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WHERE'S CYPRESS CREEK RD?

RECORD SNOWFALL LEAVES ROADS IMPASSABLE

By Wednesday, February 10th, several days after being snowed in, with Cypress Creek Rd virtually impassable, most homeowners were feeling forgotten by the County. The snow plows had not been seen at all!

Seeking to solve the problem, Matt Milewski took matters into his own hands and sent an email to members of the association requesting that we all pitch in and shovel Cypress Creek Rd beginning at 1:00 that day!

The combined efforts of numerous shoveling neighbors, a Bobcat from Frank Listmann, and paid help from Gary's Garden Mart, eventually uncovered Cypress Creek Rd so that it was drivable after this record breaking snowfall!

What an outstanding job everyone did!



Photos by Brittany Reidy

CONSTRUCTION STATUS OF OUR SCHOOLS FOLGER MCKINSEY AND SEVERN PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Marilee Clay brought the community up to date on the construction status of Folger and Severna Park High at our last General Membership Meeting.

In her thorough overview she pointed out that Folger

McKinsey's revitalization is moving forward and the only question was where will the children be located? Although a number of proposals have been put on the table, there is one that will keep all the children together. Chesapeake Middle School is the

only one with the capacity to accommodate all the children from Folger. The relocation of the children is scheduled to begin in August of 2010 and continue through June of 2012.

Severna Park High

If a feasibility study is not started this year Severna Park High School will fail the next accreditation ...

CONSTRUCTION STATUS

School's future reconstruc-



tion, as many of you may be aware, is not moving forward as smoothly. Although required to be revitalized by the Accreditation Board, Leopold's office has not yet approved it. If a feasibility study is not started this year Severna Park High School will fail the next accreditation, slated for 2010. Failing it's

accreditation will seriously impact the community. If this happens talk of a class action lawsuit has been tossed around.

What can be done? Email or write to Leopold's office requesting that he include the feasibility study in his current budget.

TRAFFIC UPDATE

Ed Krause has been working on three different traffic issues: 1) traffic exiting from St John the Evangelist, 2) right turn on red, and 3) water accumulation at the intersection.

In late October Mr. Horky, Deputy Traffic Engineer and Mr. C. Bryant, Controller of St Johns Church met with Ed to discuss replacing the Yield sign with a Stop sign in order to better control the traffic exiting from St Johns. Shortly thereafter it was agreed to order a Stop sign.

More recently Ed met with Ms. Soni, a consultant with the State Highway Administration to find out what she concluded after conducting a study of the right turn on red from east bound Cypress Creek Rd

onto southbound Ritchie

The purpose of her study was to determine whether there was a need to eliminate the right



turn on red to ensure the safety of pedestrians crossing Ritchie Hwy.

Her conclusion was that the pedestrian crossing signal was not timed properly. As a result the timing was corrected, continual monitoring of the crosswalk is encouraged by our community to ensure it is in fact properly corrected.

Lastly, on Dec.11,2009 Ed Krause met with representatives from The State Highway Administration to

discuss the water accumulation at the intersection of Ritchie Hwy and Cypress Creek Rd. As a result a swale was cut on the northwest corner and appears to be correcting part of the problem. Ed will continue to work with them on the remaining standing water problems at this intersection.

...continued monitoring of the crosswalk is encouraged ...

2010 CYPRESS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 1—General Membership Mtg
7:30p.m., Woods Church rm 155
April 24—Earth Day at St Martins in
the Field
April 26—Board of Directors mtg
May 3—General Membership Mtg
7:30p.m., Woods Church rm 155
May—mosquito spraying to begin
June 12—community yard sale
June 28—Board of Directors mtg
June—TBD—stream cleanup with the
Magothy River Association
July 4—Greater Severna Park Coun-
cil 4th of July Parade

Aug 30—Board of Directors mtg
Sept 7—General Membership Mtg
7:30p.m., Woods Church rm 155
Sept 8— Dept of Health initiates
treated bait program for rabies con-
trol in raccoons
Sept 26—crab feast / picnic
Oct 23—Halloween Party
November—Holiday Decorations
Oct 25—Board of Directors mtg
Nov 1—General Membership Mtg
7:30p.m., Woods Church rm 155
Dumpster Days—TBD

*Next meeting -
March 1 7:30 pm
Woods Church rm
155*

NEW WATERFRONT TRASH CAN YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES AT WORK

Many thanks to all who have elected to send in your \$20 for membership dues. Like your household budget the dues is carefully monitored and used for maintaining the community amenities and for the general betterment of the families who live in the Cypress Improvement Association.

You might recognize this conspicuous, trusty, old waterfront trash can, who's duties have been retired

after many years of great service.

Pat Bosak, Chairman of the Pier Committee, took it upon himself to construct, in his garage, a replacement can, replicated after the old.



Speaking of membership dues at work. Wasn't that a great job that Gary's Garden Mart did in plowing Cypress Creek Rd? After several days of seeing no County plow in sight, it was decided that, with safety in mind, the road needed to be cleared of snow.

Thank you again for your membership!

Beautification :

*Pat Bozak
constructed new trash
can*

Important Links

Greater Severna Park Council—meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 in the Severna Park Library.

<http://www.gspcouncil.org/>

Magothy River Association— meetings are 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. and are located at the Berrywood Clubhouse.

<http://www.magothyriver.org>

651 Creek Rd Subdivision—for updates go to this link:

<https://aacoprod.aacounty.org/PACInternetInquiry/servlet/PACInternetInquiryServlet?EVENT=>

[PACPermitInquirySelection_OnLoad&PAGENAME=Menu](https://aacoprod.aacounty.org/PACInternetInquiry/servlet/PACInternetInquiryServlet?EVENT=PACPermitInquirySelection_OnLoad&PAGENAME=Menu)

Scooping up Poop

<http://www.aacounty.org/animalcontrol/affidavitcitation.cfm>

Neighborhood statistics

www.myannearundelcounty.org

Membership

Please send in your membership!

To date we have received 128 membership applications and checks. That's 34 shy of last year, which ended with a total of 162 members. If you can't locate the application you received in the mail, then simply use the one below:

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NAME(S): _____
ADDRESS: _____
Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Do you wish to have your name included in a directory of members?

Yes _____ No _____

Circle a committee(s) that you would like to join:

Pier (2) Hospitality (3) Web site (4) Education (5) Picnic/Crab Feast (6) Halloween
(7) Zoning (8) Traffic (9) Roads (10) Environmental (11) News Letter (12) Other

Please include a \$20.00 membership fee and return this form to:
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