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EVENTS

Halloween Spooktacular on Sunday, October 30 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm

The Cypress Improvement Association will sponsor the party, which will be at Cypress Glen field (behind the houses on Dill Pointe and Cypress Creek roads). The spookiest party ever! Please bring your decorated pumpkin; prizes are for 0-7 years old, 8-12 years, and 13 and up. Please call ♥**Margery Blancke** to run games, donate food, or help in any way

General Meeting on Tuesday, November 1 at 7:30 pm

Corky's Hard Bean Café (in Park Plaza next to JoAnn Fabrics) provides a convenient and coffee-friendly location for us. Do you have an idea or suggestion that would be good for our community? This is the place and time to speak out!

Hazardous Waste Drop-off on Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Paints, solvents, household cleaners, oil, antifreeze, pesticides and batteries are examples of items that can be taken to the Glen Burnie county facility at 100 Dover Road (near the Glen Burnie Mall). Also, on this day, you may dispose of electronics, such as computers and TVs. You can call the county Recycling Division at 410-222-7951 or go to www.aacounty.org/DPW for details.



COMMUNITY NEWS

**Dobbins Islands Update**

Paul Spadaro, president of the Magothy River Association, has a message from his presentation to the Greater Severna Park Council on October 11 about the undeveloped island and about the house built on the little island without proper permits: "I told each representative to go back to their communities and tell that community that Dobbins Islands is not about property rights, it is about critical area laws and how they are applied now and in the future and that MRA needs their support." At the general meeting of the Cypress Improvement Association on September 13, members decided that the association would support the MRA efforts without taking an official position on this matter.

Holiday Decorating Opportunity

Do you remember the street sign poles that were decorated on Dill Road last year? They looked like candy canes and were topped with green wreaths. This year we will decorate our community pier and all along our "Main Street" – Cypress Creek Road. Want to help? Contact our designer elf ♥**Susan Kolbe**.

Village Views

Everyone had a great time meeting new neighbors and renewing old acquaintances at the **Annual Cypress Creek Crab Feast** on Sunday, September 18th. “Again the weather cooperated beautifully. Although only 40 people participated, those that were there enjoyed nice large heavy crabs, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, desserts, plus the fun of being with their Cypress Creek neighbors,” reported party planner and grill captain, ♥**Doug Pringle**.

A group of men spent a few hours shoveling and spreading new sand on the beach below the steps at the Cypress Creek community pier on Saturday, June 18 for the **annual sand replenishment project**. “I enjoy the pier a lot, and I’m glad to help,” said pier chairman ♥**Pat Bosak**.

Thanks to ♥**Mary Morin**, who raked the leaves and debris, and has been regularly removing the trash from the community pier. Mary’s initiative and vigilance have improved the aesthetics greatly.

Champions of Cypress Creek

♥**Erman “Lanny” Dill**’s recent retirement from the plumbing business ends 90 years of service, which began with his grandfather’s purchase of the family homestead in 1915. Our community’s roots included this history in a Capital newspaper article that appeared on August 18, written by Cypress Creek resident ♥**Sharon Lee Tegler**.

Gold Award winner ♥**Sara Metzger** spent 100 hours creating quilts that were distributed to sick children by Project Linus. The Gold Award is the highest achievement in girl scouts; only 2% of scouts nationwide earn this honor. “I selected this project because I wanted to provide comfort and support to children (and their families) with terminal illnesses awaiting treatment,” said Sara, who is in her first year at Villanova University.

♥**Cassie Sever** wrote a 21-line poem that was selected as a top ten finisher in a nationwide contest. Cassie’s poem, “Dance of the Ember,” recalls fond memories of family time sitting around a campfire. Cassie, who is in the 7th grade at Severna Park Middle School, wrote “I stay outside until the last ember fights to live...I wait for it to die — then I head inside...I think I will be more like [the ember] — a diehard.” Cassie’s poem started out as a class assignment that her teacher recommended submitting to the contest.

Friends of Anne Arundel County Trails

October is Membership Month: Interested parties can contact www.friendsofaatrails.org for information to join. Basic membership (includes newsletter) is \$20.00.

BOARD BULLETIN

Many Hands Make Light Work

Thank you, ♥**Ginger Biuk**, for agreeing to send e-mail alerts! We have found that this is the quickest, most efficient way to get news to the community. Since Ginger has re-started this service, we have found that many addresses are no longer valid. Please **email your current address** to: gbiuk@corridormtg.com so that you can continue to receive messages concerning our community.

We need a **permanent chairperson for the Hospitality Committee**. We have gift certificates from Gary’s Gardens to distribute to new members as welcome gifts. Please call ♥**Jean Friday** for details.

E-mail to the Editor

An alert reader pointed out that the County’s leash laws include all pets, such as cats, and not just dogs.

☺ ☺ **Say “hello” to your neighbor – make a new friend.** ☺ ☺