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Recipe of the Month

Fall Is Here!

Here it is, Fall again, I wonder where the summer went. While the fall season brings the beautiful multi-colored foliage, it also brings late daybreak and earlier sunset. This means our children will be going to and coming from the school buses in near darkness. Please drive careful and watch for our children during these hours.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Krause".

Ed Krause

President 2007, Cypress Improvement Association



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Communication to Members

The Board of the Association has several ways of communicating to members:

- 1.) Email: This method is used when fast response is required. (Examples: Crime alert, storm emergency, etc.)
- 2.) Newsletter: Valuable information for use by the members
- 3.) Message Board: Located at property line between Gary's Garden and the Church. The board is used to give information on events (Examples: Meetings, crab feast, etc.)
- 4.) General Meeting: Held 5 times per year. Give helpful information also have guest speakers on subjects important to the community.

Anne Arundel County Office

At our General meeting we had Ms. Brenda Reiber of the County Executive Office present. Ms. Reiber is a Community and Constituent Services Specialist in the County Executive Office for the Severna Park area. She is very helpful in directing us to the various departments of the county.



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November Meeting

Our next General Meeting will be held on November 8, 2007 at the Woods Memorial Building, Room 145.

It is planned to have a representative from the Baltimore Gas & Electric Co. address the electric outages in our area. They will also inform us of what to do when there is an outage. Bring your questions and comments.

Our Community

Community News & Events

Dumpster Days



The dumpsters will be delivered by noon on **November 17, 2007** and will be picked up by 8:00AM on **November 19, 2007**. It will be located at Dill Road and St. Francis Court (same place as last year).

Unacceptable materials include:

- Junk automobiles
- Trailers
- Oil drums or tanks
- Hazardous waste
- Tires
- Logs
- Gas and propane tanks
- Tree trunks
- Liquids
- Boats
- Paint
- Refrigerator or air conditioners

Removal of any unacceptable materials placed in the dumpsters, or left after the clean up is over will be the responsibility of the community and at the community's expense.

Severna Park High School's The Pirates of Penzance



Severna Park High School Stage Company cast of The Pirates of Penzance.

Severna Park High School Stage Company is proud to present its' fall Production of Gilbert & Sullivan's The Pirates of Penzance! The cast of 42 student performers, the endearing music and the comical tale will delight audiences young and old.

Evening performances are November 9, 10, 16, 17 at 7:30 p.m. and matinee performances are November 11th and 17th at 2:30. Ticket order forms can be found on the Company's website sphsdrama.com. Ticket prices for adults are \$10 and students/seniors \$7.

Special Pirate Events include dress like a pirate and get free grog at intermission at any show for any age. Also, there will be a Victorian Tea Party on the November 11th matinee and a Treasure Hunt at the November 17th matinee for ages 10 and under. There is also a discount student and senior show on November 9 at 9:00 A.M. For more information see the website or contact Ms. Germanos at 410.544.0900.

Performances:

November 9, 10, 16, 17 at 7:30 p.m.

November 11 & 17 at 2:30 p.m.

Community Photo Album

Photos from past community association events

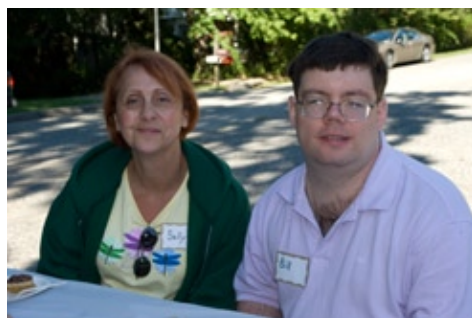
Community Spooktacular Halloween Party

The 2007 Community Spooktacular Halloween Party took place on Sunday October 28, 2007 at the Cypress Glen Community common ground. The party was a huge success thanks to all those who participated, volunteered, and especially to Barbara Naimark, the Party Chair who spearheaded the event.



Annual Community Picnic & Crab Feast

The Annual Community Picnic & Crab Feast took place on Sunday, September 16th at Charita Court. Thanks to all those attended and special thanks to those who helped organize the event.



Safety Crime Stop



At our March General Meeting we had a member of the A.A. County Police Department give us a presentation on some of their crime protection programs; Crimewatch, Operation ID, etc. At that time we thought it would be possible to bring the entire Community into one or more of these programs. However, we were not able to accomplish this because of the lack of volunteers as Block Captains, etc. After this, we went to Plan B, with thought of bringing on one or two of the subdivisions- start small and then grow. Again, we failed because of a lack of volunteers.

Recently we had some robberies on Cypress Creek Road. On September 29, 2007, there was a breaking and entering attempt in the Cypress Pointe subdivision. The Board of Directors of the Cypress Improvement Association has elected to place ideas of crime stopping on the back burner unless we can get volunteers to head-up and carry out the program. Anyone interested in getting this started may contact Ed Krause at (410) 647-3069.

Watershed Action Group

On September 28, 2007, the Watershed Action Group and A.A. County of Dept. of Public Works sponsored a field trip to some location where streams had been restored. This was an attempt to answer some of the residents concerns about tree and vegetation removal by showing them what a completed project looked like. A couple of our members attended and took pictures. It is planned for us to combine these pictures and develop a presentation.

We are continuing to work with the Department of Public Works and the Watershed Action Group to resolve the problem of storm water flow in Dunkeld Manor; also to decrease numbers of trees to be removed. At the request of the Maryland Department of the Environment the County is revising their plans to reduce the number of trees to be removed. These plan revisions are scheduled to be completed by early November. When completed, they will discuss with involved residents.

If you are an impacted resident and have not been in our previous discussion and care to be included in any further discussion, please contact Ed Krause at 410-647-3069.



Board of Education Members

For a list of the 2007-2008 Anne Arundel County Board of Education members, please visit:
<http://www.aacps.org/aacps/boe/board/Board.asp> or call:

General Information - (410) 222-5000
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The Community Center

The Cypress Improvement Association recently received a nice thank-you letter from the local Community Center for the donation made towards The Community Center Bricks Project.

There was a question at the General Membership Meeting about the ordering of bricks for the Plaza. According to the ordering pamphlet, cut of was May 31, 2007. However, bricks can still be added at later dates. Please call (410) 647-5843 for more information.





S'mores Apples

Caramel apples are studded with graham crackers & marshmallows and drizzled with chocolate for a treat you can't get enough of!

Recipe from AllRecipes.com

Makes: 6 servings

- 6 Granny Smith apples
- 6 wooden sticks
- 1 (14 ounce) package individually wrapped caramels, unwrapped
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1 1/2 cups crushed graham crackers
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

DIRECTIONS

- Insert wooden sticks 3/4 of the way into the stem end of each apple. Place apples on a cookie sheet covered with lightly greased aluminum foil.
- Combine caramels and water in a saucepan over low heat. Cook, stirring often, until caramel melts and is smooth. Stir in the vanilla. Dip each apple into the caramel and gently run apples around insides of saucepan to scrape off some of the caramel. Scrape excess caramel from the apple bottoms using the side of the saucepan.
- Combine the miniature marshmallows and graham crackers on a dinner plate. Roll the apples in the mixture to coat. Place on the aluminum foil and chill.
- Put the chocolate chips in a microwave-safe bowl. Cook in the microwave for 30 second intervals, stirring between each, until melted and smooth. Drizzle over the apples and return them to the refrigerator until ready to serve.

NUTRITION INFORMATION

Nutrition (per serving): Calories 584 (22% from fat) | Protein 6.5g | Fat 15.8g (sat 9.6g) | Carbohydrate 113.8g
Fiber 5.6g | Cholesterol 5mg | Iron 2mg | Sodium 307mg | Calcium 111mg



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