

# THE PRESERVE AT ROCK CREEK

A STANLEY MARTIN & WINCHESTER HOMES COMMUNITY

HOA NEWSLETTER

MAY & JUNE 2016

April Showers bring May flowers..... It seems like March decided to stay around a little while longer. Some neighbors reported that the huge wind gusts actually took off some roof shingles!

The back entrance to the neighborhood, Achille Lane finally got paved and it is much easier coming in and out without worrying about kicking up those large stones and ruining your car's paint.

These are exciting times. \*Drum roll..... We elected 5 of our neighbors to serve as the first HOA, completely controlled by the homeowners! This is important as we now have 5 members elected by YOU, as opposed to the 2 we had up to this point.

Speeding continues to be an issue in our neighborhood. I URGE everyone to watch their speeds! There is a growing movement to petition Montgomery County (once maintenance of the roads is taken over by the county) to look into installing speed bumps. We all know how much of a pain they are on Needwood Road, so remember that once they're installed, they are virtually impossible to take back! So please encourage your fellow neighbors to always mind their speed!

During the recent severe windstorms, many homes, specifically Winchester Homes, suffered roof shingle damage. Your neighbors: Andrew & Lara Woodruff are working with ProHome, who is Winchester's warranty group to compile a list of those homes that were damaged. Contact them on the NextDoor site, or let me know and I'll forward your inquiry. They need your address, description of damage, date it occurred, and your settlement date.

The newsletter will be emailed every other month. The next one will be July 2016. If you know any friends/neighbors who haven't given me their email addresses yet, please encourage them to do so!

-Jim Liaw- Heartwood Drive

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## **Board of Directors**

Kristine Bissell

Jeff Chen

Liz Corrente

Howard Roth

John Scheck

## **Covenants Committee**

Kristine Bissell

Francisco Mendoza

Janny Tao

Lara Woodruff

Jimmy Yin

## **Social Committee**

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**\*\* Please note that future editions will be in electronic format\*\***

# *Noteworthy Stuff from the HOA & Management*

The annual HOA meeting was held at the Re/Max Real Estate Office in Olney on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Including proxies, we had representation of 81 home owners which was more than needed for a quorum. There were two items up for a vote: How many slots would our new HOA Board have? Also, of the candidates who put their name in the hat, who would be representing us for the next year?

The voting for HOA slots overwhelmingly was decided in favor of 5 members. Other formats were: 3,7, and 9 members.

Here are your HOA Homeowner representatives that were elected!

- Kristine Bissell – served previously on the Covenants Committee and current Chair of the Social Committee, and has extensive HOA experience in prior communities.
- Jeff Chen – previously served as one of two homeowner board members
- Liz Corrente – also served as one of two homeowner board members.
- Howard Roth – recently moved to our community from California! He has experience serving as Treasurer of his HOA and was instrumental in helping to keep HOA fees down! *(We will definitely need your expertise, Howard! Welcome!)*
- John Scheck – moved in from down the street in Olney. John helped his community in its transition from the developer (NV and Ryan Homes).

They will be meeting soon to decide their respective positions:  
President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, At-Large

The developer updates were given to us firsthand from Carly Schrader- Stanley Martin representative and outgoing HOA Board member. Most were just minor, relating to builder completion of lights, sidewalks, and paths; all of which are ongoing and will be done prior to the completion of the neighborhood.

- There are approximately 20 homes left to sell in Phase 2 for Stanley Martin and 3 left for Winchester.

Finally, Kathy Simonovich will be delegating her duties as our Community Manager to newcomer, Jennifer Rohde! Kathy will continue to manage the Virginia properties and Jennifer will be managing the Maryland area!



**For all the new neighbors: a reminder that trash pick-up days will be on Monday and Thursday. The recycling day is on Thursday. Please make sure that the receptacles are out of public view on non-pick-up days! You may put them out the night before after 6pm. Also remember on holiday weeks that the schedule changes, usually a day or so later for pick up.**

**The trash removal is through the Association (recycling is through the County). The removal of trash will occur on all holidays that fall on a regularly scheduled pick-up day, with the exception of Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day and July 4th. When a designated pickup day falls on one of these holidays, uncollected trash shall be removed on the next regularly scheduled pickup day.**

**IMPORTANT**



## ***Covenants Committee Notes***

***Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month-  
Inquire with HOA Management for location:***

Covenant Committee Members:

Kristine Bissell, Francisco Mendoza, Janny Tao, Jimmy Yin, Lara Woodruff

There are typically Covenants meetings monthly. Please inquire with the HOA Management Company (SFMC) on the exact time of the public portion of the meeting and its exact location. Typically, the public portion of the meeting has begun at 6:45pm and meetings have been held via teleconference, at the Olney Library, or at a neighbor's home.

Since Kristine Bissell is now part of the Board of Directors, she will be stepping down from the Covenants Committee. A new member will be appointed by the Board of Directors.

*" Thanks for your service with this very important committee, Kristine!"*

A reminder: Everyone should take care when parking on their driveways that they need to avoid blocking the sidewalk right of way. We would like to encourage everyone to use the sidewalks rather than the road while taking their walks, thus it would be great if everyone would take care when parking to leave the sidewalk area clear.



## ***Social Committee***

Kristine is taking names for those who would like to be involved with the Social Committee. If you already signed up at the recent HOA meeting, or contacted her via the NextDoor site, she has your name and will be contacting you soon! Stay tuned for a meeting to discuss a neighborhood block party or other social event!



## *Community Events/Announcements*

Now that many of us have lived in our homes for at least a year, you might want to walk around the foundation of your home and check for “gaps”, especially around the basement windows, where the water spouts and pipes from your sump come out, and the concrete slab at the top of your walkout basement. I recently had to get ~5 wagon loads of dirt to fill in those holes. There is an excellent spout extender from Home Depot (~\$10) that lays flat which will keep the water from the side of the house. I will post the picture in the next edition.



Your neighbor, **Taline Diarbi** is on the PTA board at Sequoyah Elementary. She wants to let everyone know that she is available anytime if you have any questions regarding Sequoyah!

Email @ [talinediarbi@gmail.com](mailto:talinediarbi@gmail.com) or by cell at [240-418-5253](tel:240-418-5253), for any information about the school at any time.

Also if anyone in our community is interested in having a tour of the school at any time during the year, feel free to either contact her or the school and our principal Dr. Jasper will arrange for anyone to have a tour! (A form is at the end of the newsletter)



To interact virtually daily with our neighborhood and a few others, make sure you register yourself at:

<https://preserveatrockcreek.nextdoor.com>

It only takes a minute or so, but you can immediately see what is being discussed about the neighborhood.

If you have something to pass along in the newsletter, please contact Jim Liaw at [jimeliaw@gmail.com](mailto:jimeliaw@gmail.com)



## ***Calendar of Events***

Mon, May 2	7:00-8:00pm	HOA Board Meeting – Re/Max Office- Olney
Sun, May 8		Mother's Day
Mon, May 30		Memorial Day – Federal Holiday (No School)
Sun, June 19		Father's Day
Mon, June 20		Last Day of School (1/2 Day) First Day of Summer!

# CLASSIFIEDS

The community newsletter will accept classified ads of 40 words or less from owners or residents! We screen all requests to make sure that you are supporting your neighbors.

*\*If an ad is no longer good, please let me know!*

I am a certified Master Health Coach and I help children and families live a healthier lifestyle. I do pantry and refrigerator makeovers, shop at the grocery stores with clients, and I do one on one coaching sessions. I can also do information sessions with different groups, such as; mom's and dad's groups, school assemblies, etc.

Jen Fosko

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## **“PRC List” – The Preferred List of Providers/Services**

**\*All vetted & recommended by your fellow neighbors!**

*\*Did you have a great experience with a HVAC company? Plumber? Repair shop for your car? Here is where you can help your neighbors out by spreading the word about someone or someplace that you want to brag about!*

**Magic House Cleaning Services- We have 10 years of experience and can provide excellent references. Call for free estimate! M.J. Arevalo 240-644-4850 / 240-380-9977**

**White Flint Auto Repair – 301-984-3902 -Call Juan or Allen who have taken care of me for over 5 years and have saved me a bundle! They have an almost perfect Yelp rating of 5 stars! -Jim Liaw**

## **2015 Professional Turf Program suggestions by Newsom [www.newsomseed.com](http://www.newsomseed.com)**

Mothers Day May 10th:

Round 2. Second round of Crabgrass Control or Straight Fertilizer.  
18-0-3 40% SCU 2% Fe 19-0-6 w/ Lock up & Dimension (Weed/Feed & Crabgrass control)

Father's Day June 21st:

Round 3. Start Broadleaf Control: Liquid or Granular with/without Fertilizer  
Triplet, Escalade 2, 4 SpeedXT, Spoiler, 19-0-6 w/LockUp, 0-0-7 w/LockUp

4Th Of July:

Round 4. Insect Control or Summer Fertilizer:  
0-0-7 w/ .225% Allectus or 8-0-0 20% XCU, 23% Bio Solids w/ .225% Allectus  
Summer Fertilizer: 18-0-3, 25% XCU, 15% Bio Solids w/ 2% Iron

Labor Day September 7th:

Round 5. Seed and Aeration: Starter Fertilizer and Seed:  
14-24-4 20%XCU, 18-24-12 50%XCU

Thanksgiving November 26th:

Round 6. Winterizer & Lime:  
33-0-3 30% XCU or 25-0-3, 25% XCU and Solu-cal (Lime)



# Finally..... Rockville Farmer's Market

Did you know that there is a HUGE farmer's market that isn't too far away? It is within walking distance of the Pike & Rose complex near the White Flint Metro.

- **Pike Central Farm Market Vendors**

**Pike Central Farm Market re-opens on April 30, 2016 from 9am-1:30pm.**

6001 Executive Blvd. North Bethesda, MD 20852

<b>• Vendor</b>	<b>• Description</b>
<a href="#"><u>All Things Olive</u></a>	Extra virgin, herb-infused and citrus infused olive oils, wine vinegars and tapenades
<a href="#"><u>Bending Bridge Farm</u></a>	Certified organic vegetables
<a href="#"><u>Bun'd Up</u></a>	Korean/Asian buns filled with meat, veggies or jam
<a href="#"><u>Bushdogs</u></a>	Prepared Maryland seafood – soups, shrimp, crab cakes and more
<a href="#"><u>Chups</u></a>	Fruit based condiments on a mission to add variety to the tomato-dominated ketchup market
<a href="#"><u>Cove Point Winery</u></a>	Red, white, lighthouse mist and dessert wines
<a href="#"><u>DC Dills</u></a>	Specializes in fresh specialty pickles in a wide variety of flavors sold by the pint or quart
<a href="#"><u>Felicity's Handcrafted Soaps</u></a>	Handcrafted soaps made with all natural ingredients, food quality oils, organic botanicals, and scented with essentials oils.
<a href="#"><u>Geppetto Catering BBQ</u></a>	Organic, locally sourced meats that are brined, smoked and slow cooked
<a href="#"><u>Grandma's Garden</u></a>	Fresh cut flowers, herbs and potted plants
<a href="#"><u>Great Shoals Winery</u></a>	Locally sourced wines, ciders and sparklings
<a href="#"><u>HEX Ferments</u></a>	Unique sauerkrauts, kimchi, seasonal ferments and kombucha tea
<a href="#"><u>Just Gnocchi</u></a>	Potato and yucca gnocchi with delicious sauces and toppings
<a href="#"><u>King Mushrooms</u></a>	Fresh mushrooms from their farm on MD's Eastern Shore
<a href="#"><u>Liberty Delight Farms</u></a>	All natural beef pork and poultry; free of hormones, steroids, stimulants and antibiotics
<a href="#"><u>Lobster Maine-ia</u></a>	Live Maine lobsters
<a href="#"><u>MeatCrafters</u></a>	Specialty cured meats and sausages
<a href="#"><u>Mock's Greenhouse</u></a>	Pesticide-free, hydroponic produce
<a href="#"><u>Otis Farms</u></a>	Natural, dehydrated jerky treats for dogs
<a href="#"><u>Rita's Crepes</u></a>	Fresh to order sweet and savory crepes using local ingredients
<a href="#"><u>Robb's Edge Express</u></a>	Sharpening knives and tools, 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month
<a href="#"><u>Rockville Potters</u></a>	Beautiful and original hand-thrown pottery
<a href="#"><u>Simply Delicious Desserts</u></a>	Handmade desserts using the freshest ingredients
<a href="#"><u>Springfield Farm</u></a>	Free-range meat products free of hormones, antibiotics and chemicals
<a href="#"><u>Stonyman Gourmet Farmer</u></a>	Premium farmstead cheeses, savories and fine prepared foods
<a href="#"><u>Stroker's BBQ</u></a>	Pulled pork, pulled chicken, beef brisket, coleslaw and baked beans

<a href="#"><u>The Chocolatier's Palette</u></a>	Artisanal gourmet fudge in a variety of flavors with no artificial ingredients
<a href="#"><u>The Culinary Nomad</u></a>	Southwestern breakfast food truck that emphasizes local ingredients
<a href="#"><u>The Farm Market Bakery</u></a>	Features Upper Crust Breads, locally made artisan hearth baked breads, Esther's organic granola and seasonal sweets
<a href="#"><u>The Inside Scoop</u></a>	Super premium hand dipped ice cream, malts, banana splits and more
<a href="#"><u>Thistle Thickets Farm</u></a>	Goat meat, goat milk soap, eggs, goat cheese and other farm raised products
<a href="#"><u>Toigo Orchards</u></a>	Fruits and vegetables
<a href="#"><u>Twin Springs Fruit Farm</u></a>	Fruits and vegetables
<a href="#"><u>Two Acre Farm</u></a>	Artisanal salsas, jams, spreads and condiments made with home grown fruits and vegetables; products are natural and gluten free
<a href="#"><u>Undone Chocolate</u></a>	Bean to bar craft chocolate
<a href="#"><u>Westmoreland Berry Farm</u></a>	Berries, peaches, apricots, plums, apples, cherries and various vegetables
<a href="#"><u>Westmoreland Produce</u></a>	Vegetables, fresh fruit and plants, including herbs and flowers
<a href="#"><u>Young Harvests</u></a>	Seasonal salad mixes and vegetables
<a href="#"><u>Zeke's Coffee</u></a>	Fresh coffee and coffee beans



**Remember to send me your email address so I can get you on the master list for future newsletter editions! See you in July!**

**-Jim**

**Sequoyah Elementary School**  
17301 Bowie Mill Road  
Derwood, MD 20855  
(301) 840-5335      (301) 840-5356

Dear Sequoyah Families:

Kindergarten Orientation for our August 2016 class will be held on Thursday, May 26 and Friday, May 27, 2016. Please use the tear-off sheet below to let us know about eligible children in your families. To be eligible, a child must be 5 years old by September 1, 2016. Children who will be five on or before September 1, 2016 must attend kindergarten:

- In a public school, or
- In a licensed private school, or
- At a home under the law regulating home education, or
- Complete and submit an Exemption to Kindergarten Attendance Requirement, MCPS Form 560-19.

If you know of anyone in our community who will enter kindergarten in the fall, please share this letter with them so we can send them registration materials in April. If you have any questions, please call us at 301-840-5335.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bobbi Jasper  
Principal

Sequoyah Elementary School – Kindergarten Orientation 2016-2017

Child's Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Work Number \_\_\_\_\_

Has child attended any MCPS program such as PEP, Pre-K or Head Start? If yes, where \_\_\_\_\_

Name of oldest child at Sequoyah (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**With Pool Season right around the corner, many have inquired about the nearest swimming pools. By mileage, here are the closest ones:**

Olney Swim Center  
16605 Georgia Avenue  
Olney – (240-777-4995)

Per Day Pass:

Weekdays		Weekends
Minor (1-17 yrs old)	\$ 5.00	\$ 8.00
Adult (18 and over)	\$ 7.00	\$ 10.00
Seniors (over 55 with ID)	\$ 6.00	\$ 10.00

Mill Creek Town Swim Association  
7285 Mill Run Drive  
Derwood  
[membership@mctsa.com](mailto:membership@mctsa.com)

*\*No per day pass; Only Seasonal passes*

Initiation Fee:	\$525 if paid in 1 year; \$550 if paid over 2 years
Full Family:	\$550
2 Person membership:	\$440
Single membership: (+18 yrs)	\$320
Senior membership: (+62 yrs)	\$320
Nanny/Granny:	\$80

