, Inc.**

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# DVIA NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2022

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**Next Community**

**Meeting:**

February 14

7-8pm via Zoom

All members welcome!

**Join our email list:**

[dvia.org/add-my-email](https://dvia.org/add-my-email)



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Dear Neighbors,

One of the many questions received by the officers and Board members is what is the status of the 1215 York Road property? The owners had gone to a Baltimore County Development Review Committee (DRC) last November. The DRC is composed of representatives from each of those departments involved in land-use decision so designated by their directors to represent their respective departments. They approved the request of the owners to build on the property a Royal Farms with electric charging stations.

At this time the DVIA board has voted to retain an attorney to appeal the decision that was approved in early December. There is concern with this process, the checks and balances as well as future communications during the build. We are waiting for the hearing date and compiling information in preparation. We will keep the community abreast of all.

Within this newsletter there is an article that describes how to become a member, an officer or board member. The association has been greatly involved in many zoning concerns, children's activities, and networked with the neighboring communities. Your interest in the community is valuable and wanted. If you have any questions, ideas or want to discuss the community please reach out using the website, [dvia.org](https://dvia.org), or email [DVIAPresident@gmail.com](mailto:DVIAPresident@gmail.com), or attend a monthly zoom meeting.

Each of us has made a difference and together we build a community, let's continue to build a great community. If you haven't signed up for your email notification of activities and the monthly Zoom link, please visit our website at [dvia.org](https://dvia.org) and sign up!

Hope to see you at our next meeting via Zoom on **February 14th!** Thank you for your continued support for the community.

Be informed, be involved, be in contact.

Ellen Birkenthal  
DVIA President [DVIAPresident@gmail.com](mailto:DVIAPresident@gmail.com)

## 2021 Holiday Decorating Contest Winners



Thank you to everyone who voted in the 2021 DVIA Holiday Decoration Contest using our Google Form. There were so many beautifully decorated homes in our neighborhood this year!

The Peppermill Restaurant generously donated \$50 gift cards to the winners of each category! The DVIA Board gifted \$20 gift certificates to GT Pizza for second place winners, and \$10 gift cards to Baltimore Coffee and Tea for third place. CONGRATUALATIONS!

### Daytime Display Winners

#1 Kristin & Andrew Seipp: 115 Greenridge Rd

#2 The Goldsmith Family: 33 Tenbury Rd

#3 The Reynolds Family: 1307 Felton Ct

### Nighttime Display Winners

#1 The Skopak-Whiting Family: 233 Meadowvale Rd

#2 The Stifler Family: 221 Meadowvale Rd

#3 The Aman Family: 105 Greenridge Ct

### ***Thank you!***

Thank you to our volunteers! We appreciate your time, energy, and commitment to our community. The DVIA Board would like to thank the following people for their contributions:

- *Stephanie Haddock* – hosted a neighborhood Sip and Swap in October 2021
- *Melanie Ganter & Megan Britt* – coordinated 2021 Halloween and Holiday Decorating Contests
- *Gordon Amato, Sam Coulter, Mike Ganter, Mike Green, Mike Liebert, Zack Oleszczuk, Tom Oliver, Mike Roark, Pat Smith* – volunteered to decorate our neighborhood streets with Christmas wreaths for the holiday season
- *Rich Sigler and family* – volunteered for our annual Santa Fire Truck Run



## ***Congratulations and Condolences***



- Congratulations to Stephanie Lavasseur of Valley Court Road who retired in April 2021 after 31 years as the Director of the Baltimore County Circuit Court.
- Congratulations to Julie Rauschenberg (daughter of Dan & Barbara Rauschenberg of Meadowvale Road) and Zack Fahey (grandson of Doris Salmond of Ridgefield Road) of Meadowvale Road on their marriage in August 2021.
- Condolences to the family of Gracelynn Henschen Garner of Longford Road who passed away September 21, 2021.
- Condolences to family of Anthony “Tony” Conto of Ridgefield Road who passed away December 26, 2021.
- Condolences to the family of Jerry Joiner, Jr. of Ridgefield Road who passed away December 30, 2021
- Condolences to the family of Orhan Morina of Strathdon Way who passed away January 10, 2022.
- Condolences to the family of PJ Connelly of Charmuth Road who passed away January 13, 2022. PJ was a longtime volunteer and former president of the Dulaney Valley Improvement Association.

*With each season there is much to celebrate and to mourn. We would be honored to send a note to welcome and bid farewell to dear neighbors. Weddings, milestone anniversaries, a new school, or a new job? "Get in touch" at [dvia.org/contact-us](http://dvia.org/contact-us) and let us know about neighborhood news.*

## 2022 DVIA Dues



The dues notice for 2022 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. Dues are collected on a yearly basis. The deadline for payment is on or before **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. Visit our website: [dvia.org](http://dvia.org) to pay online via PayPal. Or mail a check to:

**DVIA PO Box 102  
Lutherville, MD 21094**

## Volunteers Needed

The DVIA needs some new volunteers. These positions do not have to be time intensive; we simply are looking for some neighbors who would like to help with DVIA endeavors. Volunteers needed for the following: **Social Media Coordinator, Yard Sale Coordinator, Newsletter Delivery, and Zoning Committee**. Contact DVIA President, Ellen Birkenthal at [dviapresident@gmail.com](mailto:dviapresident@gmail.com) if you have questions or if you are interested. Thank you!

## Neighborhood Notes

Please help improve traffic and pedestrian safety and abide by the 25mph speed limit in our neighborhood. This winter, take care to shovel sidewalks and keep them clear. Please consider aiding neighbors who may not be able to shovel snow themselves. Do not dispose of snow, grass clippings, or leaves into the street. Thank you kindly for picking up after your pets!

## Welcome New Neighbors

Moving into a new home is such an exciting time! We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our newest neighbors. We are so glad that you are here! To help you get connected, join our email list to get community info and updates:

[dvia.org/add-my-email](http://dvia.org/add-my-email)



## February Children's Activity: Kindness Hearts



In honor of Valentine's Day, let's help our children flex their kindness muscles! For this activity, your child will make 5 colorful "kindness hearts" for a randomly assigned child in the neighborhood, and stick the hearts to their door by Sunday, February 13th. The idea is for our children to demonstrate caring for others and for them to feel seen and valued by their peers. All neighborhood children are invited! More information will be shared via email and on the DVIA Facebook page [facebook.com/dulaneyvalleyimprovementassociation](https://facebook.com/dulaneyvalleyimprovementassociation), so be sure to Like and Follow our page.

**Registration is required by February 1st.** Please contact Melanie Ganter [melganter@gmail.com](mailto:melganter@gmail.com) to register.



## Local Food Drive

Valley Baptist Church, in our neighborhood, is a collection site for ACTC (Assistance Center of Towson Churches). Non-perishable food and toiletries are needed. Drop off **Thursdays 5-6pm** at 1401 York Rd. There is a need for:

Peanut Butter	2 in 1 Shampoo/Conditioner
Jelly	Full size and small size lotion and Vaseline
Pork and Beans	Small packages of tissues
Pasta Sauce	Women's Depends (sizes S&M)
Ready to Serve Soup	Size 5 and 3 Diapers
Canola Oil	Baby Wipes
	Toilet Paper

Visit [actonline.info/donate-to-actc/](http://actonline.info/donate-to-actc/) for a list of preferred items. Questions about donation drop off at Valley Baptist Church, contact *Cathy Burgess* at 410-236-4581.

## Dulaney Village Real Estate Market Statistics

Submitted by our neighbors: Tom & Ashley Oliver, The Oliver Group of Northrop Realty  
240-381-9805 Direct  
[tomoliver@northroprealty.com](mailto:tomoliver@northroprealty.com)

	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2021	Change from Previous Quarter
Average List Price	\$439,828	\$434,796	-1%
Homes Sold	7	6	-14%
Low Sales Price	\$365,000	\$347,500	-5%
High Sales Price	\$529,000	\$585,000	11%
Average Sales Price	\$457,000	\$426,066	-7%
Average Subsidy	\$6,400	\$833	-87%
Average Days on Market	6	27	350%

## Marketplace Ads

### **Babysitting**

Looking for a babysitter? Contact **Claire J.** at [clairejchildcare@gmail.com](mailto:clairejchildcare@gmail.com). Hello! I am a local high school student from Lutherville. I am happy to help you and your family with babysitting needs. I have lots of experience, am CPR certified, and have completed the Red Cross Babysitting course. I look forward to working with you! Please contact me for scheduling and rates.

### **Heritage Handyman Company**

Now's the time to get those things fixed & checked off your list! We can help you with all the small tasks on your honey-do lists and also bigger jobs that never seem to get done. <https://heritagehandymancompany.com>  
Email us at [info@heritagehandymancompany.com](mailto:info@heritagehandymancompany.com) or give us a call at 410-668-9417

### **Realtor**

Tom Oliver, Realtor®  
The Oliver Group of Northrop Realty  
240-381-9805 (Direct)  
[tomoliver@northroprealty.com](mailto:tomoliver@northroprealty.com)

### **GarageMahalTV, LLC**

The endless pile-up ... the clutter ... the lack of organization. IT HAS TO END! Start taking back your garage, shed, or basement NOW! Need it gone? We'll get it gone! Contact Jaime Alvarez at [jjalvarez@garagemahal.tv](mailto:jjalvarez@garagemahal.tv) or 410-343-9305

### **Buying Comic Books! 1940s to 1990s**

I am comic book collector and am interested in buying Marvel, DC and other comics from the 1940s to the 1990s. So, check your attics and closets and let me know if you have any you would like to sell! Contact Joe Wantz Email: [wantzj@comcast.net](mailto:wantzj@comcast.net) or phone: 443-562-8082

### **Pyle Fence**

If you're looking for fast, affordable service to install fencing around your house or yard, look no further than our trusted team at Pyle Fence. Whether you're building a fence for decorative or privacy purposes, we offer a variety of quality fencing options to suit your project. Call us at (410) 864-7860 for a free estimate!

### **Realtor**

Buying or selling a home in the area? Call me today. I have been in the real estate business for over 20 years. I am a local realtor and Lutherville DVIA resident dedicated to serving my community.

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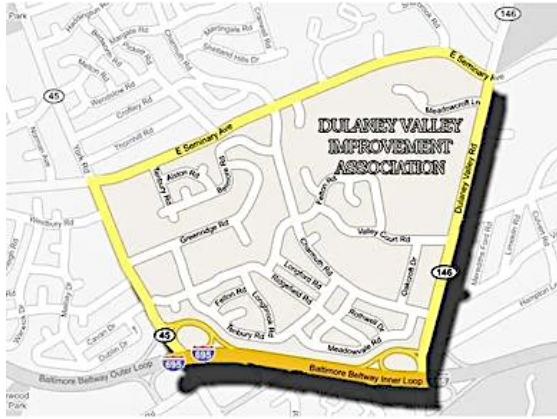
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## Dulaney Valley Improvement Association



The Dulaney Valley Improvement Association is a social welfare non-profit organization for the Dulaney Village neighborhood.

Members of the Dulaney Valley Improvement Association include those 634 residences and properties that reside within the area formed by the intersection of York Rd. (45) and Seminary Rd., Seminary Rd. and Dulaney Valley Rd. (146) and the Baltimore Beltway (I-695), and the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) and York Rd. (45).

The DVIA Board consists of five officers who are elected to one-year terms during our January meeting. Those positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary. Each position carries voting rights. There are also a number of general Board Members who are not officers who hold voting rights at all DVIA meetings. A motion is made by a Senior Officer to appoint an individual to the Board, and, pending an approval vote by the other Board Members, the individual becomes a Board Member. Members interesting in running for an elected officer position must submit their name for consideration before the October meeting. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month (except for July and August).

Membership in the DVIA is voluntary, and open to any persons residing in the aforementioned boundaries. Dues are annual and donations are greatly appreciated. All funds go toward providing community services for residents, including seasonal activities, community gatherings, yard sales, community decoration, and general improvements to our community. The DVIA Board is a committed group of volunteer residents from our community who work tirelessly to ensure the highest quality of living for our community members.

### **DVIA OFFICERS**

President - Ellen Birkenthal  
Vice President - VACANT  
Treasurer - Maxwell R. Collins, II, Esquire  
Recording Secretary – Bebe Ferro  
Corresponding Secretary – Maria Busko

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Member - Lizzy Baird  
Board Member - Ellen Birkenthal  
Board Member - Megan Britt  
Board Member - Maxwell R. Collins, II, Esquire  
Board Member - Robert Cordes  
Board Member - Bill Frank  
Board Member - Jeff Orbin  
Board Member - Tim Ruppalt  
Board Member - Kate Schruffer  
Board Member - Susan Shaffer

### **COMMITTEES & POSITIONS**

Children's Activities: Melanie Ganter & Julie Culotta  
GTCC Representative: Cheri Hilgartner  
HES Liaison: Jessie Jaeger  
Mail: Laura Houliaras  
Newsletter Editor: Megan Britt  
Web Master: Jeff Orbin  
Database Coordinator: Tim Ruppalt  
Email Communications: Jeff Orbin  
Facebook Administrator: VACANT  
Yard Sale Coordinator: VACANT

### **Neighborhood Events**

Annual Meeting & Party – January  
Children's Valentines – February  
Easter Egg Hunt – March/April  
Yard Sale – April  
Neighborhood Block Party (privately sponsored) – August  
Halloween Decorating Contest – October  
Holiday Decorating Contest – December  
Santa Fire Truck Run - December



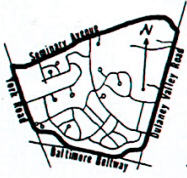
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