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Special points of interest:

- Next meeting: Jul 22 at 7:30 at The Zipser's 1312 Tulip Poplar Ln

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## The Boys of Summer-a Little History

Baseball is one of the most popular sports in North America, but how did it all get started? Thanks to the Internet, here's a short summary.

Baseball dates as far back as the late 1700's but didn't really become the "national pastime" until the late 1800's. The first rules were written and published in 1848 for the New York Knickerbockers. One of those rules was that runners could no
longer be called out by being "plugged" or "soaked" (hit directly with the ball by a fielder).

The first professional team was the Cincinnati Red Stockings formed in 1869. Shortly thereafter in 1876 the National League was formed followed by the American league in 1903. This was also the year of the first World Series that competed the champions of each league against each other.

Black Americans had their own leagues and a devoted following. But in 1946, Brooklyn Dodgers General Manager, Branch Rickey started the wheels in motion that would integrate baseball. Defying an unwritten rule, Rickey signed Jackie Robinson to a contract and it didn't take long before Robinson's skill and talent earned him the respect he deserved. But that's enough about history...

As with so many other activities in life, baseball has its own language; some have interesting beginnings and some have worked their way into everyday communications.

In an effort to cover all my bases, there are terms whose origins are obvious like "step up to the plate" and then there are those that are more out of left field, like "tater" which is a home run ball.

And of course, right off the bat, I think of when the next batters are called "on

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deck" and "in the hole" which both stem from nautical terms.

I wouldn't be way off base to tell you that a "pickle" is when the runner gets caught in a rundown, which I guess just comes from being in a tight spot, or a pickle.

And I don't think l'm playing hardball or throwing you a curve by explaining that a "daisy cutter" is a hard hit ground ball,
close enough to the grass to lop the tops off any daisies that might be growing.

Well, I have enjoyed touching base with all of you and hopefully I haven't struck out with this article. Just remember, it ain't over 'till it's over!

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## Around the Neighborhood

## Landscape Cmte

Several neighbors had mentioned to Sang Go, our Landscape Committee, that the lights at the Colvin Forest entrance sign were very dim. As it turned out only one was even working. Well the lights have been replaced with newer, brighter LED lights and they look great-Thanks Sang!

## Golf Tourney

The CGCA Board chose to sponsor a local teacher at the Celebrate Great Falls Golf Tournament, benefiting our 3 local elementary schools. The teacher is Diane Hausman, a 4th grade
teacher at Colvin Run ES.
 Yard Sale Anyone?

Alex Gordon has graciously volunteered to organize the neighborhood yard sale. Alex will take care of advertising and hopefully getting a charity organization to come through after the fact to pick up leftovers if you so wish. No need to do anything other than put your items out in your garage or driveway on the chosen day, probably sometime mid this month. However, if you want the truck to come by to pick up any leftovers, you need to let Alex know (see below).

## Route 7 Project

Another Public Information Meeting will be held to bring citizens up to date on the Rt 7 Widening project design modifications since the last meeting in November. The meeting will be held at Forestville Elementary from 6 to 8 pm on June 24th.

## Spring is Almost Flung

The Spring Fling "Block" Party will move from the spring to the fall this year, so stay tuned for more information on that. In the mean time...

## Summer Happy Hours!

They're heeeeeere - Colvin's Glen Happy Hours have returned. No need to settle for once a month--weekly may be the way to roll this Spring and Summer--it's up to all of us to decide the frequency. Our Happy Hours are Friday night family gettogethers with BYO kid and adult beverages and BYO munchies to share. The numbers vary but there could be as few as $5-10$ or as many as $30++$ people who attend.

Sign up to "host" a happy hour in your driveway/front yard, cul de sac or in your backyard. To host, you simply need to provide 3 things: a table for food/cups etc., a trash can and recycle bin, and a cooler or two (with ice would be nice, but not necessary) for people to stash their BYOs. It will also be appreciated if you and surrounding neighbors will open your home(s) to those in need of a restroom. Sign up via SignUpGenius.com at the following link www.SignUpGenius.com/ go/20F0A49AFAA2AA46-neighborhood. Thanks to the Tempestas for hosting this Friday.

## Dates to Remember

| What | When | Where | Contact |
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| Next CGCA <br> Meeting | Jul 22 <br> 7:30pm | I3I2 Tulip Poplar Ln | Mike Zipser at 757-7840 or <br> mzipser@gmail.com |
| Happy Hour | June 6 <br> 6-8pm | Tempesta family <br> IOI05 Mill Wheel Ln | Ann Rosenbloom at 757-9363 <br> or abrosenbloom@gmail.com |
| Yard Sale | TBD(watch <br> for email) | All Over the Place! | Alex Gordon at 757-I850 or <br> ajgordon7I5@yahoo.com |
| "So Long to <br> Summer" Party | Sept TBD | TBD | Ally Weingast at 757-0I86 or <br> aberrip@aol.com |

