

THE BEVERLY HILLS BEACON

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March-April Newsletter

Hello Everyone,

Hopefully our recent snowfall is the big one of this early 2015 winter season. Hopefully the young ones have been able to get some snow time and had fun sledding and just being kids. It is fun to watch the children and parents alike as they head down the hills at Lake Montebello. Sure brings back great and fun memories. It's nice to see families together and having fun! We are looking forward to a wonderful Spring and seeing our neighbors out and about tending their lawns and gardens. We hope to see you at the upcoming events being planned by the Beverly Hills Improvement Association. We are doing this for you, the residents. New this year is the Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Celebration being held Saturday, April 4. Nothing fancy but a chance for folks to see each other again and have some fun! You can also take a walk through Beverly Hills and meet some real nice folks!

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Beverly Hills General Membership Meeting

Next General Membership Meeting will be Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lauraville House located at 4528 Harford Road.

Officers:

President: Mary Buedel
Vice President: Karen Quandt
Treasurer: Ryan Becker
Board of Directors:
Charity Becker
Rocky Dunn
Jean Farnsworth
Mimi Kelly
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New Residents

To our new neighbors, welcome to Beverly Hills and we hope to see you at our upcoming events.

Recent and Not So Recent Events

In December we had the Annual Tree Lighting and also our First Caroling through the Hills with Santa. Thanks to everyone who gave their time organizing and carrying out these events! While the carolers serenaded everyone with their great notes, we were treated to hot cider, coffee, candy and cookies. At the end of the two hour walk through the hills we were invited into the Scott's home for hot egg nog. What a wonderful to end the day! We also need to thank Santa for walking with us and greeting the many children and neighbors who came out to meet us.

Shovel, Shovel, Shovel

Don't think we will have any more this year but have been asked by residents to share the following for future reference:

According to Baltimore City the following guidelines are to be maintained:

Snow and Ice on Sidewalks. After any snowfall that results in an accumulation of snow or ice on the ground, the snow and ice must be removed and cleared away from all sidewalks that abut the premises.

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Time for Compliance. The snow and ice must be removed and cleared away within 3 hours after the snow has stopped falling; or if the snow stopped falling between 3 p.m. and 6 a.m. before 11 a.m.

Manner of Compliance. The snow and ice must be removed and cleared away in a manner that leaves a clear path that is at least 2 feet wide and does not obstruct the passage of water in the gutters.

For more information see City of Baltimore Council Bill 08-0252

Please try to help your neighbors If you know someone is unable to clear their own sidewalk.

Beverly Hills Communications

Website

<http://beverlyhillsbeacon.com>

You can now access the Beverly Hills newsletter on our website. You can also pay your dues via PayPal using this site. Attached to this newsletter is the Beverly Hills 2015 Annual Membership Dues and Resident Information Form. This form will also be posted on the website. Please complete the form and return as indicated.

Nextdoor Baltimore

Sign up at: <https://nextdoor.com>

Presently, 85 Beverly Hills residents have signed up to Nextdoor Baltimore. This is a private online network where neighbors can share community events, recommendations, items for sale, crime reports, ideas about how to improve our neighborhood and more. If you would like to sign up please go to nextdoor.com. This communication link is currently being used by most of our surrounding neighborhoods.

We can also be found on Facebook.

Traffic/Roadwork Projects

Potholes are everywhere and the ones on Harford Road northbound just after the Harford Road bridge over Herring Run have proved treacherous and costly to several drivers. To file a claim for damages call the City Law Department at 410-396-3400.

The Department of Transportation has installed speed monitors on Walther Avenue. There is one for northbound traffic between Overland and Montebello and one for southbound monitoring between Beverly and Montebello.

We are also working with DOT regarding the east and west flow of traffic on Moravia. We have heard many complaints about this thoroughfare and are trying to get this remedied.

If you have traffic issues other than the Moravia and Walther intersection, please send an email to goldiem1951@gmail.com.

Police Issues

According to Major Worley at NE District regarding larceny from Autos:

We know some criminals have a device that will bypass your locking mechanism but the majority of suspects are still simply trying door handles. Make their effort to get into your vehicle a waste of time by not leaving anything of value in it. A new/old trend that I have seen over the past few weeks is that thieves are taking the stereo systems from vehicles. A few of those occurred when citizens left their

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vehicles at businesses for repair work. If you leave your vehicle for repair, please ask the business owner to move it inside their building if possible.

You can learn more about how to reduce your risk of being a victim of a larceny for auto at: <http://www.necop.com/PDF/preventlarceny.pdf>

STOLEN AUTOS: We had 9 last week, 7 of which were stolen with the key. This week we have had 3 taken with the key. Our auto theft unit has arrested the same juveniles on 2 occasions recently. The last one was Tuesday when they stole a vehicle, the helicopter was tracking them and they crashed the Mercedes, which they had stolen with the keys. Not only was the Mercedes they stole most likely a complete loss, the vehicle that was parked, which they hit was most likely totaled. That one incident caused about \$40,000-\$50,000 in property damage and an innocent citizen had their vehicle destroyed because someone wanted a warm car. Recently, the thieves are not stopping and bailing out of the vehicle until they wreck, thus creating more victims. If that occurs, you will receive a second ticket for \$110 and 3 points.

You can learn more about how to reduce your risk of being a victim of a stolen auto at: <http://www.necop.com/PDF/preventstolenautos.pdf>

I have received numerous complaints about people placing items in the street or parking lot to save a space they have shoveled. It is illegal.

Weatherization

*Solar Energy

Monday, March 23 at 7 p.m. Solar Co-op Info Session at Church of the Messiah located at 5801 Harford Road

Retrofit Baltimore is working to expand their home greening services to include solar energy options. They have partnered with MD SUN to launch a solar co-op. Neighbors in Baltimore are forming a solar Co-Op to go solar as a group and get a discount. Based on the same principal as buying in bulk, the Co-op will go through the process of purchasing solar systems together. The group will select a single contractor to install systems on all of the homes, but each participant owns their own system and will sign their own contract. By going solar as a group, members will save 30% off the cost of a solar system.

Trashy Stuff Again!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We have been asked by Beverly Hills residents to once again remind folks that garbage put out for City collection be put in trash cans with lids. To secure lids to the cans drill some holes and use plastic ties or heavy rope to secure. We are receiving complaints of rats. So please don't put trash outside unless in cans with lids.

Also, it would be very helpful to separate glass items from other items that are put out for recycling. We have also be asked to remind people that recycled items not be put in plastic bags. The bags clog the machines that are used for separating the recycled items. Please comply.

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Blue Water Baltimore

Blue Water Baltimore's mission is to restore the quality of Baltimore's rivers, streams and harbor to foster a healthy environment, a strong economy, and thriving communities.

We work towards a future when our neighborhood streams are safe for fishing and swimming and our clean harbor is the pride of our city. To achieve our mission, we need the help of people like you who care about clean, healthy neighborhoods and waterways.

TheyMobilize volunteers to monitor our streams for pollution, plant trees, and participate in trash clean-ups. Provide a helping hand to property owners who want to do their part to reduce polluted runoff from their properties. Advocate for stronger laws for clean water, both locally and state-wide.

Run educational and community programs out of our headquarters, the [Blue Water Baltimore Watershed Center](#).

Are the home for the [Baltimore Harbor WATERKEEPER](#), who patrols the harbor, takes your calls on the pollution [hotline](#), and holds polluters accountable under the law.

Run the [Herring Run Nursery](#), selling native plants and providing landscaping and design services.

They are many volunteer opportunities are Blue Water Baltimore. These opportunities include tree planting, get Herring Run Nursery ready for the Spring, remove invasive vines, etc. Go to: <http://www.bluewaerbaltimore.org/events> for more information.

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Family Organizations

Baltimore is full of resources for families, including parent networks in all regions of the city. In our area you can reach out to Hamilton-Lauraville Sprouts which is a community of families with ages from newborn through 12 years old in Northeast Baltimore. The group is an extension of the Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance.

Useful Phone Numbers

Abandoned Vehicles – 410-361-9600
Animal Control – 311
BARCS – 410-396-4695
Public Works - (bulk trash, sidewalks, street lighting, etc.) 410-361-9333
Rat Rub Out (Vector Control) 443-984-3175
Sanitation Enforcement – 410-545-6497
Weatherization Assistanter – 443-984-1066

Beverly Hills Events

Wednesday, March 25 - 7:00 p.m. [Beverly Hills General Membership Meeting](#) – Lauraville House – Harford Road

Saturday, March 28 - 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Beverly Hills Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Celebration
Located in green area behind the Christ Power and Ministries Church located at Harford Road and Grindon Avenue.
Hi, Thought we would give it a try and hold our First Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Spring celebration. The Easter Bunny will be there to stroll through the neighborhood and help the kids find eggs. There will be other children's' activities and crafts. We will also have food and

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drinks. You are welcome to bring something to share with everyone!

Saturday, April 18 – from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

24th Annual Law Day for Seniors 2015

Legal and Financial Health

5800 Wabash Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland 21215

District Court of Maryland

Presentations on Pension Rights, Identify Theft,

Estate Administration, Information session

about Baltimore City real property tax sales,

Popular "Ask an Attorney Q & A panel.

Reservations must be made by Friday, April 10.

Call 410-396-5278 or email

jjones@baltimorebar.org

Saturday, April 25 – Start as early as you wish.

Beverly Hills Annual Yard Sale Event

This is a collaborative event with yard sales

being held in Mayfield, Arcadia, Beverly Hills,

and the Hamilton-Lauraville event being held on

the lot across from Safeway.

Each year a list of yard sale participating

addresses is put together for distribution to

customers. If you want to participate and get

your address on the list, please send your

address to goldiem1951@gmail.com. You can

also list items that will be offered for sale.

Saturday, May 9 – 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Beverly Hills Spring Dumpster Day

Dumpster will be located on Arabia at the

intersection of Montebello.

PEACE!