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**Newsletter for members of the Cypress Improvement Association, P.O. Box 146, Severna Park, MD 21146**

## *Important Reminder*

If the association has your email address you will receive newsletters electronically unless you notify the secretary, Mitchell Naimark, that you want a printed copy of the newsletter. If the association does not have an email address for you, you will continue to receive newsletters in the regular mail delivery. If you change your email address during the year, please update your email address on the association Web site: [www.cypress-improvement-association.org](http://www.cypress-improvement-association.org).

## EVENTS

### **Community Yard Sale, Saturday, June 3**

Ads will appear in *The Capital* and *Pennysaver*. Tie a balloon to your mailbox to alert shoppers that you are participating. Unlike past years, the yard sale will be on this day rain or shine.

### **Severna Park Chamber of Commerce 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**

This is a major event during the year celebrating the Severna Park Centennial. We would like to have a float in the parade. Please contact President Jean Friday to serve on the Float Committee.

### **Community Clean-up from noon on Thursday, August 31, to 8:00 am Saturday, September 2**

Dumpsters provided by the county will be located at Dill Road and St. Francis Court.



## COMMUNITY NEWS



### **We Have A Winner!**

Congratulations to Tony and Phyllis Dominick, winners of the \$25 gift certificate to Gary's Garden Mart. To be entered into the drawing, the membership application and fee had to be sent by February 28.

### **Mosquito Spraying**

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) will be monitoring our community on Thursday evenings from mid-May through August. The ULV (ultra low volume) spray will eliminate small insects actively in flight for about 30 minutes after spraying an area. This spray will not harm animals or people. However, if you are sensitive, you can request an exemption. For more information contact the MDA at 410-841-5870.

### **Is This Your Dog?**

A big black dog with a red collar, a large blond dog with a blue collar, a black and grey-speckled medium-size dog, a golden retriever, and a small beagle have been repeatedly seen wandering without supervision on Cypress Road. These pets appear well-cared for but could represent a threat to children and others. Also, the piles of pet waste

they leave behind can cause hazards; not just messy lawns and shoes but unexpected "banana peel" tumbles. For the safety of the pets and the peace of mind of our children and adults who play and walk in the community, please contact Animal Control at 410-222-8900. The owner(s) are subject to fine(s). Dogs must be on a leash – that is the law.

## BOARD BULLETIN

### School Board Meets to Discuss Re-districting

On June 7 at the Anne Arundel County Public Schools administration building on Riva Road in Annapolis, the Board of Education will receive the results of a comprehensive study which will recommend changes, including **redistricting**. It is unclear which neighborhoods will be subject to redistricting, but it is possible that Severna Park schools/communities may be at risk. The association has formed a committee to mobilize our neighborhoods to keep our children in the Severna Park feeder system. Please contact Chairperson Merilee Clay at [JMClay@verizon.net](mailto:JMClay@verizon.net) or Jen Haber at [JPHVegetarian@yahoo.com](mailto:JPHVegetarian@yahoo.com).

### Severna Park Centennial

The Severna Park Centennial Committee (SPCC) is preparing a publication celebrating the unique neighborhoods that make up our greater Severna Park community. An SPCC representative will be reviewing Cypress Creek history submitted by Ed Krause.

### Traffic Control Matters

At an April 11 meeting with the police captain of the precinct responsible for Cypress Creek our association president and vice-president discussed the safety of our residents. The police captain will assign patrol cars to drive through our community more frequently to issue tickets for speeding and parking violations. On May 18 our association president and vice-president will meet with Ed Horkey, county traffic engineer, to further discuss traffic control and no parking in the 20-foot areas.

### Committee Leaders

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### Help Wanted!

The association needs one more board member and someone to take over publishing the newsletter. Please contact Jean Friday.

### Thank You!

Ginger Biuk took the job of sending email alerts despite a demanding work schedule and the activities she and her husband Jeff enjoy as the parents of three busy children. We thank you, Ginger, for handling this important service with such humor and grace. Robb McCord, who designed and maintains our Web Site, [www.cypress-improvement-association.org](http://www.cypress-improvement-association.org), has now assumed the responsibility for sending email alerts. These volunteers exemplify what caring community residents can achieve for everyone's benefit.

☺ ☺ **Have a Safe & Happy Summer!** ☺ ☺