



# Dresden Green News

SUMMER 2006

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# Next Meeting, Tuesday June 6



Where: West Lanham Hills Firehouse 8501 Good Luck Road

**Time:** 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

The meeting hall is on the second floor of the firehouse (elevator is available).

The guest speaker for this meeting will be Dr. Larry Mercer, President of the Washington Bible College/Capital Bible Seminary. The WBC/CBS campus is our largest neighbor, located directly across Princess Garden Parkway. Many residents in our community have taught, graduated from, or have taken adult education classes at this great facility.

This meeting will give you an opportunity to learn more about this educational facility, and have Dr. Mercer answer any questions, or address any concerns you may have about Washington Bible College/Capital Bible Seminary.

# Message from the Association President Submitted by Eugene Young

Greetings,

Did spring boycott us this year? It seems we only had a few days between heat and air-conditioning. I hope you are ready for the hot, hazy, humid days of summer!

We regret to report that long-time resident and Block Captain, Marjorie Johnson has died. Marjorie is going to be missed. She and her husband, Rev. Robert Johnson were original owners on Edgerton Drive. Their children, Bobby and Marcus were born and raised in our community. Marjorie was a school teacher and knew many of the children in our area. She and her family were members of the Dresden Green Mixed Foursome Bowling League back in the 70's.

During the Executive Committee meeting last week, several concerns were raised by our community Block Captains. Please see the accompanying article on page 2 for details.

Let's all work together to keep Dresden Green an attractive community in which to live.

# **Current Community Concerns**

During the Executive Committee meeting last week, concerns were raised by several Block Captains including:

**Speeding** – Remember, these are residential streets. For the safety of all residents, especially children, please slow down.

**Vandalism of street signs and private property** – There has been an increase in this type of crime. If you observe such activity, please notify the proper authorities. Parents, please ensure that your children respect others property.

Littering and Loitering — Several complaints have been received regarding littering, and youth hanging out on street corners.

**Property Maintenance** — Numerous complaints have been received about tall grass, trash in yards, and poor property maintenance. It is every homeowners responsibility to properly maintain their homes and yards. Prince George's County Inspectors will be notified, and citations issued to homeowners in violation of community standards.



**Illegal Parking and/or Abandoned Vehicles** — All vehicles parked on residential streets must have valid tags. Please do not park close to street corners, as it makes it difficult for large vehicles especially trucks to pass. Also, do not block driveways.

**Blocking Public Sidewalks** — Many residents enjoy taking regular walks throughout our community for exercise or pleasure. You can help provide for a safe walking environment by following these suggestions:

- Trim low branches on trees and bushes to provide clearance for walkers.
- Do not block public sidewalks with vehicles. Pull completely into driveways, or park on the street.
- Ensure pets are not allowed to roam free. Keep dogs leashed when walking. Please clean-up after your pet. We constantly receive complaints about dogs doing their business in others vards.

Attention to these concerns will be appreciated by your neighbors.



The three hardest words to say... "I am wrong."

The two most appreciated words... "Thank You."

The four most encouraging words... "Let me help you."

The four most inspirational words... "I'm praying for you."

The four worst negative words... "You can't do it."

The four most positive words... "You can do it!"

The three most needed words... "I love you."









# The Successful Woman Submitted by Mildred Young

THE SUCESSFUL WOMAN knows herself well and uses her talents wisely.

With warmth in her smile and comfort in her touch, she lets others know how special they are.

She thinks children are priceless, all nature is precious, and asks what she can do to make the world a better place.

THE SUCESSFUL WOMAN is not looking for success — it finds her while she is reaching out, touching lives, and sharing herself with others.



# **Crime Watch**

There were no reported incidents of crime this period.

Residents are reminded to please call the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Welton Belsches to report criminal or suspicious activity in our community.

Also, call your Block Captain so he/she can notify others on your block to be on watch for suspicious activity.

# Your Ad Mere for only \$5.00\*

Please contact the newsletter editor to place your ad

\*standard business card size, larger sizes slightly more

# In Sympathy

The Association extends condolences to the family of Marjorie Johnson. Marjorie was an active member of the Citizens' Association, and a long-time Block Captain for Edgerton Drive. She will be missed by all who knew her.



# **Personal Ads**



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# **Storage Space Needed**

Do you have some unused space in your home?

A Dresden Green neighbor needs climate-controlled storage space for books and media. Requires regular (daily), but not 24 hour access. Payment to be negotiated.

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# **Utility Improvements**

## Submitted by Steve Saville

By the time you receive this newsletter, most, if not all, of our community should have new communication conduit (orange tubing), and junction boxes installed along the utility right-of-way in front of your homes. This is the first step by Verizon in replacing the outdated copper wire phone system with a fiber-optic system.

This upgrade will provide our community with the latest technology in communications service. The new fiber-optic system uses thin strands of glass fiber to transmit voice and data using light instead of electricity. The old copper system is affected by moisture, corrosion, loose connections, etc., which cause static or poor quality service.

In addition to better phone service, the fiber-optic system will offer the fastest speed in broadband (Internet) service. Currently, users are limited to Verizon's older technology such as "Dial-Up" (very slow!) or "DSL" (faster than dial-up, but much slower than cable). Comcast Cable currently offers the fastest service, but the new fiber service will surpass this, offering much greater speed. Soon, Verizon will also provide digital television service using this same fiber, thus offering customers another choice for television programming service.

Once the infrastructure is in place, Verizon will offer each household the opportunity to move from copper to fiber. This will entail installing a fiber-optic cable from the street to your home, and installation of an Optical Network Terminal (ONT), replacing your old telephone interface (the gray or black box outside your home where your telephone service begins). The ONT will convert the fiber-optic signal back to electrical for use by your existing home telephone wiring. No change in phones or wiring inside your home should be necessary.

The installation of this technology is just another example of improvements being made to our community, and makes Dresden Green a great community in which to reside.

# Hurricane Season is Here — Are You Prepared?

### The following items are recommended for inclusion in your basic disaster supplies kit:

- Three-day supply of non-perishable food.
- Three-day supply of water one gallon of water per person, per day.
- Portable, battery-powered radio or television and extra batteries.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- First aid kit and manual.
- Sanitation and hygiene items (moist towelettes and toilet paper).
- Matches and waterproof container.
- Whistle.

- Extra clothing.
- Kitchen accessories and cooking utensils, including a can opener.
- Photocopies of credit and identification cards.
- Cash and coins.
- Special needs items, such as prescription medications, eye glasses, contact lens solutions, and hearing aid batteries.
- Items for infants, such as formula, diapers, bottles, and pacifiers.
- Other items to meet your unique family needs.

# What Kind of "Tater" Are You?

## **Submitted by Steve Saville**

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called "Speck Taters."

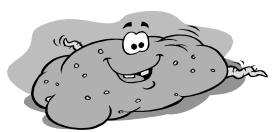
Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "Comment Taters."

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands. They are called "Dick Taters."

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet. They are called "Agie Taters."

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help. They are called "Hezzie Taters."

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called "Emma Taters."



Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called "Sweet Taters."

What kind of tater are you?

# Community Picnic — September 16, 2006

Mark your calendar! The annual community picnic will be held on Saturday, September 16.

We need YOUR help to make this event a success. Please attend the meeting next Tuesday, June 6, and volunteer to help with planning this event. We need folks to setup, grill, provide games for the youth, cleanup, etc.

Please don't miss this opportunity to become involved in your community.

Suggestion: Re-read the article at the top of this page, and then decide what kind of "tater" you will be.



# **Association Meeting Schedule for 2006**

#### General Meetings (All residents invited)

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Tuesday, June 6, 2006

Tuesday, September 5, 2006

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

All residents are encouraged to attend the general meetings and participate in matters related to our community. Special meetings and events will be announced in the quarterly newsletter.

### **Executive Committee Meetings**

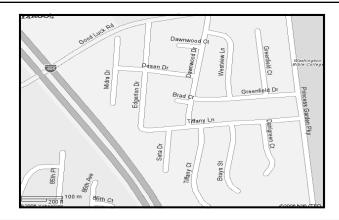
Tuesday, February 28, 2006

-Tuesday, May 30, 2006

Tuesday, August 29, 2006

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

All Executive Committee Members and Block Captains are expected to attend these meetings.



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Articles, comments, and suggestions are welcome, and can be submitted to the Newsletter Editor

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	Block Captain for	<u>Phone</u>
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Johnny Green	6402 Brays St	Brays St	301-552-2768
Regina Clarke	6406 Dahlgreen Ct	Dahlgreen Ct	301-552-9646
Eugene Young	7900 Dawnwood Ct	Dawnwood Ct	301-552-1672
William Pinchback	7906 Desen Dr	Desen Dr	301-552-3596
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Fuller Ming	6508 Greenfield Ct	Greenfield Ct	301-552-3747
Marian Lewis	8001 Greenfield Dr	Greenfield Dr	301-552-9593
Tunda Bowen	6510 Midra Dr	Midra Dr (6505 - 6512)	301-552-2875
Grace Knox	6517 Midra Dr	Midra Dr (6514 - 6523)	301-552-1938
Sandy Bedoni	6556 Princess Garden Pky	Princess Garden Pky	301-552-1070
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