



**OVERLEA
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ASSOCIATION**

Your OVERLEA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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A Message To The Community

Building a sense of community requires the development of a cadre of neighbors as volunteers. The Overlea Community Association continues to be in need of people to step up and help with issues of concern, community building and to form a leadership corps to guide the efforts in the future.

We are fortunate to have present and past Board/Committee members who continue to contribute in their own way on efforts of interest and concern to them. This same group of great neighbors is more than willing and able to mentor and assist anyone who wants to wade in and help. An analogy I frequently use is that you can wade in ankle deep to take on the smallest of tasks or come in neck deep knowing that there are experienced people who will keep your head above water.

The community is entering into exciting times, with new initiatives, outlook and Revitalization on the horizon. As you read through and digest this newsletter you will learn about great things happening in Overlea. Belair Road will be enhanced with the three year Rosedale Federal Savings and Loan flower pots initiative, community banners and an improved streetscape; we look forward to the renewed holiday and enhanced business events this year. The continued Yard Sale event in April gives everyone a sense of "neighborhood". These activities as well as crime reduction efforts continue to build "community." So much more can be undertaken with more people who are willing to step up.

It would be wonderful if we had an annual summer picnic event, continued movie nights, a children's craft event, or even a concert in the spring. More volunteers are needed to sit on the OCA Board- the "think tank" of the neighborhood. A county side "Dumpster Day" is possible, but all of these ideas and needs and so much more, require volunteers willing and able to commit to making a difference. A few people cannot do it all- it requires more people and their talents and willingness to make an impact. Be that person- come, help to move Overlea forward. You can make a difference right in your own backyard.

Please consider reaching out and getting involved in something that may interest you. I as well as any Board or committee member will be glad to find something that may fit your interest and then we will help you succeed in whatever you chose to do. Our contact numbers and e-mail addresses are in this newsletter so please get in touch or approach us at the next meeting on March 11th.

Thank you to all who strive to make Overlea a better place to live.

Dennis Robinson Sr. - OCA President

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR OCA DUES

*Have you paid your dues yet?
Support the Overlea community-
send in your membership dues!
NEW THIS YEAR- You can pay by
Paypal, visit www.OverleaRocks.org/
OCA info tab. THANKS !*

Flower Pot Unveiling

Rosedale Federal Savings and Loan has agreed to provide funding to enable the Overlea community to have the 14 flower pots along Belair Road, professionally designed, planted and maintained. For the next three years, during spring and summer, these pots will be maintained. This generous grant, with contributions from the OCA membership fund, will continue to beautify the Rt. 1 corridor. Many thanks to Rosedale Federal Savings and Loan and to the Overlea residents who paid their dues!

JOIN US FOR THE SPRING KICK-OFF TO CELEBRATE OUR PLANTERS! May 3rd, 12 noon. The community is invited! Come to the Rosedale Federal Savings and Loan on Belair Road for the festivities and refreshments!



OCA Spring Yard Sale April 26, 2014

Join your neighbors for the OCA SPRING YARD SALE. Simply register your yard sale address with Karen Boegner at karenme52@hotmail.com Then make some signs, put your items out on your own front yard, and sell, sell, sell! Reminders

will be sent out via Facebook and OCA yahoo. All registered addresses will be posted on the OCA website.

Karen Boegner has graciously offered to coordinate the yard sale, so if you have any questions, please call her at 410-254-4696.

Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014

Time: 8 a.m. til 2 p.m.

Rain Date: May 10, 2014

OCA MEETING SCHEDULE

NEXT COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

MARCH 11, 2014 & JUNE 10, 2014 • 7PM

SPEAKERS MARCH 11:

City Councilman Brandon Scott and Captain Mike Balog of the White Marsh precinct will be our featured guests.

Doris Franz-Poling, legislative aide to Councilwoman Cathy Bevins will provide Baltimore County Council 6 updates.

Please plan to attend and bring your questions and concerns.

LOCATION: The Natural History Society of MD.

6908 Belair Road, Baltimore, MD 21206
(in the old Chesley Place bldg)
corner of Chesley Ave. & Belair Rd.

OCA MEMBERSHIP DUES-\$10. per year /\$50 for businesses
Membership is active from September 2013 through August 2014.
Mail your payment with the form below to:
Overlea Community Association, P.O. Box 18895, Raspeburg, MD 21206

Name _____ Date Paid _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Business Name _____ Business Phone _____

FUTURE DUMPSTER DATES

March 22 • May 17 • Sept. 20 • Nov. 22

Mark your calendars! Our next Dumpster Day will be **March 22nd** with the dumpster located at the corner of Brook and Overlea Avenues. We are happy to see so many folks take advantage of the free dumpster. The OCA will send out reminders on the OCA yahoo newsgroup and Overlea Community Facebook page.

NOT ACCEPTED: oil-based paints, pesticides, herbicides, car and household batteries, drain cleaners, gasoline, pool chemicals, tires or any other hazardous materials.

Dumpster Days are for OVERLEA RESIDENTS ONLY - NOT FOR COMMERCIAL USE.

Thank You to Our Overlea Businesses

The OCA sincerely appreciates the efforts of all the businesses that joined our holiday lights contest this year and we look forward to an even greater participation next year. Many thanks to volunteers Kim King and Steve Stout for their outreach to local businesses to make the event such a success.

Thanks to these businesses for their participation:

Heavenly Automotive (first place)

Rosedale Federal Savings and Loan (second place)

B&F Atlantic Station, Inc. at 6621 Belair Rd.

Creative Impulse Dance at 6647 Belair Rd.

Designers' Den, LLC at 6655 Belair Rd.

QP Management and Building Services at 6657 Belair Rd.

Pizza Hut at 6663 Belair Rd.

Unique Nails by Dorina at 6715 Belair Rd

Universal Catering and Events at The Overlea at 6809 Belair Rd

Brian the Barber at 7100 Belair Rd.

Geddes at 7110 Belair Rd.

Service Course Cycle Studio at 7306 Belair Rd.

Dumpster Day Coordinator Needed for the County Side of Overlea!

The Baltimore County portion of Overlea is eligible to receive and have a yearly Dumpster Day event. A coordinator is needed to make this happen. Please contact me at dfpoling18@yahoo.com if you are interested in this or want more information. It is not difficult and should be fun!

Overlea Chapel Flea Market May 3rd

Overlea Chapel United Methodist Church, 3902 W. Overlea Ave., Baltimore, MD 21206 will have a flea market on the parking lot on May 3rd, from 9am-2pm. Spaces are available. If needed, tables will be provided for \$15 each. Music, food and fun for the kids! Phone 410-367-6087 to reserve a space or for more information.

Newsletter Carrier Needed

A newsletter carrier is needed for Fuller Avenue. Please call newsletter distributor Meaghan Whalen at 410-688-3033. Delivery is 4 times a year, and only takes about a half hour. Let's make sure Fuller Avenue neighbors continue to get the news!

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Hubcap City Has Now Become Heavenly Automotive!

New and improved and under new management!

In case you haven't noticed, Heavenly Automotive, (formerly Hubcap City) located at 6909 Belair Road has renovated their interior and it is beautiful inside! They feature custom wheels, rims and wheel repair, wheel covers, tires, chrome accessories and novelty gifts for the auto enthusiast. For more information go to their website at heavenlyautomotive.com or call them at 443-414-7345.

Belair Road Revitalization Plans

The State Highway Administration is entering the Design Phase of the revitalization of Belair Road from the City line to the Beltway. Overlea, Elmwood and Linover residents are strongly encouraged to attend the open house that will show concepts, designs, display boards etc. Project managers will be on hand to answer questions and receive input.

The meeting will be held on Thursday March 13th, 7-9p.m., at Overlea High School, 5401 Kenwood Avenue in the school cafeteria.

Your Source for Community Information - OCA Yahoo News Group - Are You On It?

Overlea Community residents have a great resource for quick, sometimes immediate, important, accurate, much needed and up to date information. One evening early in February, a helicopter was overhead (due to a hit and run on Taylor Avenue) and residents were informed of the accident. This was a great example of the community needing and then receiving current information.

Dennis Robinson, President and Safety Officer for the Overlea Community Association puts INTERNAL information on the Overlea Community Yahoo newsgroup. During this particular episode, Dennis not only let the community know what was going on, within minutes via the Yahoo news, he also addressed again, the why, when and how a helicopter is often used.

If you are not yet on the Yahoo news group, we encourage you to sign up now.

OCA Yahoo-News Group: For community residents only-please join the Overlea yahoo news group. This is your neighborhood source to learn about, report and receive updates on current issues or concerns. Here's how to join:

1. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ocanews/>
2. Click on "Join this group" above the picture on the right.
3. Sign up for a free yahoo ID or use yours if you already have one.
4. After you've signed in, you only have 3 more steps. Just follow the directions on the site.

Compost Bins and Rain Barrel Sale

Baltimore County Department of Public Works will be hosting a sale of compost bins and rain barrels on Saturday, May 3, 2014, 9 a.m. - 3p.m. It will be held on the auxiliary parking lot at The Avenue at White Marsh, 8125 Honeygo Boulevard, located off of Town Center Drive, behind the AMC theaters. The price for the compost bin is \$35 and the rain barrels are \$50. This is a rain or shine, first-come first-served event. Cash, checks and charge cards are accepted.

Mark Your Calendar!

SAVE THE DATE! Heather Lassahn, of Lassahn Funeral Homes Inc. has graciously agreed to coordinate the Annual Overlea Christmas Tree Lighting event to be held on the front lawn of the Overlea Community Center, December 13th at 7 p.m. Santa will be arriving on the Rosedale Volunteer Fire truck! Refreshments will be provided by Carrabba's Italian Grill Overlea and the Central Alarmers. More information will follow and many thanks to Heather!



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