

# Dulaney Valley Improvement Association, Inc.

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# DVIA NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2019

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## Community

### Meetings 2019

September 9

October 14

November TBA

December 9

7pm at Valley Baptist Church

All members welcome!



## Message from the President:

Hello neighbors! Hello Summer! It is finally that season of weekly lawn mowing, gardening, walking the neighborhood, and seeing many friendly faces we haven't seen enough through the winter. A friendly reminder if you walk your dog kindly pick up after them.

Last month, the DVIA board held a special meeting with guest speakers from one of the new owners of the Heaver Plaza property, and Smith, Gildea & Schmidt. As we know, Mr. Steve Heaver has sold the property keeping his Fire Museum and some adjacent parking spaces so we can

continue to enjoy this facility and share it with those who live near and far.

The meeting was filled with many members of our community, with my head count at 80. This was the goal and I believe it showed the strength of the DVIA. Even if you aren't a dues member your voice counts. But what do your dues mean for the community? The cost for the newsletter printing and postage to 640 homes, the children's activities, yard sale, the website and email address for communication to the community, and the Santa Claus are a few resources and events your dues cover. Dues are vital to assist with communication especially with the upcoming changes being planned by the new owners of Heaver Plaza. If you haven't thought about paying dues please take a moment to visit the website at [www.dvia.org](http://www.dvia.org) and locate the Pay Dues tab.

During the meeting, Smith, Gildea & Schmidt showed concept plans and mock drawings for two buildings on the back area of the Heaver Plaza property. Their hope is to bring the revitalization seen in downtown Towson to this side of the beltway on York Road. The plans show two separate apartment buildings: one would be a four-story building with 94 units and the other would be a six-story building with 112 units.

We expressed that the DVIA is not interested in a development that would encroach on the neighbor's homes. The heights of the buildings would impinge on the privacy of the homeowners nearby. The number of apartments, a total of 206, would increase traffic, water and sewer concerns, noise concerns, and increase enrollment at local schools. Community members engaged in a hearty question and answer discussion with the Smith, Gildea & Schmidt representatives, but the answers were vague at some points since they are still in the concept planning phase.

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In order for the new owners to begin any project in that area, zoning regulations would need to be revised. As a community, we have the ability for our voices to be heard during this process. As the DVIA board, that is our intent. We have active board members who spend endless volunteer hours going to the courthouse, doing research, and making numerous phone calls on behalf of the DVIA. This is their and my commitment to the community.

The DVIA is designed for the betterment of the community. We plant gardens, host children's events, and reinforce zoning issues, so the community remains a desirable, valuable, and attainable neighborhood people want to reside in.

What can you do, what does the DVIA board need, and how will your voice be heard? These are the questions that have been asked. Please attend our board meetings, become informed of the happenings, speak with your neighbors so they are aware of the meetings, and watch for communication from the DVIA about the meetings. The DVIA has the interest of this neighborhood at its foundation. In order to know that interest we need to see you and hear from you. The Board is typically on hiatus during the summer months, though if we have a special meeting needed for July or August it will be announced to the community via email, our Facebook page, and other social media.

Anytime a community has a change, it is the time to become involved. Historically the DVIA community has rallied together for the betterment of its community. I do not doubt for a moment that now would be different.

Be informed, be involved, be in contact.

*Ellen Birkenthal*



Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who make things happen in our neighborhood.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt couldn't have happened without the efforts of Michelle Roark, Melanie Ganter, and Julie Culotta. What a fantastic family event!

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Yard Sale. Oh my, it was a windy one. A special acknowledgment to *Tim Ruppalt* for placing the ads and creating the map. And thank you *Ganter Family* for putting out all of the signs! A dumpster and donuts were provided by *Debbie Bullinger* – it was much appreciated!

## BLOCK PARTY

**Hosted by: Lizzy Baird & Amy Johnson**

We can't wait for our annual block party! Plan to bring a side dish to share, your own main food, and chairs or a blanket. The kids can ride bikes and play on the court, and the adults can relax and catch up with great neighbors.

**When: Saturday, August 24th at 5:30 pm**

**Rain date: Sunday, August 25th at 1 pm**

**Where: Felton Court (off of Felton Road, near Charmuth Road)**

We are looking forward to a fun evening! Please contact Lizzy or Amy if you have any questions.

Lizzy Baird: [lizzybaird7@icloud.com](mailto:lizzybaird7@icloud.com)

Amy Johnson: [amyj0307@yahoo.com](mailto:amyj0307@yahoo.com)

## Marketplace Ads

### **Fire Museum of Maryland**

New! Community Lecture & Lunch Series. A 45 min lecture on local history followed by lunch at the Peppermill. \$45 per person. Next Lecture is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Seating is limited. To register call, 410-321-7500.

### **Mobile Notary Public Services**

Don't waste your time and energy traveling to find a notary public! I will come to your home or office at a convenient time. Notary fees are set by the State of Maryland and there are no additional travel or convenience fees for Dulaney Village residents. Notary services are also available for senior centers, assisted living, nursing home, schools, etc. Call Joe Wantz at 443-562-8082

### **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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### **Cleaning Service**

In need of cleaning services? Call Maria Richardson at 443-934-4145. Maria cleans houses, offices, and is always open to new ideas and opportunities. References available upon request. With 15 years of experience, call her for dependable service with a sparkling touch!

### **Valley Baptist VBS**



Vacation Bible School Music Camp - In the Wild: Amazing Encounters with Jesus. July 8-12<sup>th</sup> 9am – 3pm. For children Kindergarten through those entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Crafts, games, learning about missions, Bible lessons, snacks, music, and more. For more details go to [www.valleybaptist.org](http://www.valleybaptist.org) or call 410-321-6257.

### **Valley Baptist Preschool**

Now accepting enrollment for our 2019/2020 preschool year. We have openings for ages 1-4. We can't wait to welcome some new families!

### **Garage Mahaltv, 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.

### **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!



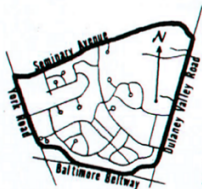
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