



Fairwood Community News

2021

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President's Letter

Dear Neighbors,

I want to thank all the community board members and volunteers for all their hard work this past year. Without your time and efforts our community would just not be the same. Please know it is very much appreciated! We are REALLY looking for new board members and volunteers, if you would like to get involved with your community.

The pandemic has changed all our lives drastically to say the least, and to no surprise the Fairwood community did not skip a beat. We had a successful St Patrick's day celebration that may have changed the way we do house crawls in the future. Our annual Easter egg hunt was able to happen with a new twist, and we had a wonderful drive by Easter bunny. We had a High School graduation parade and ceremony and it was amazing. Thanks to everyone for coming out and supporting the graduating seniors. We have had amazing acts of kindness with neighbors helping neighbors with dinners and groceries. The Fairwood pool was able to open and was even one of the first pools to open in Anne Arundel County, thanks to all of the volunteers. I am absolutely amazed by how this community has adapted and overcome adversity. I want to thank everyone for making this such a wonderful community.

I cannot stress enough that our community is always in need of volunteers to help with the many activities and projects that keep our community a great place to call home. If you have any ideas on how to enhance our community, please let us know or even better join the community board. We will continue to make Fairwood a great community to live in.

Unfortunately, our in person annual meeting has been postponed indefinitely due to the pandemic. However, I am looking into doing a virtual meeting as an alternative and future method so that more can listen in and attend remotely.

Eric Wedemeyer, President

A message from Lynn Gerber Smith (2021 Volunteer newsletter author)

Dear Neighbors,

As the historic pandemic year 2020 unfolded, the community of Fairwood continued its rich traditions, at times in a new or different way; and added new ones too. So here is a look back at some of the ways Fairwood celebrated 2020, creating wonderful memories.

Lynn (lgerbersmi@aol.com)

2020 Fairwood Events

The Easter Egg Hunt

A socially distanced Easter Egg hunt was held last spring. The easter bunny hid the eggs in individual yards and included a game and snack for each child. There were golden eggs and prizes as usual. Thank you to Krista and Ian Goehl and family.

The 2020 Graduation Celebration – What a day to remember!

While traditional graduation ceremonies were cancelled or went virtual, the community of Fairwood held an amazing event. A stage was set up at the corner of Fairwood Drive and Lorene. Complete with balloons and a sound system, each graduate was announced and walked across the stage. The crowd cheered and clapped. A parade down Fairwood Drive started the celebration with graduates waving from their "floats" to the neighbors lined up along the parade route. Thank you, Jen Canapp, and all the helped.



The Fairwood Pool Opened for the Summer

Working with the county health department, the Fairwood pool opened in June and remained open all summer. It was considered by the health department as a role model on how to safely open a socially distance pool.

4th of July Parade

The annual 4th of July parade has been happening for just about 25 years. Residents have gathered at the corner of Lorene and Silver Run for the parade to the pool. Anything with wheels has been in the parade including lawn mowers, ATV's, golf carts, bikes, and even a few classic convertibles. Traditionally, the pool is used for a short community gathering before it opens to members at 12 noon. Lets' hope this great tradition can resume safely this year.

A Little Library was installed in our community park!

Special thank you to the Fairwood resident who built and installed the little library in the park. It has 2 shelves, one for adult books and one for children's book. Be sure to stop by and see what's new to read and be sure to share some of your own favorite finds. Thank you, Mike Stallings, it is lovely.



Halloween

Halloween was celebrated in a grand way in Fairwood this year. It seemed firepits were in every other driveway and folks came up with safe ways to hand out treats. Tables were put out, bags were made up, and some treats were tied to fence posts too.

Vendor Fair

A record number (34) of vendors set up their wares in the community parking lot this fall. Masked neighbors were able to get a jump on their holiday shopping and help the local economy too. Thank you, Celeste Coffelt and all the participants, too.

Christmas in the Park

This event had it all!

- * Photos and visits with Santa
- * Santa's mailbox to drop off those lists.
- * A hot cocoa station (thank you Valora for volunteering to safely serve our neighbors)
- * Ornament and reindeer food making station.

All was socially responsible; and there was a location to drop off donations to BKind Gives. Thank you to Angela Wedemeyer for coordinating the event and our special guest Brian Lechuk.

Christmas Caroling

Usually done on Christmas Eve, this year's carolers came a week early, if you let them know your address in advance, this small but robust group sang their hearts away to help you get in the holiday spirit.

Holiday Decorations

Thank you to the group of volunteers who decorated every light pole with a bright red bow. They have now all been taken down and stored for next year.

Sadly, the weather did not cooperate again this year for the lovely Christmas Eve tradition of luminaries. The streets being lined with luminaries is well known in the Pasadena community and families often included a drive through the Fairwood community just to see the streets lined with them. For the best effect, every house should have them out. Let's keep this beautiful tradition alive!!

And Then the Food Trucks Began Arriving!

A big shout out to Eric Wedemeyer, Community Board President for the steady stream of food trucks arriving weekly to our community. Much to the delight of families working and learning remotely, it was a welcome break to stroll or ride to pick up a delightful meal. In the warmer months, many families made it a picnic in the park. It was and is so nice to see neighbors and share news.

To pay your \$50.00 dues you can do the following: DUE JULY 1st 2021
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- **PayPal:** Log on to Paypal and select "send money to friends and family"
 - o Follow the steps to send dues to ourfairwood@gmail.com
- **Mail/Check:** dues are always accepted by check at PO Box 1084, Pasadena, MD or hand delivered to a Fairwood Board member.

Upcoming community expenses include insurance, taxes, Halloween, community event, new swings, new basketball hoop, dead tree removals and other park maintenance/enhancements. Thank you for paying your dues as soon as possible!

Treasurer's Report

Upcoming expenses include insurance, park clean up, and community events/enhancements. Taxes are due in April. The budget will be submitted at the Annual General meeting.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday March 20th 2021 11am The Easter Bunny is coming to Fairwood we are once again going to have our social distant hunt and next year we will look forward to seeing you at the park. There are golden eggs and prizes as usual. Thank you to Krista and family.

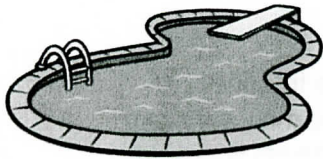
Park Clean-Up

We are looking for a volunteer to organize a park cleanup. Clean-up includes raking leaves, trash clean-up in the park and community common areas, checking/repairing playground equipment, tending to flower beds and mulching. Community service hours may be awarded to students who help! Please contact Eric Wedemeyer if you can help.



Pool News

"Pasadena's Best Kept Secret!"



The pool is currently welcoming new members. Summer will be here before you know it and the Fairwood Swim Club Board members have begun to plan for the upcoming season. Membership information and swim team info can be found at www.fairwoodswimclubmd.com or the Facebook page, **Fairwood Swim Club Pasadena Maryland**. Membership and swim team forms can be found on the website. Several special events will be scheduled for children, families, and adults during the season. Pool members are entitled to rent the pool for private parties for a fee plus the cost of lifeguards. The pool is a great community resource and survives with the help of volunteers who have busy lives but support the pool as a labor of love. The pool board welcomes any

and all volunteers! **Email** fairwoodswimclubmd@gmail.com **if you are interested in becoming involved.** The pool welcomes new members from in or outside the community. Please spread the word!

The Fairwood Swim Team competes in the East Severna Park Swim League. Kristen Eaton, will post swim team information on the Facebook page near the beginning of the season.

Mosquito Control

Fairwood will again participate in the Maryland Department of Agriculture Surveillance and Control Program. This takes place weekly from June 1 until September. Our community will be assigned a night of the week between 7:30 PM and 2 AM; spraying for adult mosquitos will be done only if it is determined necessary. Spraying will not be conducted during rain, in wind speeds >12 mph or temperatures above 89 degrees F. For additional information, please visit the website http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/pages/mosquiti_control.aspx.

Residents who wish to have their property excluded from adult mosquito control services must notify the MD Department of Agriculture by submitting a completed exemption form (found at the website listed above). Celeste Coffelt is the community representative for the mosquito control program.

A Reminder to all residents...

The posted speed limit in our community is 25 miles per hour. Children, walkers, joggers, bikers and pet walkers need to be safe. This is especially true since more people are out and about each day.

Slow down, kids live here!



Volunteers & Community Board

The dozens of events that happened in our community in 2020 were all planned and managed by volunteers. Often folks ask about even more events, that can only happen if more folk's volunteer. There are also several vacant spots on our current community board. Are you willing to serve the community in a more active way?

Please contact Eric Wedemeyer if you are interested in joining the board and or coordinating or assisting in any of these events.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FAIRWOOD CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Family Movie Night** Dates and times will be posted on Facebook and by email. Looking for volunteers.
- **Easter Egg Hunt 2021 Saturday March 20th 11 AM**
- **Park Clean up date 2021 TBD**
- **Community Dues of \$50.00 for 2021 are due July 1, 2021.**
- **Community Meeting** will be scheduled when safe to meet. Keep an eye for a possible remote meeting using Teams app.

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