

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Constant Friendship Homeowners Association Newsletter

Winter 2008

Holiday Decoration Contest

Congratulations to the winners of our Annual Holiday Decoration Contest. The Holiday spirit was alive and well in Constant Friendship! There were many fantastic displays decorating our homes. It was a difficult task determining winners. Congratulations to all who participated.

- ♦ 1st Place → 3353 Betterton Circle \$100.⁰⁰
- ♦ 2nd Place → 3451 Howell Court \$ 75.⁰⁰
- ♦ 3rd Place → 3404 Clairborne Way \$ 50.⁰⁰

Constant Friendship Website

Check out the Constant Friendship website at www.cfhoa.com. We are updating the look and feel of our website with more current and relevant information. The bulletin board will remain for your writing & viewing pleasure.

Holiday Tree Pickup ~ 2008

HSS will pick up Christmas trees on normal trash pick up days during the week of January 21st. Please place your trees in the common area adjacent to the mailboxes or with your other trash. Do not place them in the street, parking pads, center islands or put them out any earlier than necessary. Trees will only be picked up during that week. They should not be discarded into the common area woods. If you witness such “dumping” please notify your Property Manager immediately.

Unauthorized Vehicles

It appears that unauthorized vehicles in our community are again on the rise. We will continue to ticket and tow vehicles including ones with expired or missing license plates, and vehicles that are in a non-operational

condition, per our community documents. The vehicles will be towed to Carriers, Inc., a private storage area in Aberdeen. The cost to the owner may exceed \$200.00 for towing plus storage fees. The community is not responsible for any damages. If your vehicle is ticketed, please contact the Property Manager immediately. The Board of Directors does not wish to tow vehicles, but they are obligated to enforce the community documents to preserve, enhance and protect our property values. We have limited parking in the community and unauthorized vehicles take spaces that could be used by homeowners and their guests.

Valuable Phone Numbers

Property Manager (Trenton Property Services)
410-838-4600 or 879-8333.
Non-Emergency Police Response
410-838-6600
Animal Control
410-638-3505
County Water & Sewer (Emergency)
410-612-1612
Upper Chesapeake Medical Center
410-643-1000
Poison Information Center
800-222-1222
BGE – www.bge.com
800-685-0123
Street Light Out, possible gas leak, power lines down, tree on power line
Harford Sanitation Services (Trash Collection)
410-838-5472

Significant HOA Dates

- ♦ Monthly Board Meetings – last Wednesday of each month (except Nov & Dec)
- ♦ Annual/Budget Meeting – October 29, 2008
- ♦ November Meeting on November 19, 2008
- ♦ December Meeting on December 17, 2008
- ♦ Tree Pickup 2008 – Week of January 21st

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No Trash Pickup

- ♦ July 4th
- ♦ Thanksgiving
- ♦ Christmas Day
- ♦ New Year's Day

Please be aware of the day the holiday falls on. Do not put trash out knowing that the pick up day is on a holiday. This will eliminate trash blowing around the community and unsightly piles of garbage. Pick ups will continue on the next scheduled trash day following the holiday.

Community Cleanup

Please be sure your trash is placed at the curb no earlier than the night before pick-up. Remember to remove trash containers by the end of the day. We have a problem with blowing trash in the common areas, along roadways, on lawns. All trash should be secured in trash cans or a sturdy garbage bag; one that will not break and is securely tied. If you see trash blowing in the streets or on lawns please take the time to secure it and help keep the community clean. Bulk pickups can be scheduled by calling Harford Sanitation at 410-838-5472. Remember, HSS will not pick up yard waste or tree cuttings

Unwanted Newspaper Delivery

★ The Baltimore Examiner ★

Since October 2007, the Community of Constant Friendship has been bombarded by the mass delivery of the free newspaper "The Baltimore Examiner". For some homeowners, this was a welcome source of information, but many who do not want the paper, have let them sit in front of their homes or have discarded them in the

common areas. The newspapers have created a litter problem, are unsightly and are a cost to your association to pick up.

The Constant Friendship Homeowners Association (CFHOA), along with several other surrounding community associations, has made numerous attempts to get this mass delivery stopped, with little success. We have contacted the Circulation Department, speaking to the VP of Circulation, and have written the paper demanding that the mass deliveries be stopped. Both methods have failed. In each case, the paper has responded that each home must notify the paper of its desire to "NOT" receive delivery.

CFHOA is requesting all homeowners who do not wish to receive the paper to call "The Baltimore Examiner" and ask that mass deliveries be stopped. The phone number is 410-878-6188. The Vice President of Circulation is Michael Barnum.

If this effort is unsuccessful, we may ask for a legal opinion from our attorney on potential options. This move could be very expensive and its results questionable. Please support our efforts and call "The Baltimore Examiner" today. This is an easy way for each homeowner to improve the appearance of their neighborhood.

Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held monthly at Trenton Property Services, Inc. (TPSI), 126 South Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014. Meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month and begin at 7:00 pm. If you would like to attend a meeting, please call ahead to our Property Manager to reserve a seat. You may reach John Strauss, at jstrauss@tpsi.net or Elayne Zahn, at ezahn@tpsi.net or call the office 410-838-4600 or 410-879-8333.