



February/March 2004 Community Newsletter

2004 Board Members

Please welcome our new board members for the 2004 year. They were voted in at the annual meeting on November 12th.

Larry Aranow
Gene Fitzgibbons
Mike Foster
Gareth Fountain
Eric Krasner



Managing Agent:
Julie Lancaster

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Spring Egg Hunt

Spring is just around the corner and thoughts of warmer weather are on all our minds. Of course this also means that plans for our annual Spring Egg Hunt need to be started. If anyone would like to help coordinate the egg hunt this year, please contact Angie at 301-694-6827 as soon as possible. Or, if you have a teenager that would like to help with hiding eggs or coordinating games, please have them call too!

If you cannot help coordinate, maybe you would like to donate items for the egg hunt. Plastic eggs, small prizes, or treats to stuff in the eggs would be welcome. Please contact Angie if you plan to donate. All donated items must be received by Saturday, March 27.

Community/Block Party

The board would like to see if anyone would be interested in having a community party or separate block parties this summer. Please contact Julie Lancaster at 301-695-6676 if this is something you and your family would be interested in.

Community Calendar

Board Meetings

February 25	7:00pm
March 24	7:00pm
April 28	7:00pm

All above Board meetings are open to the community and your attendance is welcome and encouraged. Unless otherwise indicated, they will take place at Clagett Management, located at 20 West Third Street in Frederick. Please call

Dog Owners

Just a few reminders for pet owners. Dog owners, please make sure you pick up after your dogs when taking them on walks, especially around the play areas where our community children play. Also, if your pet is one who likes to bark, please be mindful of your neighbors when letting them outside. There are City ordinances regarding these issues as well. If you'd like to review them for yourself, you can visit their website at www.cityoffrederick.com.



Spring Egg Hunt

Join us at the pool parking lot on Saturday, April 3rd at 11:00am.
(Rain date: April 11)
Refreshments and snacks will also be available.

There will be two age groups for the kids to participate in:



Ages 2-4
Ages 5 and up



We'll also have games and prizes for when specially marked eggs are found!

Board Meeting Discussions –January 28th

- Overlook Lawncare was accepted as the lawncare contractor for the 2004 year. They will be mowing the grass and taking care of landscaping in the common areas of our neighborhood.
- The pool management company for 2004 is Century Pool. More information on pool hours, rules, entry passes and other information will be mailed as the opening on Memorial Day weekend approaches.
- Parking on the sidewalks was discussed. Residents should be advised that there is to be NO parking on any of the sidewalks in our community, especially in the townhouse section. Anyone who has a driveway should take care to pull completely into their driveway when parking so that the sidewalk is not blocked. By parking across the sidewalk, it causes people to have to enter the street to go around parked vehicles. This poses a danger to everyone, especially young children.
- Loose trash in the neighborhood was also discussed. The windy weather has made it difficult at times to keep trash in their containers and the board would like to ask all residents to please pick up any loose trash on and around their property when they see it. If the trash is not picked up, it ultimately ends up in our storm water management pond. Our community would have to pay to have a contractor hired to clean the pond if and when it becomes to overburdened with trash. Besides the accumulation in the storm water management pond, picking up the trash would help keep our community clean and beautiful.

FYI: An article published in the Frederick News Post in January 2004.

Opossumtown closure OK'd

...The board of aldermen voted to completely close a section of Opossumtown Pike between Christopher's Crossing and McClellan Drive this summer to upgrade the road. Opponents called for closing just one lane to avoid rerouting traffic to Poole Jones and Walter Martz roads and local neighborhoods. "A lot of us travel all the time and need to get to places, and it is dangerous to go out on Route 15 from Willow Road," said Cliff Harrison, president of the Residents Association at Homewood Independent Living. He told the mayor and board of aldermen that a proposed three-mile detour on Poole Jones and Walter Martz roads was narrow and winding, and that most people would choose a shortcut through developments between McClellan Drive and Christopher's Crossing. His group had collected 92 signatures on a petition opposing the full closure. Though the aldermen agreed that it was a tough decision, they said they chose the lesser of two evils for the \$1.3 million project in order to avoid extending the project from three months to six or nine months. The city's portion is \$385,000 and Ausherman Development Corporation is picking up the rest of the cost. The road realignment will result in a T-intersection at Opossum-town Pike, McClellan Drive and Christopher's Crossing, and is a condition for development for the Clover Ridge and North Crossing communities. The city plans to start and finish the job while schools are closed for the summer, City Engineer Alice Miller told the mayor and board. "The most reasonable solution is to close Opossumtown Pike between Christopher's Crossing and McClellan Drive and detour traffic onto existing roads," she said. But, Alderman Donna Ramsburg offered another solution, one that would reroute traffic through developments. "I am having real heartburn with this ... people won't take that route (Walter Martz and Poole Jones roads)," she said. She recommended that the city route traffic through the developments because people will choose that detour anyway as a shortcut. It makes more sense and we can make it safer with signs, speed bumps and police officers," she said. Aldermen Joe Baldi agreed, and suggested putting one or two stop signs in the developments. Eric Krasner, a neighborhood advisory council member who had collected signatures on a circulated petition against full closure of Opossumtown Pike, was resigned to the change. "The traffic was going to end up through our neighborhood no matter where they put the detour. Why not put the energy and money into controlling the traffic in our neighborhood," he said. The city is hiring a traffic consultant, paid for by Ausherman Development, to ensure public safety is paramount, and will solicit input from area residents about how to alleviate road congestion, Ms. Miller said.



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