



FAIRWOOD COMMUNITY NEWS

FALL, 2015



Fairwood Community Board Members:

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Vice President - **Vacant**
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Fundraising - Louise Mulvey
Halloween - Angela Wedemeyer
Jess Papsan
Park Chairperson - **Vacant**
Egg Hunt - Krista Goehl

Sunshine/Welcoming - Angela Wedemeyer
Luminaries - Judy McCorkill
Margie Reilly
Bylaws - Judy, Karen, Louise, Celeste
Pole Captain - **Vacant**

President's Letter



Dear Neighbors,

It has been exciting to meet many of our new neighbors who have moved into Fairwood this past year. I had the pleasure of meeting several at the St. Patrick's Day Crawl, at the Fairwood pool and out walking the neighborhood. It is fun to see young moms and dads pushing the little ones in a stroller.

It was a wonderful surprise to see our street lights being replaced in August. They are now all uniform and certainly brighter. The workmen told me all 65 posts are 150 watt LED lights.

Our community again participated and benefitted from Mosquito Control Program this year. This is a privilege not all communities receive and we will continue to apply for this service from the MD Dept. of Agriculture. Your tax dollars at work!

Happy see the progress on the house which has been vacant due to fire on Fairwood Drive. It is definitely a welcome addition to the tragic scene that sadly had been abandoned and stagnant for so long.

We had a Board Meeting on September 9 and discussed upcoming events and community concerns. Eleven people were in attendance and we discussed the new items of a Welcoming Committee and a Sunshine Fund to be voted upon at the next annual meeting. Also discussed were the holiday projects of luminaries and pole decorations. It was decided to require all luminaries to be preordered and prepaid this year. The cost will remain the same and participation is voluntary. See the article on page 5 for more information and the order form. We need a pole captain and volunteers as well. Various options for the poles were discussed but found to be too expensive for our budget. The poles are traditionally decorated the day after Thanksgiving. If a captain and volunteers are not found then it would be wise to postpone this tradition this year.

We appreciate those who have sent in their community dues. An envelope has been included with this newsletter for those who have yet to pay. The Fairwood Fiscal Year runs from July 1 to June 30. Dues remain at \$40.00 a year. Dues support the obligations of the Fairwood Community Association which includes taxes, insurance, park maintenance, holiday events, newsletter printing and postage, post office box rental and grass cutting in common areas. For an itemized list of how your dues are spent, please see the Treasurer's report following this letter. Feel free to add an additional donation for a specific cause such as the Sunshine Fund.

I am hopeful we can get more residents involved in our community board. We currently need a vice president as well as a park chairman and the pole decoration captain. Being involved in our community does not require a huge time commitment. We meet quarterly and communicate via email. Your community needs your voice to give input on community matters. This year the Halloween Party for the children is being organized by two new Fairwood residents. See the article for more information. The event is free for Fairwood Community Association Members but we ask you to donate at least one canned food item per person for the local food bank. At 6:00 pm we will release the children (similar to the running of the bulls in Barcelona) and they descend on your homes to trick or treat. If you do not want trick or treaters it helps to turn off your porch light. For those who live near a DEAD ZONE for trick or treaters you can join me on the parking lot of the pool to distribute the candy there!

Thank you all for making Fairwood a great place to live, play, and raise children!
Celeste Coffelt, President

Treasurer's Report



A reminder to all Fairwood residents that annual dues of \$40.00 for fiscal year 2015-2016 were due on July 1, 2015.

The following families are current on dues:

. Benner, Biemiller/Hart, Bishop, Blackwood, Braughton, Coffelt, Crawford, Crisp, Deaver, Deters, J. Engelmeyer, Engles, Fleming, Foca, Gerbick, Gross, Hagner/S. Canapp, Hart, Henderson, Hulburt, Huth, Jones, Kennedy, Kirby, Kohli, Korrot, LaMarsh, Latrick, McCorkill, McCormack, McFadden, McFarland, Messenger, Mulvey, Norton, Ott, Philhower, Roberto, Sayman, Scheminant, Sepe, T&L Smith, Spain, Teeter, Trevino, Voltz, Wagner, Wedemeyer, J&E Whiteside, Zimmer

We would like to thank those families who promptly paid dues. If your dues have been paid and you are not on the above list, please contact Karen Kennedy at kkennedy113@verizon.net. Dues may be dropped off at 8250 Fairwood Drive or sent to:

**Fairwood Community Association
P.O. Box 1084
Pasadena, MD 21122**

Expenses paid in 2015:

Egg Hunt, \$70.00, Park Flowers, \$15.65, July 4th, \$117.00, St. Patrick's Day Crawl, \$20.00, State Farm Insurance \$375.00(semi-annual), P.O. Box Rental \$80.00, Newsletters \$209.84, Property taxes, \$1037.73, Luminaries, \$700.00, Halloween \$154.00, Gras Mowing for community property, \$640.00.

Current check book balance \$2646.50

Current Bills due:

Property Taxes	\$988.86
State Farm Insurance	\$438.00

Checkbook balance after above items paid \$1208.50.

This amount is currently available to cover expenses through June 30, 2016. The treasurer is anticipating a negative balance of \$1200.00 to cover expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.

It is extremely important that community members remain current in the dues. Your yearly dues support the obligations of the community and the activities to which all are invited to attend. Your dues support those things that make Fairwood a great place to live.

Karen Kennedy, Treasurer



Sunshine/Welcoming Committee Organized

Several new residents of Fairwood have identified the need for a Sunshine/Welcoming Committee. We had such a committee operating in the past but members have since moved. The Fairwood Board welcomes their enthusiasm to work for our community. They have developed the following mission statement: ***Our mission is to celebrate and support our community members in times of happiness and in times of need.*** The committee is interested in welcoming new neighbors and new members of families as well as supporting community members who may be experiencing health issues or rough times. They are working on a brochure to welcome new members but are also interested in expanding beyond a Fairwood welcome. **Please contact Angela Wedemeyer at angela.wedemeyer@gmail.com if you are interested in:**

- joining as a committee member
- supplying baked goods or meal preparation for a neighbor.

A Fairwood Tradition - Halloween Party For Kids



On October 31 each year Fairwood is invaded by many spooks and goblins as well as some very cute costumed gremlins. They meet at the pool pavilion for pizza and treats before canvassing the community for tricks and treats. This year the tradition continues with two new neighbors organizing the event for the Fairwood Community Association. The party will be from **5:00 until 6:00 on Saturday, October 31, at the pool and is FREE to all Fairwood children.** Again, we will be **collecting nonperishable food donations** for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank. **Angela Wedemeyer, angela.wedemeyer@gmail.com, and Jess Papsan, jpapsan@gmail.com** are in charge of the event. They are looking for volunteers to assist by distributing pizza and drinks or supervising a game or craft table. Please contact one of them if you would like to help.

Holiday Traditions in Fairwood



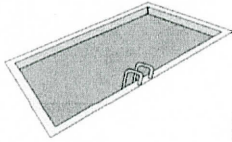
The Community of Fairwood has sponsored several holiday traditions.

Luminaries It has been customary for residents to place luminaries along the front of their property on December 24 at dusk. See the information about ordering luminaries in the article on page 5.

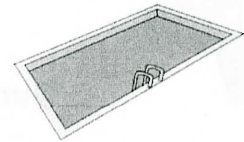
Pole Decorations It has been customary to decorate the light poles with garland and bows. The community members who have done this in the past have either moved away or are no longer able to climb ladders. The position of pole captain is now vacant. If you are interested in performing this community service, contact Celeste Coffelt at celestecoff@gmail.com. Recently the county replaced the lights on the poles and it would be great to see them decorated for the holidays. We are in need of a few good men to carry on this tradition!

Santa's Visit Santa has traditionally visited Fairwood each December. The Community Association provides a treat for each Fairwood child as Santa rides through the neighborhood on a fire engine. Check your email for Santa's scheduled visit.

Holiday Caroling On Christmas Eve many Fairwood voices join together to sing carols throughout the neighborhood. Louise Mulvey is in charge of this activity. She invites everyone interested to meet at the intersection of Lorene Drive and Silver Run Drive at 7:00 pm on December 24.



Message from the Fairwood Swim Club



The 2015 Fairwood Dolphins had a great year! We had over 20 new swimmers, ages 3 to 18. Two of our swimmers graduated from high school. Olivia Rossi, head coach this year, and Kyle Coffelt. Both Kyle and Olivia were Fairwood lifeguards. A special congratulations goes out to Richie Kogut who received the Emily Schindler Award. Emily was a Fairwood swim team member who passed away in 2004. This yearly award is given to the swimmer who shows dedication, good team spirit, is positive, friendly, and assists team members in the same way Emily always did.

The pool was host to three home swim meets and competed in the East Severna Park Swim League. Karen Rodenhizer, Mike Spratley, Tina Roberto and Jen Holcomb volunteered many hours. The team held a unique Rubber Ducky Race Day as a fundraiser and the event was enjoyed by all.

Karen and Dale Rodenhizer received the Tammy Rose award for volunteering many hours in support of the pool and swim team. Tammy, a Fairwood resident, passed away in 2013. She had a love for life, always had a smile on her face, and volunteered behind the scenes at the pool for many years.

It was really a great swim season! Anyone interested in having their kids join the swim team should please keep an eye out for news in Spring of 2016 Go Dolphins!!

The pool had a great season and increased the membership to approximately 70 families.. The Pool Board is looking for Board members and volunteers and desperately needs "helping hands" in many aspects including membership, operations, maintenance as well as other opportunities. The Fairwood Pool has always survived and run smoothly because of dedicated volunteers. It is truly a labor of love for the benefit of the community and the children. Please contact Paul Coffelt to discuss ways you can help. He can be reached at paulcoffelt@fairwoodswimclub.org.

Fairwood is on Facebook



The Fairwood Community Newsletter is published two time a year, in the fall and the spring. For up-to-date information on the happenings of the Fairwood community **find us on Facebook**. Jen Canapp is the administrator of the Fairwood Facebook page. It is a closed group and you must request to join.

Office of Community and Constituent Services

At the General Meeting in April, we were visited by Sara Gannon who works with the Office of Community and Constituent Services for Anne Arundel County. She can be a valuable resource in getting county services for our community. If you have a concern she may be contacted at exgann22@aacounty.org or at 410-222-1323 (office phone) or 443-679-6841 (cell phone).



Congratulations to Lake Shore Elementary



As we went to press it was announced that Lake Shore Elementary is a Blue Ribbon School! Only eight schools in Maryland were chosen for this honor this year. Being a Blue Ribbon School is the Super Bowl of Education. It is a way of recognizing a school that is outstanding for all students who attend. Fairwood is proud of its public elementary school and the students, teachers and parents who work so hard every day. Just another benefit of living in Fairwood.



A Fairwood Tradition - Holiday Luminaries

For many years the Fairwood Community Association has sponsored the holiday luminaries project. We have become known throughout Pasadena for this Christmas Eve tradition. Because of unpaid orders in the past, **this year participation will be voluntary and all bags and candles will need to be preordered and prepaid by November 15.** . Some neighbors prefer to use glass jars instead of bags. If this is the case we will provide the candles. **Judy McCorkill, judymatt1@verizon.net and Margie Reilly, magymae30@verizon.net are chairing the event.** You may email questions to Judy. Use the attached form to preorder your supplies.

Fairwood Community Luminary Sale Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

email _____

Luminaries are sold in sets of 20 candles and bags for \$5.00 each set.
Candles only are \$2.00 for 20.

_____ I wish to order _____ sets of candles and bags.

_____ I wish to order candles only at a cost of \$2.00 per set of 20.

Enclosed is a total of \$ _____

Checks should be made payable to Fairwood Community Association and mailed to:
Fairwood Community Association
P.O. Box 1084
Pasadena, MD 21122

Deadline is November 15, 2015. Delivery will be by December 20.