

# Ellicott Mills Homeowners Association Newsletter

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Spring 2014

## MESSAGE FROM THE EMHA PRESIDENT

Hello,

Happy Spring to All! That is if we have one. It seems that we have finally gotten out of our cold, icy, snowy winter. It even looked like we might have a spring. Albeit a wet one. Now I am not so sure. It seems we may already be heading into our hot, humid, summer season. Lets hope that it is a brief aberration.

The spring and even early summer is a good time to take a look around the exterior of our homes - assess if the long severe winter took a toll on our homes or property. If so, please do what you can to bring you home up to the standard that we would all like to see maintained in Ellicott Mills. Remember, if we do not maintain the exterior of our homes and property, we not only effect our property value but those of our neighbors. Please see the Architectural Reminders item that follows in the newsletter.

Also, maintaining the exterior of your home in good repair may make you a contender for an award in the Pride of Ownership Contest. Judging will be conducted on Tuesday, June 24, 2014.

We have had a couple of crimes of opportunity in the neighborhood involving cars - one was stolen and one was rifled. Both cars were unlocked. Our Baltimore County Police Outreach Officer has provided some crime prevention tips for warm weather months. An article follows in the newsletter. Please take a minute to read it. It may save you from becoming a future crime statistic.

As you may be aware, due to redistricting, Ellicott Mills is now in a new legislative district - District 44/44B. In an effort to help us to become acquainted with those running for this new district, a multi-community forum is being held Tuesday, May 20th at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. The forum is being sponsored by Ellicott Mills, Woodbridge Valley, Westerlee and Westview Park homeowners associations. Please see the item following for all of the details. We hope to see you there.

I hope that you have been able to get out and enjoy one of the prettiest seasons in our neighborhood.

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

## PAST DUE ASSESSMENTS

Hopefully, you have paid your annual assessment of \$143. If you have not, it is past due. The 2014 assessment was due on April 8, 2014. Any assessments that is not paid by May 8, 2014 may be subject to attorney 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.

## ARCHITECTURAL REMINDERS



Spring has finally arrived! As we survey our homes and property for signs of wear and tear and plan our spring-time projects, remember to check the Architectural Guidelines and, if necessary, submit an application for alteration/change. Both the Guidelines and application are available on-line at [architectural@ellicottmills.org](mailto:architectural@ellicottmills.org). Be sure to check if your project may require a specific permit from Baltimore County. **Remember - a project should not commence until written approval has been given by the Architectural Committee.**

The upkeep of our homes can sometimes be challenging. Fading or peeling paint, broken or missing shutters, overgrown shrubbery, cracked driveways/sidewalks - these are just a few of the projects that may be facing us this spring. Projects such as these can seem overwhelming to tackle. But, repairs and general upkeep of our property have to be done - not just to keep our largest asset in good condition, but because it is a requirement to maintain the exterior of

our property under the Architectural Guidelines [Section VI.D - titled Maintenance].

A reminder as we plan our spring and summer backyard relaxation...if you have or are planning on utilizing a fire pit, please take extra care to ensure no flammable items are nearby, embers are contained in a manner so not to float into a wooded area, and most importantly – make sure all embers are totally extinguished at the end of the evening.

Enjoy the beautiful spring and upcoming summer days – we have certainly earned them after the winter we endured! (Rosemary Vicini)

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS**



Due to an oversight on my part the winners of the Christmas Decorating Contest were not listed in the Winter 2013 Newsletter. Since the winners went to considerable time and effort to make their homes festive for the holiday season, I do think that their efforts should be noted. Each first and second place winner received a \$50 and \$25 gift certificate, respectively, to Lowe's.

**Individual Home Winners**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 16 Stout Run Court (the Buettner Family)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 7914 Main Falls Circle (the Doyle Family)

**Townhomes Winners**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 10 Island Run Court (the Grubb Family)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 19 Six Notches Court (the Martindale Family)

I sincerely apologize for my oversight.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINES**

Summer, June 23, 2014  
(mailed June 30, 2014)

**CANDIDATE FORUM**



The Homeowner Associations of Westview, Woodbridge, Westerlee and Ellicott Mills have come together to sponsor a forum of the candidates who are running in the June 24, 2014 Primary Election. Due to redistricting Ellicott Mills is now in the **new** Legislative District 44/44B. Please read the following for the specifics of the forum and the candidates who have accepted our invitation to participate.

**NEW** Legislative District 44/44B Candidates

**Candidate Forum**

Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
929 Ingleside Avenue

Invited Candidates:

**Senate** (vote for one)

- Shirley Nathan-Pulliam (D)
- Bernard Reiter (R)

**Delegates** (vote for no more than two)

- Aaron J. Barnett (D)
- Bishop Barry Chapman (D)
- Rainer Harvey (D)
- Charles E. Sydnor III (D)
- Frederick D. Ware Newsome (D)
- Michael J. Russell (R)
- Pat Young (D)

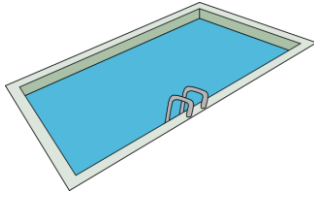
Come out and hear from the candidates! Learn about their knowledge on the issues, their experience, and vision/plans for **our new** District.

Ask questions! Get answers! Be informed!

VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION -- JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> - JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>

For more information, please contact Ms. Tina Brown  
At 410-747-7069 or [wvica@woodbridgevalley.org](mailto:wvica@woodbridgevalley.org)

## WOODBRIIDGE VALLEY POOL



Put a splash of fun in your summer at the Woodbridge Valley Pool!

New Non-vested memberships available.

The Woodbridge Valley Pool (WVP) is a members-only pool and all members must possess a bond, either through rental or ownership. The current one-year rental price for a WVP bond is \$50.00 and the SPECIAL PRICE of a non-vested membership is just \$337. You and your family can enjoy an entire season of fun at the pool for just \$387.

Non-vested membership entitles you to all of the rights and privileges of full family membership, except there is no ownership interest in the pool, no vote on pool issues and no service allowed on the pool board.

Come enjoy swimming at the Woodridge Valley Pool. Attend any of the special events, such as Teen Night, Adult Night, Water Exercises, Ice Cream Social or Family Game Night. Learn to swim by taking swim lessons or develop swimming techniques by joining the Bluefins, the pool's summer youth league swim team.

The pool season starts on the Memorial Day Weekend and ends at Labor Day. The pool is only open on weekends while public schools are in session.

Visit the pool online at [www.wvpool.net](http://www.wvpool.net) for complete information.

Download and complete the New Membership Application today. You will soon be enjoying fun in the sun with your whole family.

## WARM WEATHER CRIME

Although we are fortunate to live in a very safe neighborhood, we are not completely insulated from being a victim of crime. Particularly crimes of opportunity. We have had two episodes in our neighborhood over the past several weeks. One involved a car break-in and the other a stolen car. According to the report that I received from

Baltimore County, both incidents were crimes of opportunity - the cars were not locked.

We generally like to relax during the warmer months of the year, but criminals are never on vacation. So take a little time to protect your property and valuables with these commonsense measures.

Following are some tips provided by the Baltimore County Police Department to help us to be alert and not become a victim of warm weather crime:

### ~~Be aware of Deception Burglaries and Home Improvement Scams

Take a proactive approach to avoid these crime trends. Safeguard your home and property against con artists. These scams are usually worked by 2 people. One distracts a homeowner outside of the home while the other enters the home through either a front or rear unlocked door and takes valuables. Also never let a stranger into your home for any reason. For home improvement, make sure that you know the company/person asking to do the job.

### ~~Lock All Doors and Windows

Keep all doors and window locked even when you are outside working in the yard.

### ~~Burglars Shun Good Locks and Lights

A burglar placed under arrest told police about specialty locks that frustrate may thieves. A lock recommended for storage sheds and other structures easily accessed from the outside is a Hiddle Shackle Lock. There is no real practical way to cut the lock with bolt cutters and prying them out of the door is time consuming and noisy. The core of the lock is set into the lock. They can be purchased at home improvement and hardware stores for about \$40.

### ~~Neighborhood Awareness. The Key to Crime Prevention

Keep a watchful eye to spot criminals and alert police to any unusual activity in your community. Baltimore County emergency number is 911. The Baltimore County non-emergency number is 410-887-2222.

### ~~Windows Open and Convertible Tops Down - An Open Invitation to a Thief

Always lock your car and put your windows up when you leave your vehicle. Also do not leave anything of value where it can be seen through car windows. Do not leave important papers in the glove compartment because they are also at risk of being stolen.

~~Got a Bike? Engrave It, Lock it or Lose It  
 Lock your bike and engrave it.. You can borrow an engraving tool from your local Baltimore County Police precinct. Use the ID numbers from a driver's license or Maryland ID card. Never use a social security number as an ID number.

~~ATV Education and Enforcement  
 Protect your ATV and dirt bike from thieves, and be sure to drive them legally and safely. Keep them secure . Thieves try to take them from sheds, garages, and even the back of pickup trucks.

~~Fraud Often Follows Disasters  
 Avoid being a victim of a fraud or scam after a storm strikes. Also, identity theft can be a big threat to the public when disaster hits. If you must leave your home, again do not leave your important documents in the car glove compartment. Always keep your valuable papers with you. .

## 2013 OFFICERS

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## 2013 BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES

Ballymena Kristine O'Reilly (#3)  
Carters Rock Lisa Williams (#18)  
Country Mill Raymond Jolley (#3)  
Crooked Willow Sylvia Cothorne (#4)  
Crosby (300-314ABC) Maryann Brown (#300)  
Dwelling House James Boston (#3)  
Helms Pick Lynne Olson (#17)  
Hickory Ridge Mignon\_Atkins (#25),  
 Nelson Dennis (#17)  
Iron Bolt Michelle Page (#7)  
Island Run John Stephens (#18)  
Main Falls Circle (7201-7215) Clyde and Kathleen McPherson (#7214)  
Main Falls Circle (7807-7820) Earl Jenkins (#7811)  
Main Falls (7822-7834 even) Janet O'Brien (#7832)  
Main Falls Circle (7900-7922 even) Sothy Vignarajah (#6804)  
Main Falls Circle (7901-7921, 7827-7833 odd) Ayanna Baker (#7921)  
Marshs Victory Christopher Darling (#24)  
Mill Pool Walt and Mary Kay Willing (#4)  
North Stead Anton Smoot (#23)  
Six Notches (1-25) Arschel Morell (#9)  
Six Notches (27-92) Rosemary Vicini (#41)  
Slitting Mill Ms. George Karousos (#301)  
Stout Run Bryant Senio (#11), Len & Adel Buettner (#16)  
Three Willows Regina Smith (#3)  
Upper Mills (6801-6812) Sothy Vignarajah\* (#6804)  
Upper Mills (6902-6918) Sothy Vignarajah (#6804)  
Upper Mills (7000-7022) Leroy Burch  
Upper Mills (7024-7122) Sothy Vignarajah (#6804)  
Upper Mills (7201-7210) Sothy Vignarajah (#6804)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board Meeting	Monthly	First Wednesday
All are welcome but please call, 443-745-2919, or email, president@ellicottmills.org, to let us know that you will attend.		
Candidate Forum		05/20/14
New Legislative District 44/44B		
Pride of Ownership Contest		06/24/14
Dumpster Day		09/06/14 (Tentative)

**PIANO LESSONS FOR ADULTS  
AND  
CHILDREN**



Catherine Elkiss 410-788-5175

**WELLNESS**

Erin E. Kleopa,  
Certified Holistic Health Coach  
www.new-life-wellness.com

I support young women and mothers regarding how to eat for their bodies without deprivation so that they can reach their health and wellness goals without ever 'dieting' again. Contact me for your complimentary Discovery Session. erin@new-life-wellness.com 443-281-ERIN (3746)

Erin E. Kleopa,  
Arbonne Independent Consultant  
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I'm looking to mentor someone new! I teach women how to work part time hours at home with full-time (and more) income while helping others improve their health and well-being. Swiss, botanical-based, vegan, non-GMO skincare & body care for the whole family, cosmetics, nutrition & wellness products. I offer a complimentary consultation for all lines - have a facial, makeunder or tasting of our Simply Fit kit. Erin@new-lif-wellness.com 443-281-ERIN (3746)

**CITIZEN PROTECTION AGENCY  
SECURITY COMPANY**

My name is Darrin Granger. I live at #1 Ballymena Court and have so for over 12 years. I own and operate Citizen Protection Agency Security Company. CPA Security conducts security, consulting and investigations for private, residential and commercial businesses in Maryland. We also investigate domestic divorce cases as well. I have over 24 years of Law Enforcement experience. Phone: 410-491-1501

**O'Reilly Early Learning Center**

I am a licensed (#153179) daycare provider at 3 Ballymena Court. I am a certified teacher and taught in the public schools for 9 years before starting my daycare. I have been in business for the last 5 years. I have 2 full time openings for the summer only. I am running a special of \$110 a week for six years and over. I can take in a younger sibling as well for regular price but just for the summer. I would love to provide service to families from our community.

Kristine O'Reilly, 443-341-6440, 410-952-7038  
oreillyelc.com



~~ Personalized care ~~ Individual attention ~~ Accredited & certified (#157957)  
~~ Affordable rates ~~ flexible schedules ~~ Accepting all ages  
~~ Full or part time ~~ Before/after school openings

For more information please call 410-709-8666  
Or visit us on the web: friendly daycare.com

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