



MILLERS ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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Letter From the President

Just want to remind you of our Millers Island merchandise. We have beach towels, t-shirts and some sweatshirts left. We also have on order, brand new sweat pants. They are the same color as our sweatshirts and Millers Island is printed down the pants leg. If your interested in merchandise just give Carter a call, (410) 491-1805.

If anyone has a complaint that they wish the Association to get involved in, you must submit it in writing. Mail it or give it to one of the board of directors. You must also furnish your contact information in this letter so that we can follow up on your complaint. Your complaint will be reviewed and discussed by the board of directors and a decision will be made as to what course of action should be taken. Whatever the decision of the board you will be contacted and furnished that decision along with any guidance to resolve the problem. With that being said, I would hope that all of us here in Millers Island would make a serious effort to be neighborly and treat each other as you would want to be treated. We may not always agree, but we should always try to show compassion, tolerance, and work together as neighbors. Most problems when discussed calmly, can be resolved. If you work towards resolution instead of blame great things happen.

Bernice Myer

President



134 CURRENT MEMBERS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

No Meeting in October as S.P.H.S is closed for the holiday.

October 18, 2005 @ 7:00 PM
Board Meeting

October 29, 2005 @ 12 x 3:00 PM
Children's Halloween Party
The New White Swan.

November 1, 2005, 7:00 PM
General Membership meeting
S.P.H.S. Library

Board of Directors

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Alternate Board Members:
 Bob Ward Sr. Adam Szczypinski

- In this edition:
- CERT postponed at this time.
 - Snag in 3rd St. Canal project.
 - Halloween on the Island, kids party
 - NPC very important meeting

Citizen Emergency Response Training... POSTPONED

In my opinion this is very unfortunate, however after 20 individuals signed up for this very important and beneficial training, only 9 actually signed up with Baltimore County. We need at least 20 people for the county to offer us this class. We will revisit this committee when more participation becomes available. Please be mindful of weather situations, and when asked to evacuate, please do so. It's better to be inconvenienced then in harms way.

Do we want Baltimore County Code Enforcement conducting a sweep?

I ask this question after I have received many complaints from many residents as it pertains to code violations. Complaints of uncut grass, abandoned boats and vehicles, general debris left at property sites, lots being used as junk yards and/or trash sites. I'd like to take this time to ask once again for the residents involved in any such violation to please clean

up and take care of this problem. I'm sure no one wants to get cited by the county for any such code violation. Once the county issues such violations you are given a designated time frame to rectify the situation after that, the county can have the matter resolved and then charge you for the services they had to provide. This is very expensive and not worth the hassle. You community

Association has made several pleas for these situations to be resolved. However, the complaints keep coming. Prior to the Association contacting Balto. Co. you the residents will be notified. Let's not have to get the county involved.....



WHAT'S THE MILLERS ISLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DO FOR YOU?

We have a website, monthly newsletters, community Christmas Party, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party, Spring Fling, National Night Out (cook-out with the cops), our very own merchandise, monthly meetings where we update you on all activities and goings on in our community, as well as ask you for tell us your concerns and wants. We apply for community grants, like the ones used for the message board in the playground and the brand new entrance garden and entrance sign. We also work on numerous projects throughout the community and make requests from various Baltimore County departments, for grass cutting, drainage ditch issues, 3rd Street Canal and the like. We do work for you and we hope your proud of our work and our community.

IMPORTANT PENINSULA MEETING..... IF YOU CARE YOU'LL ATTEND!

The North Point Peninsula Community Coordinating Council is having a very important, impacting meeting on Wed. November 9th 2005 @ 9:00 PM located at Edgemere Elementary School, cafeteria. Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith will be attending and he wants to hear what you have to say. This is an information gathering meeting, basically what will be discussed is what projects you want to see occur here on the peninsula. All residents are invited, if you live on the peninsula you'll be effected so don't let someone speak on your behalf. Have your own voice, voice your opinion and speak your mind. The NPC is the voice of the people, make sure they know what it is you want said. Do we need recreation? Do we need a boat ramp? Do we need drainage issues addressed? Do we need sidewalks, gutters and curbs? Do you want a walking park in front of the school? Do you want a bike lane on our roads? Would you like a drug rehab facility up the street? **GOTTCHA**, see why you need to come to this meeting. For that matter you should attend as many community meetings as possible, this would include our own meetings. Community Associations strengthen communities and assist in organizing them and keeping up on maintenance issues etc. We work on projects and/events that you bring to us. Some come forward and speak up, we want to hear from you.

Correction to article dated Sept 2005, Your President is running for County Council

I'd like to take this time to make a quick correction. The unanimous decision by the board of Directors was for me to continue my duties and responsibilities as the President of the Millers Island Community Association. The article was not meant to read as though there was an unanimous support from the Board of Directors for my candi-

dacy to Baltimore County Council. As you know or now you will know, our association is not a political club and we do not talk politics at our meetings. Our meetings, events and projects are solely for the benefit of our community and the residents and/or businesses that make up our community. We represent all people, no matter their political

affiliation, religious beliefs race or gender. We are about fairness and getting the job done.

I hope this correction clarifies last months article.



Bernice Myer

Millers Island Book.... **Now & Then** *as told by the residents*

I knew if I'd asked, someone would step forward. I was right., Bonnie Metheny a long time resident has volunteered to be our Chairperson for this very important committee. Please take some time to jot down your brief story and gather some old and/or new photos. We want to hear from you and add you to our book. We will also be looking for committee members to assist with this

project. Anyone interested in conducting resident interviews, gathering photos, or investigating some of our local history is encouraged to contact us and join the committee. Be part of our history, so that we can pass our stories and memories down to our children and so on and so on. Email your info to bc50@comcast.net or mail it to P.O. Box 266, Fort Howard, MD 21052-0266.



NOW &

THEN

Drainage on the Island



Since our last meeting back in June 1005 more building has resumed here in Millers Island. With the additional building, and additional grading, filling in, driveways etc our drainage has become more of

an issue. Here on the Island at the very least we need the storm ditches on the side of the roadways, to allow water to drain to it's lowest point (drains) and out into the Bay and/or Back River. If ditches have been filled in, they may

be re-established and this could cause some of your concerns. This issue did come up at last months meeting. If you don't want water in the streets, or in your yards, it has to go somewhere, so you can't fill in the storm ditches.

Unlicensed motorized vehicles on our roadways...

Just a friendly reminder, golf carts, mini bikes, scooters, and motorized recreational vehicles are illegal to operate on our roadways. Baltimore County police can issue citation and/or confiscate these vehicles when they are operated on Baltimore County roads. So please be mindful and do not allow your children to operate said vehicles, on our streets. There is a huge safety issue pertaining to this as well. Some of these vehicles are low riding and there is a visibility issue. The children are not obeying the traffic laws, zipping through the streets, darting through stop signs and creating a great opportunity of being involved in a vehicular accident. We want all of our residents to be happy, be safe and be healthy.

Millers Island's First Dumpster Day

I'd like to give a special thanks to our Vice President Bob Hart for organizing this event. This was the first ever Millers Island Dumpster Day and it went as smooth as ice. No long lines, orderly and everyone helping everyone. Great job Bob. The community actually got a two for one benefit from this event. Tom Rothman from Hinton Ave., grabbed some trash bags and cleaned up Millers Island Rd, Bernice, Carter, Joan, Frank, and Sharon were all at hand helping residents unload their debris. Millers Island disposed of (4) dumpsters worth of trash, and the association was glad to help in our clean up efforts.

HALLOWEEN ON MILLERS ISLAND & HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS.



Come celebrate Halloween, the Millers Island way. Yep, it's that time of the year and The New White Swan and the Millers Island Community Association is having it's annual Children's Halloween Party. There will be games, food, and our annual hayride through the community. All children must be accompanied by an adult. See you there.

Saturday, Oct 29th, 05
Noon x 3:00 PM
The New White Swan
Children must be
accompanied by an adult...

Remember Halloween safety when trick or treating. Children should walk in groups, wear reflective gear, have battery operated flashlights, and walk along the side of the roads. Never eat any of your treats until Mom and/or Dad has a chance to go through your bags, and remember most Mom's and Dad's like Snickers and Milk Duds, he he he he.

As for us adults, you don't have to go far all of our bars and restaurants here on the Island are having adult Halloween parties as well. So enjoy yourselves, all we are, are grown up kids. Stop by and visit, Bay Shore Bar and Grill, The New White Swan, The Islander and the Dock of the Bay. Just remember big kids, drink responsible, don't drink and drive.

Snag in 3rd St. Canal project....



After many many hurdles it appears at this time the 3rd Street Canal project is on hold. Currently Baltimore County has (3) steps to get through, (outside of the funding) to bring this project to fruition. Here are the (3) steps: one, both property owners adjacent to the canal have to give permission for Balto Co. to enter their lots to access the canal. According to the county, this has not happened at the time of this writing. The second is for a Balto. Co. Consultant to review the plans as submitted and accepted by both the State and Federal Government to determine if the plan will correct the existing condition of the canal, and thirdly a resident or entity here within our community will have to be willing to maintain the canal as Balto. County cannot access it for further maintenance. Those are the facts as told to me by Baltimore County DEPRM. Your Association has not given up, but those are the facts we are dealing with getting this project accomplished.

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