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Improvement
Association, Inc.**

DVIA NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2020

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Community Meetings

October 12

November 9

December 14

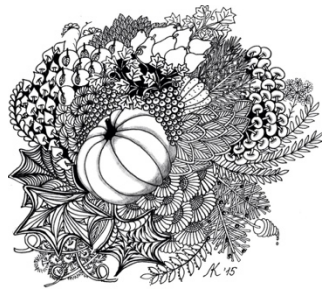
7pm

***Meetings held
virtually via Zoom**

All neighbors welcome!



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Dear Neighbors,

Fall has sprung on the neighborhood with the sights of soccer at Hampton Elementary fields, gardens changing over to fall plantings, the leaves changing colors and cooler temperatures at night are all evidence the season is amongst us.

During this unique time of the Covid19 Pandemic, the community has achieved success with expressing its concerns regarding the Comprehensive Zoning Map Process (CZMP). In the final decision in late August 2020, Councilman Wade Kach voted to keep Issue No. 3-006 8 Greenridge Road property with the same current zoning and buffers in place. There will be no apartment complex being built. Issue No. 3-005 1215 York Road property he voted to change this to Business Local (BL). This change to a BL is defined from the Baltimore County Government Department of Planning as small scale commercial zoning. In short, this means an automotive and gasoline business cannot be built there. It will allow for a business with a drive through. The concern now is for the impact on York Road traffic. The DVIA Zoning Board is reviewing the concern as well as the environmental impact on the Long Branch Stream. This is the website link for Baltimore County Government Department of Planning:

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/planning/zoning/classifications.html#list>

Our next DVIA meeting will be held again via Zoom on **October 12, 2020 at 7pm**. The Zoom link with password will be sent via email to those who are currently on our email distribution list. Others will need to send an email to the DVIA President email to obtain the link. We are looking for assistance with managing communications. We need someone to keep the email list up to date, and to manage sending the emails to the community. Will you be able to assist? If so, please reach out through the DVIA President email or any of our board members.

We are also looking for another community member to assist with the updating of Facebook notifications. This task along with the emailing became busy during the CZMP process. We hope to update the community at least monthly but can be bimonthly. Won't you take a moment and choose to assist the community?

Halloween is fast approaching. This year it is on a Saturday, it was discussed at the September 21st meeting to have a Halloween House decoration contest to continue that sense of community. Please find the information located in this newsletter for the specific details. Hope to see you via Zoom on October 12th! Thank you for your continued support for the community.

Be informed, be involved, be in contact.

Ellen Birkenthal, DVIA President
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Voting Information: Changes for 2020 Election

Elections and voting have changed this year due to the Pandemic. Please plan ahead. Senator Chris West reported the changes at the September 21st DVIA meeting. He forwarded the following information regarding the locations for Early Voting, Ballot Drop Boxes, and Election Day Voting Centers in Legislative District 42. Drop boxes will be in place and available to accept ballots the first week of October. If you requested a mail-in/absentee ballot, they should be arriving in the mail that week as well.

»» Note: Hampton Elementary School is NOT a polling location this year ««

District 42 Early Voting Locations: 10/26/2020-11/2/2020 7am to 8pm each day

- Oregon Ridge Lodge – 13401 Bever Dam Road, Cockeysville
- Towson University: South Campus Pavilion – 1 Auburn Drive, Towson

District 42 Election Day Voting Locations: 11/3/2020 7am to 8pm

- Dulaney High School – 255 Padonia Road, Timonium
- George Washington Carver Center for Arts & Technology – 938 York Road, Towson
- Towson High School – 69 Cedar Avenue, Towson

District 42 Ballot Drop Box Locations: Available from 10/2/2020 until 8pm on 11/3/2020

- Oregon Ridge Lodge – 13401 Bever Dam Road, Cockeysville
- Baltimore County Board of Elections – 11112 Gilroy Road, Hunt Valley
- Towson University: South Campus Pavilion – 1 Auburn Drive, Towson

*Drop boxes will be under 24-hour security. Residents can drop their ballot at any location.
Election Day Voting Locations will also have drop boxes available starting 10/24/2020*

Please review this election information and prepare first by registering to vote (deadline 10/13/2020) if you have not already. Then choose how you will vote, i.e. Mail-In ballot or In-Person. A mail-In ballot can be requested (deadline 10/20/2020) online here:

<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/onlinemailrequest/InstructionsStep1>

Residents who receive their ballot by mail may submit their ballot by the following methods:

1. **Hand deliver your ballot.** You must deliver it before polls close at 8pm on November 3, 2020. You may take it to an early voting center, an Election Day polling place, or a ballot drop off box.
2. **Mail your ballot.** If you mail your voted ballot, make sure that the envelop is postmarked before the general election day (November 3, 2020). Your voted ballot must be received by your local board of elections by 10am on November 13, 2020.
3. **Drop your ballot at a Ballot Drop Off Box.** Voters will have an option to submit their ballots via ballot boxes in Baltimore County.

Call for Neighborhood Volunteers

The DVIA needs volunteers! Here are a few opportunities. Please email dviapresident@gmail.com right away if interested.

- **Email Communications:** send email updates to the neighborhood
- **Facebook Coordinator:** manage and schedule DVIA Facebook posts
- **Yard Sale Committee:** assist with planning our annual neighborhood yard sale. Places local advertisements and signage for the event.
- **Zoning Committee:** assist committee to address local zoning concerns.

2020 DVIA Halloween House-Decorating Contest



The DVIA is holding a Halloween House-Decorating Contest this year.
Winner will receive a free pizza dinner!

Please stroll, jog, walk your dog, or drive around the DVIA community viewing all the homes that decorated for Halloween. Then choose your favorite decorated house that represents what Halloween means to you; it can be the spookiest, the one with the most fun and creativity, but certainly one that it is Halloween decorated.

Submit the house number and street name of your favorite house online:
<https://forms.gle/Y2uHrf2V8bHM82B86>

The form closes OCTOBER 25th. One entry per household.

Service to our Community

During this pandemic, many people have experienced food insecurity. Since the Spring, our DVIA neighbor Lizzy Baird and her family have coordinated a weekly peanut butter & jelly sandwich collection for *Our Daily Bread* in Baltimore. Friends and neighbors have joined them in donating over 20,000 sandwiches to date!

If you are interested in donating time, money, or in-kind items to those in need, here are some local organizations that also need support:

- **Student Support Network**
<https://www.studentsupportnetwork.org/how-you-can-help/>
- **Assistance Center of Towson Churches**
<http://actonline.info/donate.html>

2020 DVIA Dues

Thank you to all who have paid their dues this year. For those that haven't, there's still time! Dues are \$20. All funds go toward providing community services for residents. Visit our website: www.dvia.org to pay via PayPal. Or mail a check to: DVIA PO Box 102 Lutherville, MD 21094



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.

Dulaney Village Real Estate Market Statistics

	2nd Quarter 2020	3rd Quarter 2020	Change from Previous Quarter	
Average List Price	\$378,475	\$372,250	-2%	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Submitted by our DVIA neighbors:</i> Tom & Ashley Oliver, The Oliver Group of BHHS Penfed Realty 240-381-9805 (cell) 410-828-4700 (office) tom@theolivergroupmd.com www.wesellmdhomes.com</p>
Homes Sold	4	12	200%	
Low Sales Price	\$295,700	\$220,000	-26%	
High Sales Price	\$425,000	\$558,500	31%	
Average Sales Price	\$364,675	\$372,958	2%	
Average Subsidy	\$6,581	\$3,641	-45%	
Average Days on Market	61	25	-59%	

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