

# Ellicott Mills Homeowners Association Newsletter

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Spring 2013

## **MESSAGE FROM THE EMHA PRESIDENT**

Hello. I am the 2013 EMHA Board President. I am an original town home owner. My husband and I have been residents of Ellicott Mills for 28 years. Over the years, I have served on the Architectural Committee, the By Laws Rewrite Committee and was vice president of the board in 2012. I consider the presidency an important job and a big responsibility.

I hope that those who have paid their annual assessments included their vote (approve or disapprove) for the revised By Laws. If you have not sent your annual assessment, please do it right away so that you do not begin accruing interest charges on the assessment. As was noted in the assessment letter, you can pay via the Ellicott Mills web site ([www.ellicottmills.org](http://www.ellicottmills.org)) with your credit card.

One of the tasks that I would like to accomplish this year is to make the Ellicott Mills web site our centralized means of sending out blanket emails of announcements and warnings or alerts of activity in the area.

Captain Andre Davis of the Woodlawn Precinct of the Baltimore County Police Department has made communicating with the Woodlawn area one of his priorities. His motto for this year is, "If you see something, say something." I have already had 2 occasions where I have had to contact the Woodlawn Precinct and both times the response was very quick.

Please take a minute to access the web site at [www.ellicottmills.org](http://www.ellicottmills.org) and register. Not only will you be able to access the site but we will be able to include you in any community announcement emails that are sent.

Also, this year the Architectural Committee is undertaking the very large task of rewriting the Architectural Guidelines. The Architectural Guidelines are a legal requirement under the Ellicott Mills Declaration of Covenants instituted by the founders of Ellicott Mills. Being a 28 year resident, I have heard some complaints about the inconvenience of the guidelines. But I have also heard the positives of having guidelines that keep our neighborhood one that retains its resale value and one that people do want to live in. Please read the Architectural Committee article below.

I would like to extend two very large thanks. One to Dr. Sothy Vignarajah who served as EMHA board president for 2011 and 2012 and one to Eric Schoch who has been the editor of the newsletter for 4 years. The Board thanks them both for giving so generously of their time and effort to the association.

If you have any issues, questions or concerns, please see the list of committees with contact information at the end of the newsletter and address your concerns. You will get a response. Or you may contact me at [president@ellicottmills.org](mailto:president@ellicottmills.org). Also, please see our calendar of events following in the newsletter.

Spring is one of the prettiest times of the year in Ellicott Mills. I hope that you are able to get out and enjoy it.

Mary Eusini, President  
[president@ellicottmills.org](mailto:president@ellicottmills.org)

## PAST DUE ASSESSEMENTS

Hopefully you have paid your annual assessment of \$130. If you have not, it is past due. The 2013 assessment was due on April 1, 2013. Any assessment that was not paid by April 1, 2013 is subject to interest charges. Any assessment payment not received by May 1, 2013 is subject to interest charges and collection agency fees. Please, if you have not paid your annual assessment, mail it to E.M.H.A., P. O. Box 21125, Catonsville, MD 21228. Also, please include your approve or disapprove vote for the By Laws rewrite. If you prefer you may pay online at [www.ellicottmills.org](http://www.ellicottmills.org), please note that there is a charge of \$6.70 for using this service.

## ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE



Hopefully, by the time you read this newsletter Spring will have finally arrived! It's time to take a look at our homes and property and map out our springtime projects. Remember, if you are planning any additions or alterations to existing structures, any addition or replacement of accessory structures, such as fences, sheds, decks, patios, retaining walls, etc., landscaping projects such as tree removal or planting of

trees, rock gardens, etc., or, if you plan on constructing, removing, or replacing partial or whole concrete, brick, or asphalt driveways or sidewalks, just to name a few of the many possible projects, an application *must* be submitted to the Architectural Committee for consideration. Applications are available on-line at [architectural@ellicottmills.org](mailto:architectural@ellicottmills.org) or from an Architectural Committee member. *Reminder* - Baltimore County permits may also be required for some projects.

**A project should not commence until written approval has been given by the Architectural Committee.** Every effort will be made to have a response back to a homeowner within 10 days. Under no circumstances should a homeowner proceed with a project without written approval; ignore or disregard the Architectural Guidelines; or proceed in deference to the decision made by the Architectural Committee. As homeowners in the Ellicott Mills community, we are **all** bound by our By-Laws, Covenants, and Architectural Guidelines.

The upkeep of our homes can sometimes be challenging. Our home is often our largest asset. Consider working together as neighbors in tackling projects. Does your neighbor need a shutter replaced but doesn't have a ladder – loan one. Need to trim your bushes but don't have a trimmer – perhaps a neighbor will loan one. Remember the old system of bartering? It is a wonderful way to keep costs down, achieve needed repairs, and best of all, meet new friends. We all have talents to share. By working together we can keep our Ellicott Mills neighborhood a desirable place to live.

The Architectural Committee members will be touring the neighborhood during the next several weeks as we continue our review and update of the current Architectural Guidelines. If you have comments or suggestions we look forward to hearing from you through the website – [architectural@ellicottmills.org](mailto:architectural@ellicottmills.org).

## REPAVING

The county has notified us that although the streets will not be completely repaved, the areas where the new pipes were laid will be repaved. Especially the area at the corner of Chantilla and Lincoln Woods. They expect to complete this phase of the project by August 1, 2013.

## PARKING IN TOWNHOME LOTS

As happens frequently, the issue of inconsiderate parking in the townhome courts has come up again. Since there are no lines painted on the parking lot curbs, **a good rule of thumb for considerate parking is to use the natural joints of the curbs themselves.** That distance is 10 feet. Plenty of room for any car, truck or van.

For the 3 biggest courts, Island Run, Marshs Victory and Six Notches this guide will permit the parking of 2 cars per home in front of each home. One of the selling points of the townhomes was that there was adequate space for the parking of 2 cars per home and there is if everyone uses the curb joint as a guide. In these 3 largest courts, if there are more than 2 cars per home, please be considerate and park in the “overflow areas” of these courts.

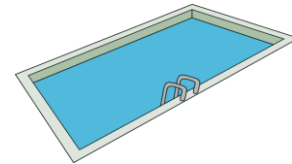
It is interesting that we do not get as many complaints regarding parking from the 2 small courts, North Stead and Carters Rock. All I can do is assume that they have done the neighborly thing and explained the parking protocol of their courts to new neighbors as they move in. Good going!

## PETS



While the saying may go “A dog is man’s best friend”, your furry best friend may be your neighbor’s worst nightmare. Article 12 of the Baltimore County Code governs Animal Control in Baltimore County, not your Ellicott Mills Homeowner’s Association. **REMINDER: ALL dogs and cats MUST be licensed and vaccinated against rabies by the age of four months; ALL dogs and cats MUST be on a leash when off their owner’s property; and excessive barking is not permitted.** Owner’s are responsible for cleaning up their pets waste if not on their property. A complete list of violations and an online complaint form can be found at : [www.baltimorecountymd.gov/animal](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/animal) or call Animal Control at 410-887- 5961.

## WOODBIDGE VALLEY POOL



Are you looking for a bargain while planning your summer vacation? Want to save money and limit travel time? A special opportunity is available right in your neighborhood! The **WOODBIDGE VALLEY POOL ASSOCIATION** invites you to become a member. Come swim all summer for \$381. Contact Tina @ 410-747-7069 for details or visit us online at [www.wvpool.net](http://www.wvpool.net).

## GOT DRUGS

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled another **National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day** which will take place on **Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** This is a great opportunity for those who have accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely and in a green manner dispose of those medications. For ecological reasons (Save the Bay), medications are not to be flushed down the toilet. It is recommended that they be crushed and put in the trash which can be time consuming. Drugs will be accepted **at the Woodlawn Police Station, 6424 Windsor Mill Road, Woodlawn, MD, 21207, Phone: 410-887-1340.**

## GUN LOCKS

The Woodlawn precinct has several gun locks available at no charge to area residents. Each person will be limited to two locks. Identification (i.e. Maryland driver's license) must be presented to receive the lock(s). You can just go to the desk in the precinct lobby, show your identification and request a gun lock.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Pride of Ownership Contest	06/27/13
EMHA Annual Picnic	08/17/13
Dumpster Day	TBD
Holiday Decorating Contest	12/16/13

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Summer - June 1, 2013  
(mailed June 15, 2013)

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## 2013 BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES

If there is a block rep vacancy on your court, please consider volunteering to fill it. Thank you.

Balleymena Ct. Kristine O'Reilly  
Carters Rock Ct. (Vacant)  
Country Mill Ct. Raymond Jolley  
Crooked Willow Ct. Sylvia Cothorne

300-314ABC Crosby Rd.  
Mary Ann Brown  
Dwelling House Ct. James Boston  
Helms Pick Ct. Lynne Olson  
Hickory Ridge Ct. Nelson Dennis  
Iron Bolt Ct. Michelle Page  
Island Run Ct. John Stevens  
7201-7215 Main Falls Circle  
Clyde and Kathleen McPherson  
7807-7820 Main Falls Circle  
Earl Jenkins  
7822-7834 (even) Main Falls Circle  
Janet O'Brien  
7827-7833, 7901-7921 (odd) Main Falls Circle  
(Vacant)  
7900-7922 (even) Main Falls Circle  
(Vacant)  
Marshs Victory Ct. (Vacant)  
Mill Pool Ct.  
Mary Kay Willing  
North Stead Ct. Anton Smoot  
1-25 Six Notches Ct. Arschel Morell  
27-51 Six Notches Ct. (Vacant)  
52-64 Six Notches Ct. (Vacant)  
66-92 Six Notches Ct. (Vacant)  
Slitting Mill Ct. Ms. George Karousos  
Stout Run Ct. Bryant Senio  
Three Willows Ct. Regina Smith  
6801-6812 Upper Mills Circle  
Sothy Vignarajah  
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7000-7022 Upper Mills Circle  
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**PIANO LESSONS FOR ADULTS  
AND  
CHILDREN**

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