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Gwynns Falls Newsletter

Gwynns Falls Business and Homeowners Association

A Non-Profit Community Association

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Mission Statement

- ❖ Our community is made up of civic minded, responsible individuals and business people united in activism for the safety and enjoyment of our neighborhood and the surrounding areas. We represent a return to civility and order. We wish to be the voice for the neighborhood to help enforce existing regulations and implement revisions in areas where rules are flawed, ineffective or non-existent. We strive to see families and businesses in this community working together supporting general community interests such as issues with the city's legislation, efforts designed to increase property values, and other long term goals for an improved quality of life and the beautification of our community.

Hi, Neighbors!

- ❖ We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer! As we move forward into the last several months of this year, we'd like to take this opportunity to say *Thank You Over and Over Again* to everyone who helps in some way to make our community more desirable! We appreciate your efforts in keeping our neighborhood safe, peaceful, free of trash, lawns mowed, and creating a community of togetherness!
- ❖ Further, you might have observed that social activities are limited for children, youth, and adults within our community. We're an association with minimum resources; and, we're doing the best we can for you. Challenging at times, but with your support we'll be better equipped to carry out the needs of the community.
- ❖ We remain hopeful that more residents and businesses will join us by engaging in volunteering opportunities, and participating in paying membership dues. This year, nine households and five businesses monetarily supported the association, and we greatly appreciate your assistance! Whether you're a homeowner, renter, or business owner, we ask that you'll invest in the community where you live and or work. Your support will enormously enrich the Gwynns Falls community. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

In Memoriam

- ❖ Vernon Henery – September 4, 2016 – S. Longwood Street
- ❖ Vernon, husband of Janet Henery, was a kind and wonderful neighbor and friend. He was an active member of the association, and volunteered his valuable time to assist with community events, and always helped out whenever needed. Vernon will be truly missed! The Memorial Service will be held at St Anne's Episcopal Church, Thursday, October 20 at 1 PM, Church Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401. The repast, 3428 Rockway Avenue, Annapolis MD 21403 will follow the ceremony. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to Gilchrist Services Hospice Care. Please view website for donating: <http://www.gilchristservices.org/>

Community Dumpster

- ❖ Wednesday, October 5 – 3000 block of Stafford Street @ 500 block block of S. Longwood Street – 8 AM – 12 NN

Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP)

- ❖ Jon McGill, Director of Academic Affairs will be at our October 6 community meeting to give an update on Frederick Elementary School. Please join us!

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake's Fall Cleanup

- ❖ Saturday, October 22, 2016 – 9 AM – 1 PM. If interested in participating in the community cleanup, please contact roslyngarrison57@yahoo.com.

General Presidential and Mayoral Election

- ❖ Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2016 - Polling Location Address: Academy of Success, 525 Hurley Avenue - Hours: 7 AM – 8 PM - Ward & Precinct: 20-009 – Website: <http://boe.baltimorecity.gov>

Did You Know...?

- ❖ Our new flag is flying high over the Gwynns Falls Park—God Bless the USA; and, our new Welcome Sign will be displayed in the park at Hurley & Wilkens Avenues soon! The sign will identify who we are again and it'll help our visitors to feel more welcomed. We extend a shout-out to Rodger Tyson on S. Longwood Street who volunteered his time and skills to construct the sign. Thank you, Tyson!
- ❖ The Gwynns Falls Free Library at 539 Parksley Avenue offers free books for children and adults! It's a convenient outdoor resource for everyone! Please feel free to take a book or donate a book. Happy Reading! For additional information, please email Connor Meek cmeekvt@gmail.com. We extend a thank you to Connor for our library!
- ❖ For years, Gary Pearson on Strickland Street consistently keeps some of our neighborhood streets free of trash—clean streets. Thank you very much, Gary!
- ❖ Call 311 (City Services) for unkempt yards, potholes, damaged or missing traffic signs, parking issues, bulk trash pickup and many other issues! Please utilize 311 for your first line of inquiry. Website: <http://www.baltimorecity.gov>
- ❖ Our community meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at the Academy of Success, 525 Hurley Avenue at 7 PM. There is no community meeting in months January and August. Please join us! We want to hear your interests, concerns, and questions on how we as an association can help improve our community.

Pet Owners

- ❖ Please remember to cleanup after your pet! Our Gwynns Falls Park is a beautiful place for our children to play. Let's all do our part to keep it sanitary and inviting! Please use the new trashcans in the park to deposit your trash and pet waste. Signs are posted as a reminder. Also, please be respectful and cleanup after your pet on the sidewalks, other neighbors' lawns, and Wellesley Park.

Business Members

- ❖ A1 Auto, 3041 Frederick Avenue - 410-566-5878 – www.a1autothreebroscarrepair.com
- ❖ Carey (Restaurant Shop) Sales and Services, 3141 Frederick Avenue - 410-945-7878 – 800-848-7747 (toll free)
www.careysales.com
- ❖ Hayford Builders, 508 S. Caton Avenue – 410-362-3812 – www.hayfordbuilders.com
- ❖ Laun Brothers Lumber, 605 S. Caton Avenue – 410-233-0737
- ❖ Three Brothers Shopping Plaza, 3061 Frederick Avenue – 410-566-9112 – www.threebros.net

More News

- ❖ Attention residents and businesses, please join us in paying membership dues. Dues are voluntary. For your information, Residents, \$8 yearly (only 2 cents per day) and Businesses, \$100 yearly (only 27 cents per day). Your monetary assistance would be very much appreciated! Dues can be paid by attending one of our community meetings or by contacting Connor Meek if you can't attend the meeting. Thank you in advance for your support!

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