

Velvet Valley * Velvet Ridge Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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Neighborhood Association

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Hello neighbors! We hope this finds you well. This newsletter will keep you updated on what is happening within our community. **IF YOU NEVER GET OUR COMMUNITY EMAILS or HAVE A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS, contact: Velvet.NA@gmail.com.** We NEVER share or sell email addresses.



Quick Updates

TELL US ABOUT NEW NEIGHBORS MOVED-IN SO WE CAN WELCOME THEM!

EMAIL US AT: Velvet.NA@gmail.com

Visit our Website at www.VVVRNA.org - see photos of recent events.

Camera Security System Successes

Our security camera system recently proved its value and effectiveness to residents. In our May newsletter, we reported on how a refurbished vacant home for sale had its lockbox broken into and appliances stolen. Our camera video was provided to the police and subsequently the perpetrators were arrested.

In another instance, a crazy, speeding white car sped around another resident's auto on Velvet Valley approaching Park Heights. Camera images of the car and its license plate enabled identification of the resident, who was then confronted. More courteous driving by that resident is now anticipated.

The camera surveillance system protects all residents and acts as a strong deterrent. To maintain the security camera system, the security company fees, replacement parts, BGE and Verizon internet bills, and insurance total about \$12,000 a year. Your dues are critical to supporting this system.

Annual Family Picnic & Assn. Meeting

On **Saturday, August 25th, from 4:30 – 8:00PM**, the annual Association family picnic and meeting to elect new directors will be held at the Jemicy Lower School. The outdoor event is fun, and meeting neighbors and friends is easy. Attendance is **free** to all Association Members. If not already paid, please bring your checkbook to pay dues for the 2018-2019 year; dues will remain the same. (Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 26th.)

Updates

Jemicy’s first day of classes will be Wednesday, Aug. 29th, and students will be visiting their new teachers and classrooms the day before. Be ready for more traffic and, hopefully, safe driving.

KATE, Thank You!

Neighbor Kate Eglseder is a dedicated volunteer who puts together our newsletter and also helps with Welcome visits and events. Our sincere thanks to Kate.



The Neighborhood Association has contacted several local heating oil companies for a group-buy discount price program for Member residents. The companies reported that their prices are falling and should be defined for contract commitment by August 11th. Each company is eager to work with the Neighborhood Association. Meanwhile, don’t commit to your fuel oil contract until you can compare rates we will negotiate for Neighborhood Association Members. We’ll keep you informed.

Association Membership Campaign

The annual Membership Dues drive has started for Sept. 2018 – Aug. 2019. Your dues is the only source of support for all that the Neighborhood Association does, including annual free picnic, landscaping common entrance areas and speed islands, maintaining the security camera system, sponsoring happy hours and kids ice cream and Halloween parties, Welcome gifts for new families, new community signs, printing newsletters, lost pet alerts, and maintaining the community website. Your support of the Association is critical. Membership Forms will be distributed along with this newsletter, as well as emailed. PLEASE be a good neighbor and pay dues.

Community Name and Signs

In a recent neighborhood email survey, residents strongly preferred the name “Velvet Valley” for our entire community. This name will be incorporated into an upscale sign to be installed at each of the entrances to the community to increase community identity awareness and enhance perceived value and sense of community to prospective and current residents and real estate agents. One of our residents leads a branding and advertising agency and has volunteered to help with sign designs. Once designs are near final, we will seek competitive bids and options for the final signs.

Neighborhood Resources Directory

The Neighborhood Association emailed all residents for recommendations of excellent service people they have used for various tasks on the outside of their home. The aggregated data will be posted on the Association’s website when complete, at www.VVVRNA.org. YOUR RESPONSE to the emailed survey is important to create a diverse, balanced and valuable directory. In addition, NextDoor Caves Valley has free referrals and enables your requests for new recommendations. (<https://nextdoor.com/recommendations/>)

Storm Drain & Neighborhood Pride

Most of us take pride in how our homes and the overall neighborhood look -- and it impacts the appearance and home values. Please do your share for a great-looking neighborhood by maintaining your home and yard, and picking up trash and fallen branches that accumulate. Also, storm drains easily clog, given the heavy rains and inevitable falling leaves to come. Please help prevent flooding and topsoil run-off by cleaning any storm drain near your home. Thanks very much for making a difference!

Neighbor News

Jane’s Baby Emmy has Arrived! Jane and Paul Brickman, of Velvet Valley Way, are the proud parents of Emmy, their new 4-legged daughter, born May 2nd. Although she’ll never replace their beloved Zoe, Emmy has family tails wagging.

Fall Dumpster Event

The Neighborhood Association is planning to have a “Dumpster Day” within our neighborhood soon, to enable resident Association Members to dispose of appropriate refuse. We will advise you of the place, date and acceptable types of trash. Volunteers will be needed to help in different aspects, so please offer to help. Stay tuned and make sure we have your email address to assure you learn about this opportunity. (This event was originally planned for this past spring, but we did not have enough volunteers; if you’re willing to help, let us know.)

Neighborhood Resources

Babysitting and Pet Sitting

- Peyton (16) and Eliza (14) can be contacted through dad Grant Cleverley’s cell **410.532.8847**.
- Victoria (17), an energetic senior at Concordia Prep, drives within the community, has CPR and First-Aid training, and is interested in pet- and baby-sitting kids over 4 yrs. She can be contacted through mom Aquan Manigault, email: **aquannahstc@aol.com**
- Nora Leavey (13) is available as a "mother's / father's helper" and babysitter; she’s an 8th grader at Beth Tfiloh, and very responsible. She completed the Red Cross babysitting course through the JCC and can be reached at **443.413.8322**.

BALTIMORE COUNTY LIBRARY RESOURCES & EVENTS

The Baltimore County Public Library System has many programs for adults, preschoolers, babies, elementary school kids, crafters, moms, retirees, movies, Minecraft-ers and more. Organized by branch, age, or interest group, and more it is easy to search for something that might interest your family. Check out <https://bcpl.evanced.infor/signup/list> See the August BCPL newsletter and sign-up at https://mailchi.mp/bcpl/be-all-in_august_2018?e=46de2bb962

Great Adult Happy Hour Enjoyed on June 15th

The Neighborhood Association sponsored another adult wonderful happy hour on Friday, June 15th, warmly and generously hosted by Monique and Grant Cleverley on Baronet Rd. Invitations were sent via Evite emails; so, if we don’t have your email address, you are missing out on learning about great free events like this one.

ALL residents were welcomed to this happy hour. Your Membership Dues enable programs like this. If your family hasn’t joined, please strengthen our community—and have fun--and join now for the fiscal year starting September 2018.



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Paulette Smith
Erin Sher Smyth
Dana Stein
Lynn Tomlinson
Ulku Ulgur
Mandy Vitek
Irv Walker
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A Happy Ice Cream Event on July 18th

Your Neighborhood Association sponsored an ice cream social for kids and families on July 18th, and neighbors came from the whole community, with their kids, grandkids and dogs. Over 50 people had a fun time at the Jemicy Lower School, with huge amounts of ice cream, games, conversation, bubbles, and the Jemicy playground to boot. See more photos on our neighborhood website www.VVVRNA.org.



Welcome New Neighbors!

New neighbors continuously move into our community and provide vitality while hoping to make new friends. Please help welcome them and **let us know when someone new moves in near you** so that we are aware and our Neighborhood Association can warmly welcome them. Email us at velvet.na@gmail.com. Welcome to:

- **Lauren & Quintin Hankla, 2404 Velvet Ridge**

Real Estate Report

ADDRESS	PRICE	SQ FT	BR	BA	1/2 BA	ACRES
FOR SALE						
8 Bucksway	\$ 474,000	3,032	5	3	2	0.83
4 Grenadier	\$1,599,000	6,614	4	3	2	3.75
2505 Caves Forest	\$ 725,000	2,780	4	3	1	2
2502 Velvet Valley Wy	\$ 879,000	3,848	4	2	1	2.08
2509 Velvet Valley Wy	\$ 675,000	4,198	5	4	1	2.96
CONTRACT						
2308 Velvet Ridge	\$ 419,000	3,030	3	3	1	1.21
SOLD						
11000 Baronet	\$ 560,000	2,427	3	2	2	5.71
11 Bucksway	\$ 552,000	4,180	5	3	1	0.73
15 Bucksway	\$ 732,250	5,627	5	4	2	1.53
2305 Velvet Ridge	\$ 465,000	1,960	5	3		0.79

Volunteers Needed!

If you would like to volunteer for some of the events being planned by the Association, please let us know!

We would love to hear from you!

Committees:

Kids Events
Adult Events
Annual Picnic
Newsletter
Welcoming
Resource List
Website Updates
And more...

We will take as much or as little assistance as you can provide!

Email us at:
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