

Fairwood Flyer

Spring 2014

Community Board Members

President - *VACANCY***** Colleen McFarland will continue to serve until a replacement is secured

Vice President - Sara Piechowiak

Secretary - Louise Mulvey

Treasurer—Karen Kennedy

Other Positions:

Newsletter - Celeste Coffelt

Fundraising - Louise Mulvey (assisted by Karen Kennedy)

Pool Liaison - Celeste Coffelt

Luminary Chair - Jen Canapp

Park - VACANCY

Halloween - Krista Goehl

Easter - Vacant

Santa Christmas LSVFD Visit - Sara Piechowiak and Karen Kennedy

***Please keep in mind that the Board Member positions are strictly volunteer positions. Any suggestions or concerns are welcome to be shared at a community meeting!**

*I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything,
but I can do something. And I will not let what I
cannot do interfere with what I can do.*

~Edward Everett Hale

*The smallest act of kindness is worth more
than the grandest intention. ~Oscar Wilde*

Last Community Meeting was Held on Nov 20, 2013

At the last meeting Sara Piechowiak volunteered to take the position of Vice President, Louise Mulvey volunteered to take position of Secretary and to head up Fundraising, and Celeste Coffelt volunteered to write the newsletter and to be the pool liaison. Seventeen people attended. There was discussion involving a community sign and how to remind neighbors about dues. Get up to date information by attending a community meeting. They are open for all residents to attend.

Are you getting emails? If you are not on our email list please contact Colleen McFarland at colmcfarland@hotmail.com. You can also *like* us on the Fairwood Facebook page and get info on other future upcoming events such as movie nights, county dumpsters etc.

Spring has Sprung - I think everyone is happy to see spring arrive despite spring allergies. Just remember that warm weather brings more walkers, joggers, bicycle riders, and skateboarders. Please be aware and keep your speed to the posted 25 miles per hour for the safety of pedestrians and sports enthusiasts and children.

*Excerpt from an email to the community from Colleen:

I hope you've noticed the improvements recently made to Fairwood:

- Cleaned of trash/debris at the corner of Mountain Rd and Fairwood Drive
- Removed limbs, debris, leaves (left by BGE) on the corner lot of Woodland and Fairwood
- At the park: newly painted benches, raked leaves, planted annuals, mulched, replaced and added to decorative posts behind Fairwood sign, cut down dead/overgrown trees and bushes

These major efforts are ALL from three neighbors. Please take time to thank **Dave McFarland** and **Kathleen and Jorge Trevino**. It's amazing what can happen when even one person does something for the benefit of so many others! I know how much I deeply appreciate their efforts, and I know they would like some company!

Please Help Our Community by Paying Your Annual \$40 Dues

Dues are due annually by July 1. We had 53 neighbors paid as of Nov. 20th. Dues are used to cover large expenses such as: grass cutting of common areas, park maintenance, and park insurance. **All neighbors benefit from those items.** The following people paid their 2013-2014 dues:

Brokovich, Bishop, Braughton, Benner, Canapp, Crisp, Curtin, Coffelt, Cohn, Colebrook, Carter, Deady, Deters, Deaver, Dixon, Engelmeyer J, Foca, Fleming, Garner, Gross, Gerbrick, Hart, Howard, Harris, Henderson, Hudgins, Hardesty, Huth, Itzkowitz, Kennedy, Korrot, LaMarsh, Lawn B&R, Lawn G&E, Leary, McFarland, McCorkill, McCormack, McFadden, MacFarlane, Messenger, Mulvey, Norton, Piechowiak, Philhower, Reynolds, Rizzo, Rich M&M, Roberto, Reilly, Southers, Sayman, Schreiber, Shannon, Stroble, Smith T&L, Spain, Scheminant, Sepe, Sommer, Teeter Trevino, Voltz, White J&T, White A&E, White L, Whiteside, Wagner, Zimmer

FREE with your FY 2014-2015 dues this year is a Fairwood Contact List...names, addresses, and contact information for your neighbors (permission granted).

Grass cutting costs \$400 year, Newsletter costs \$130 year and park insurance costs \$750 year. The rising cost of postage and printing affects the cost of producing the newsletter; therefore, the newsletter is only produced bi-annually. Plus, we owe \$1000 for completed upkeep and improvements. **Make your \$40.00 check payable to Fairwood Community Association, PO Box 1084 Pasadena, MD 21122.**

Light Pole Decorations - Thanks to Dan Piechowiak and the volunteers who decorated our light poles at Christmas. Volunteers included Paul Curtin, Tim Smith, Denny Korrot, Kathleen and Jorge Trevino, Wayne Canapp, and Kevin Mulvey. Some greens are showing there wear and may need replacement next year. Also thanks to Karen Kennedy who purchased small gifts which Santa gave out to children during his annual visit. Community dues are used for miscellaneous items such as these.

Clean Up Fairwood - A Huge thank you to Jorge and Kathleen Trevino who so kindly picked up trash of all sorts at the entrance to Fairwood Drive on April 12th. It is a shame to see that so many articles of trash are discarded here. It makes our community look undesirable. Thanks to all who help pick up in Fairwood. Thanks as well to Dave McFarland and his daughters for picking up trash throughout the year.

St. Patrick's Day Crawl - Thanks to Wendy Foca who organized the St. Patrick's Day House Crawl. What a fun day for WEARING OF THE GREEN! An all time high of 50 neighbors participated. We traveled to homes enjoying great food and fun. Apologies to those who missed the Crawl. Emails went out several times so if you did not get any emails you are not on the distribution list.

Luminaries - Luminaries looked lovely as usual on Christmas Eve! Unfortunately the cost keeps rising yet Fairwood has kept the charge of \$5.00/ set constant for years now. That means this year we were in the red. (\$-88.12) In the fall we will discuss if we should continue this tradition and/or if the cost should be increased. We know many neighbors have gone to glass jars for safety reasons. Thank you to our entire group of hard working candle captains who distribute the sets of candles and bags.

Fundraising - Louise Mulvey headed up poinsettia sales last December. It was a success on a small scale so this year she will look into it on a larger scale. (+\$185.00) The community yard sale was enjoyed by all who participated. It is fun to get out walk around and talk to your neighbors. Those who paid a small fee got balloons tied to their mailbox. The yard

sale does not bring in much revenue (\$39 after expenses) but it is nice for those who wish to participate. **Golf Tournament** – Thanks to Dave McFarland and Neil Leary, our golf tournament, also a fundraiser, raised \$200 this past fall.

Easter Egg Hunt– For some reason there was not much of a response for the Easter egg hunt which is held for the little ones. It was rather disappointing, but we realize people have other activities. Hopefully next year it will be resurrected as an event. The bunny was all dressed up, but he had no place to go! FYI –on how the hunt works...Parents supply a dozen candy filled plastic eggs per child and drop them off prior to the hunt. The community does not supply eggs or candy. To head up the 2015 Easter Egg Hunt contact Colleen McFarland at colmcfarland@hotmail.com.

Pool and Swim Team - The pool will be opening soon under a new pool board. You may see a few signs around town advertising membership. In order to maintain and improve the condition of the pool and pavilion, the pool needs more members! Want to decrease your membership fee by \$50? **Help get the pool ready for opening day by joining efforts on Saturday May 17th beginning at 10:00 am. Also on the 17th, members may drop off their registration forms right at the pool!** Contact Dave McFarland, Pool Board President, for more information @ 410-693-1118 or dmcfarland2004@aol.com. **Opening Day is Saturday, May 24th at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!**

Tina Roberto heads up the Fairwood Swim Team. Contact Tina to register for the Swim Team! It is such fun for all involved and we are looking forward to another great swim season!

Please be aware that the pool and the community are separate entities and do not share funds. Like all pools, Fairwood needs yearly maintenance yet the pool membership fees have stayed constant for years. Membership fees will remain the same again this season in order to increase membership which will help bring in funds. The pool needs to build a reserve in order to perform maintenance.

Other Interesting News

Rabies – Did you know? Due to the significant increase in positive rabies cases experienced in Anne Arundel County, Animal Control is doing its part to help protect all pets from the deadly rabies virus. Animal Control holds weekly low cost rabies clinics on Thursdays from 12 – 3:00 PM at 411 Maxwell Frye Road, Millersville, MD 21108.

Microchipping is also available on the third Thursday of each month for county and non-county residents. Only animals receiving a rabies vaccination that day or those current with proof will be eligible for a microchip. Microchipping Cost - \$20.00.

Maryland Dept. of Agriculture Mosquito Control – Fairwood has participated and benefited from this Dept. of Agriculture mosquito surveillance and control program which takes place weekly June 1 – September. Our community will be assigned a night of the week (Sunday – Thurs) between 7:30 PM – 2:00 AM. Spraying for adult mosquitoes will be done only if a MD Dept. of Agric. Inspector determines it is necessary. Spraying will not be conducted during rain, in wind speeds > 12 MPH, or temperatures above 89 degrees. For information: http://mda.maryland.gov/plants_pests/pages/mosquito_control.aspx Celeste Coffelt is the community representative for the mosquito control program.

*Residents who wish to have their property excluded from adult mosquito control services must notify the MD Dept. of Agriculture by submitting a completed exemption form found at <http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Documents/mcsprayexemption.pdf>

Tips to Rid Your Community of Mosquito Breeding Sites

1. Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely.
2. Store plastic wading pools inside or turn them upside down when not in use.
3. Turn over or remove clay pots and plastic containers.
4. Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats, pools, etc. Arrange the tarp to drain the water. Turn wheelbarrows upside down when stored outside.
5. Pump out bilges in boats. Turn canoes and small boats upside down for storage.
6. Replace water in bird baths at least twice a week.
7. Remove pet food and water dishes that are not being used.
8. Don't leave garbage can lids lying upside down. Be sure water does not collect in the bottom of garbage cans.
9. Flush water in the bottom of plant holders twice a week.
10. Fix dripping outside water faucets.
11. Check ornamental ponds, tree holes and water-holding low areas for mosquito larvae. Call the nearest Mosquito Control Office if you find, or suspect, mosquito larvae are present.
12. If ditches do not flow and contain stagnant water for one week or longer, they can produce large numbers of mosquitoes. Report such conditions to a Mosquito Control Office.

Keep Fairwood Beautiful

Sara Pichowiak

Property values increase and neighborhoods flourish when neighbors take responsibility for maintaining their property. Please take time to assess the curb appeal of your property. The following standards are on record for Fairwood:

- **General**

Conformity and harmony with exterior design among the existing buildings in Fairwood are the principle guidelines.

- **Fences**

Fences are not permitted on any lot between the street and the front building line. Chain link and chicken wire fences do not conform to the general appearance in Fairwood while stockade, picket, alternate board and split rail fences do.

- **Recreational Vehicles**

Parking recreational vehicles, pop-up trailers, utility trailers, boats and mobile homes on any road or in the front of the house is a road hazard. Please be considerate to neighbors and traffic by not parking boats, boat trailers, campers, or having large items like dumpsters on the street for extended periods of time.

- **Animals**

No fowl, livestock, or other animals of any kind shall be kept, maintained, bred or boarded on any lot or in any building except for dogs and cats and household pets.

- **Sheds, pools, structures, building additions**

Conformity and harmony of exterior design are essential for any sheds, structures and building additions.

Editorial Opinion By Celeste Coffelt - What's So Great About the Fairwood Pool?

I am a member of Big Vanilla, but I also have a membership to Fairwood Pool. The pool that I choose to use is Fairwood. So why keep two memberships? I enjoy Big V for the athletic and gym facilities, however, in the summer on a hot day Big V is packed, noisy, and crowded. Sometimes one is hard pressed to find an available lounge chair at Big V. Fairwood Pool is quite the opposite. It is enjoyable because it is a quieter venue. I can always find a seat and chill out with a good book. The other members and lifeguards are always friendly, pleasant, and greet me by name. It is like being in my own backyard pool since I can walk or ride my bike to get there. I call Fairwood Pool "Pasadena's Best Kept Secret!" * **Disclaimer - The opinions, beliefs and viewpoints expressed here do not necessarily reflect the opinions, beliefs and viewpoints of the Fairwood Community.**