

# Ellicott Mills Homeowners Association

## Newsletter

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Summer 2013

### **MESSAGE FROM THE EMHA PRESIDENT**

Hello, All,

I hope that you have had a good start to summer. Ellicott Mills has two exciting happenings to look forward to this summer. One of the exciting things is the Pride of Ownership Contest. The participants of this contest enrich the entire neighborhood. I hope that you all find the time to dress up the curb appeal of your homes. The other is the annual Ellicott Mills Picnic. Come spend a pleasant afternoon with your neighbors. See the details for both further down in the newsletter.

Also, in the summer our children are out of school and walking back and forth to the pool and friends homes. Please be careful when driving through the neighborhood - slow down for the calming humps and adhere to regulations regarding coming to a complete stop at stop signs. We have asked Baltimore County to paint the word STOP on the street at the pool stop sign to reinforce the need for motorists to come to a complete stop for the safety of all.

The board has been going over the comments and suggestions that you provided when you returned the 2013 assessment sheets. Many of you addressed concern for the condition of the roads in and around our neighborhood. Although I addressed this issue in the spring newsletter, I would like to give you an update. Some spot repair was performed on Upper Mills in March and currently there are markings on Upper Mills for further spot repair. As to the really bad areas on Lincoln Woods and at the corner of Lincoln Woods and Chantilla, I was invited to participate in a tour of the neighborhood streets with Tina Brown, the president of the Woodbridge Valley Civic and Improvement Association, and Tom Quirk, our representative to the Baltimore County Council. Mr. Quirk agreed that several areas of the roads are in very bad shape. As reported in the spring newsletter, the county has informed us that the roads would be repaved where needed by August 1, 2013. However, we wanted to make sure that the county was made aware that some of the areas that have been repaved have not been repaved very well. Mr. Quirk has assured us that he will make the

county representative responsible for the repaving aware of the areas that are in need of repair.

This brings me to another issue. Some of the complaints that we received regarding the roads made it clear that our members are not aware of the civic and financial responsibilities of the board. We have received complaints and comments from our homeowners telling the board that we should repave the streets. Even if the association had responsibility for this, the annual assessment to cover such a cost would be prohibitive. I do not think that many of us could afford to pay what that assessment would be. As a resident of the county, you have the right to address any concerns you may have directly to your county representative. However, as stated here and in the spring newsletter, we have been addressing this issue with the county.

Also, the board cannot be everywhere in the neighborhood at once to monitor how pet owners perform their responsibility as it pertains to them being considerate of their neighbors and being responsible pet owners. Keeping dogs on a leash and cleaning up after them is a county ordinance. If notified, the board will send or address a warning to a pet owner but can do no more than that. If you witness violations any citizen can contact Animal Control at 410-887-5961 or file an online complaint form which can be found at:

[www.baltimorecountymd.gov/animal](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/animal).

I would like to ask all of the association's members to remember that the board members are your neighbors and volunteers. They have jobs and busy lives just like you. They use what little spare time that they have trying to maintain a well kept, orderly community. This involves the enforcement of the Associations covenants and by laws which are legal documents. We have been trying very hard this year to respond as quickly as possible to questions, concerns and issues. If you do not receive an acknowledgment to your email or voice message within a couple of days, please contact us again. We may not be able to address your problem within a couple of days but we should at least let you know that we have received your concern or question.

Dumpster Day has been set for Saturday, September 7, 2013. Make sure that you mark the date on your calendar.

I wish you all a safe, happy and healthy summer.

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

## **PROPOSED BIKE/HIKE PATH**

Residents of Ellicott Mills who love the great outdoors, do we have an announcement for YOU! Baltimore County is developing a bike and hike trail to the Inner Harbor of Baltimore City! The proposal is to start from the Crosby or Johnnycake Road areas of Rolling Road. However, our community has something to up the ante! An extension that will connect into the Patapsco State Park Trail System. Imagine the possibilities for our community of nature and city lovers! We would like to determine how many bikers and hikers in Ellicott Mills would be interested in such a path connecting our neighborhood with Patapsco State Park and the Inner Harbor. If you would like to find out more about this proposal, please contact Aaron Redsicker at [rev41tours@gmail.com](mailto:rev41tours@gmail.com)

Also, if you are a biker or hiker, please consider sending a brief note of support for this project to our councilman Tom Quirk at [council@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:council@baltimorecountymd.gov) or call his Catonsville office at 410-887-0896.

### **ELLICOTT MILLS PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP CONTEST**

**JUNE 27, 2013**

Judging is based on the  
curb appeal of your  
home/townhome.

Gift Certificates for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
place Home and Townhome

## **PRUNING**

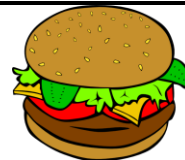
Now that spring is in full bloom our trees are busting out all over - even over the sidewalks. Please be considerate of your neighbors who like to enjoy the sights of our neighborhood by walking. If your trees have branches that overhang the sidewalk and force your neighbors to walk in the street to get past them, please prune those branches. Not only does it improve the curb appeal of your home but it makes you a considerate neighbor.

Summer is upon us and our children are out and about. It is time to slow down when driving through the Ellicott Mills area.

### **S T O P**

This means a total **STOP** at all **STOP** signs, especially at Upper Mills and Drexel Woods and Pleasant Valley and the pool.

## **ANNUAL ELLICOTT MILLS COMMUNITY PICNIC**



Join us for the annual Ellicott Mills Community Picnic on August 17, 2013, in the open space area next to 7210 Upper Mills Circle from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Bring your favorite dish, dessert or salad. Please bring chairs (or blanket) and a folding table for food. We will provide hot dogs, ham-

burgers, rolls, condiments, paper goods, drinks, bottle water and utensils. We have a badminton/volleyball set and an electro darts game. Feel free to bring other games, basketball, etc.  
Ellicott Mills Social Committee

crime that are still being reported throughout the precinct. No crime trends were reported in our community.

Gun locks are still available at the Woodlawn precinct.

Captain Trentzsch is still getting settled and will provide more information at the Community Relations Meeting in August.

## THANK YOU

The Ellicott Mills Homeowners Association would like to extend its thanks to the **Baltimore County Woodlawn Precinct** for permitting us to use their conference room for the monthly board meetings in 2011 and 2012.

The Ellicott Mills Homeowners Association would like to extend its thanks to **Russel Toyota** for permitting us to use their conference room for the 2013 board and Architectural Committee meetings.

We very much appreciate the generosity extended by both the Baltimore County Woodlawn Precinct and Russel Toyota.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Pride of Ownership Contest	06/27/13
EMHA Annual Picnic	08/17/13
Dumpster Day	09/07/13
Holiday Decorating Contest	12/16/13

## POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS



The Woodlawn Precinct of the Baltimore County Police has a new captain. Captain Jeff Trentzsch, a 29 year veteran, is the new Precinct 2 Commander. This is his second tour at the precinct and therefore, he is familiar with the area and the community. He shares similar concerns as Captain Brown did when it comes to public safety.

Captain Trentzsch asks that citizens do not call the precinct to report any crimes no matter how minor. Calls to the precinct are transferred to the 911 center which causes a delayed police response and do not get counted as a crime trend. The non-emergency number for contacting Baltimore County is 410-887-2222.

Crime is up in the communities that boarder the city line, mostly burglaries, street robberies and auto thefts. Reports of shed burglaries are the most common types of

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Fall - August 29, 2013  
(mailed September 6, 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

**PIANO LESSONS FOR ADULTS**  
**AND**  
**CHILDREN**



Catherine Elkiss 410-788-5175

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**SECURITY COMPANY**

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**WELLNESS**

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**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 3 ½ years. I have 3 full time openings in September and 1 part-time opening now. I would love to provide service to families from our community.

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



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~~ Full or part time ~~Before/after school openings

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