



# 2008 Campus Hills' Holiday Party\*

~~Fun for all ages~~

Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 9:00

**Cromwell Valley Apartment Clubhouse**

(at the end of Crestwick Road, which runs next to Cromwell Valley Elem School)



-  ***Appetizers, desserts and drinks will be provided!***
-  ***Santa will arrive at 6:30 for pictures with “kids from 1 to 92!” Bring your lists for Santa and don’t forget your camera!***
-  ***We will be collecting toys for the Baltimore County Department of Social Services. Please bring a new, unwrapped, \$10-15 toy. This year there is a particular need for dolls of color, infant toys, and teen gifts. If you need ideas, please ask when you RSVP.***
-  ***Please RSVP to Andrea Otis:  
chpresident@campushills.org or 410-828-4829***

*\* For dues paying members only. Dues may be paid at the door.*





## Message from the President

### Mommy President

Since I last wrote you, I became a mom. As many of you may know and remember, becoming a parent is a unique experience – unlike anything you can compare to in your life. Or is it? On a very different scale, mind you, being a parent is similar to volunteering for your community association. You don't get paid, it is sometimes thankless, you may have to listen to the occasional crying, and you sometimes clean up ... well, you can fill in the blank here.

More importantly, volunteering for your community association, like parenthood, also has its rewards. Instead of giggles and smiles, some of the rewards I have witnessed since becoming president of the Campus Hills' Community Association include watching fellow volunteers follow their passion and direct it toward improving our community.

In early October several of us gathered to plant 20 trees in the easements to ensure that the charm and warmth that has made our neighborhood famous endures. This project was a result of the hard work and passion of one of our board members, Emily Richie. Emily organized, orchestrated, and planned the tree planting program for the better part of this year. Emily's passion for the environment was evident as she coordinated the nursery for the trees, contacted BGE for underground utility inspections, communicated with the Department of Natural Resources, and rallied neighbors to participate. Many thanks to Emily and the other volunteers who helped plan and execute our 2008 tree planting. Emily put in several hours for this in addition to her regular duties as Treasurer.

Another example of personal passion that has benefited our neighborhood is Brian Wood's passion for technology. Brian was our webmaster responsible for modernizing our website: [www.campushills.org](http://www.campushills.org). Brian had a vision for what the website could potentially do and he made it happen. His dedication and time are evident when you browse the new site. We are still looking for a new webmaster to take over these duties – maybe you?

A third board member that has worked tirelessly for many, many years on the Covenants is Gary Bull. While the board has worked toward updating the Covenants for many years, it has recently come to our attention that we can use our resources in other ways to make a bigger impact on our community rather than going through the cumbersome amendment process. Gary's passion for keeping Campus Hills beautiful has been evident and appreciated.

So, what is your passion and how can it help the community? Please consider volunteering for the board. Join us for a meeting and we can all figure out what you can do to help keep Campus Hills a great place to live and raise a family. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me. A current list of the vacancies on the back of this page, plus some will be coming open in the Spring.

I hope to see everyone at the upcoming Holiday Party! It should be a great time for everyone to see their neighbors and whisper in Santa's ear. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

- Andrea Otis



## Current open positions and needs for Campus Hills:

- A social committee is needed to help plan the children's activities (Easter and Halloween) and other community events (Fall Block Party and Holiday Party). These people do not necessarily need to be board members. Many hands make light (and fun) work in this area!

- A webmaster is needed to take over the maintenance of the website. Again, this does not necessarily need to be a board member.

- COP drivers are always needed – not a board position. Signing up for one or two patrols a month will help greatly. These volunteers keep our neighborhood safe!

Several other positions may be coming available in 2009. If you would like to volunteer and the needs above are not appealing, consider coming to a board meeting so we can figure out what would work well for you.

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## Who ya' gonna call?



Below is a list of frequently asked questions and answers that might be helpful the next time you find yourself needing assistance. The Baltimore County website ([baltimorecountymd.gov](http://baltimorecountymd.gov)) is also a very useful resource for contact information.

?: Who do I call if I have a complaint about the appearance of a neighbors' property (trash, high grass, abandoned vehicle, suspicion of college rental home, etc.)? **Answer:** Please call the County at 410-887-3351, 410-887-3352, or fill out an online form at the following website: <http://baltimorecountymd.gov/Contact/codecomplaint>

?: Who do I call if I see a suspicious person in the neighborhood or witness some sort of criminal activity? **Answer:** Please first call 911. To keep our Citizen's On Patrol informed, please also call them after the fact to report the incident.

?: Who do I call if I need to trim or remove a tree in the easement (area between road and sidewalk)? **Answer:** Before doing anything to these trees you must first contact the Maryland Department of Natural Resources at 1-877-620-8367

?: Who do I call about street signs that have fallen? **Answer:** Please call the Baltimore County Bureau of Highways at 410-887-3560.

?: Who do I call if I want to make a change to the outside of my home? **Answer:** First review the community covenants – they are on the website and have also been included in previous Campus Hills phone directories. Next, submit your request form. Forms are always included in the newsletter (see page 6 of this edition) and it is also available on the website.

?: Who do I call if drains are backing up in my house? **Answer: BEFORE CALLING A PLUMBER,** call the Utilities Emergency line at 410-887-7415.

?: Who do I call for snow removal; tree trimming; storm debris removal; pot hole repair; street sweeping; driveway access and concrete replacement; curb and gutter repair and installation? **Answer:** Baltimore County Bureau of Highways at 410-887-3560.

?: Who do I call to report light or electrical outages? **Answer:** Call BG&E at 1-877-778-2222

Holiday Luminaries will be distributed in mid-December. For those new to the neighborhood, Campus Hills traditionally places these candles in bags on the curbside on December 24<sup>th</sup> (rain date December 25<sup>th</sup>). If you would like to help distribute the luminaries, please contact Keith Curry at: [chvicepresident@campushills.org](mailto:chvicepresident@campushills.org)



In October we planted 20 trees throughout Campus Hills in association with the Baltimore County Treemendous program. Please take a chance to drive or walk through the neighborhood and admire them. What a wonderful way to keep the enchantment of Campus Hills alive as many of the 50-year-old trees have come down in recent years. Many thanks to all of the community members who purchased trees and / or helped plant. A special thanks to Dave Sausser and his crew for helping us out and a BIG thank you to Emily Richie who coordinated this effort along with Mimi Blama and Jen Guanti.

If you missed out on the tree program this year and would like to participate in the future, **please contact Emily Richie (410-821-1723) before January 1<sup>st</sup>**. If we have enough neighbors who want to participate we will consider coordinating the program in the Spring of 2009.

**Mark your calendars:**

- 2008 Holiday Party – 12/12 6-9pm see cover for details.
- 2009 General Meeting – 3/24, 7pm Cromwell Valley Elementary.

***Campus Hills' Yard Sale - Thanks!***

Thanks to everyone who participated in the annual yard sale in June. This year we continued with the tradition of donating leftover items to National Children's Charity.

Also thanks to Mike and Anne Feihe for placing the yard sale signs to communicate the date and for advertising in the Penny Saver!

## Our Protective Covenants

Protective Covenants were incorporated into our property deeds by the builder as a part of the development, and they “run with the land.” This means that even though you may not be the original purchaser, the Covenants attach to and benefit the land, thereby binding all subsequent owners. Because these Covenants are recorded in the County Land Records, lack of express knowledge does not permit noncompliance.

Covenants are a legal device allowing us all to gain some measure of protection against the impairment of our homes by requiring conformance to minimum standards of quality, physical features and economic integrity.

Please submit this form and attachments when considering a change in your property – such as a fence, addition, shed, carport, etc. The majority of requests are approved. It is simply much easier to incorporate the guidelines into your project before it is begun than after it is completed.

### REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**To:** **Campus Hills Community Association, Inc.**  
**Attn: Protective Covenants Committee**  
**P.O. Box 20155**  
**Towson, MD 21284-0155**

**From:** **(Name)** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Address)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**(Phone)** \_\_\_\_\_

We herewith submit for your approval and records the construction of  
\_\_\_\_\_, as shown attached.

\_\_\_\_\_

#### **Signature**

1. Submit the complete request in duplicate; one copy will be returned for your records.
2. Provide a simple sketch showing proposed improvement, residence, property lines, and street, if applicable.
3. Provide list of materials and specifications.
4. Use additional sheets this size if necessary.



**Covenants requests** are needed when considering a change to the outside of your home / property. Please submit an application for approval to the board. The majority of requests are approved. It is simply much easier to incorporate the guidelines into your project before it is begun than after it is completed. An approval form is in this newsletter and is also available on our website at: [www.campushills.org](http://www.campushills.org)

**Landlords must register rental units.** The new Rental Registration Law is now in effect. Owners of most residential rental units in buildings with one to six units must be inspected, registered and licensed by the county. This was due on October 1, 2008.

**Cars with expired or missing tags** are in violation of county code if they are anywhere on your property.

**Curbside street numbers are not required.** If someone approaches you to paint the street numbers on your curb, this is a scam. Not only do these numbers fade quickly, they are not required. In fact, since this is county property it is considered defacing public property.

**[www.campushills.org](http://www.campushills.org)** – Be sure to check our website frequently and register as a user so you can take advantage of more timely Campus Hills' updates!

### Reminders from Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.)

*As it is getting darker earlier, C.O.P. is reminding residents to leave lights on after dark – both front and rear.*

- Remember to keep your sidewalks clear of snow this winter and consider helping neighbors who need it.
- Do not leave anything of value inside your vehicle and keep your car doors locked.
- Keep sheds and garages locked and closed.
- If you see suspicious people in the neighborhood, call the police. Do not approach them yourself.
- Please obey the speed limits on Goucher Blvd., Providence Rd., and the interior roads of Campus Hills.
- Report streetlights outages to BGE at 1-877-778-2222.

**Volunteers are needed for COP, especially during the day.** This is a great job for retirees – it is easy and rewarding. As little as one or two hours a month of donated time would be a big help. Please contact **Walter Calwell (410-494-9405)**.



Did you notice the new Citizens On Patrol signs as you enter the neighborhood? Thanks to Walter Calwell for applying for the grant to get these. They look great!

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**Webmaster - Vacant**



Get ready, because you-know-who is coming to town! After making his list and checking it twice, Santa is once again preparing to do his annual drive through Campus Hills on Christmas Eve in a fire truck (that is if the fire truck isn't being used, of course!).



# Welcome!

**902 Starbit**

**803 Seaward**

**922 Shelley**

**601 Squires**

**605 Seabrook**

If a new neighbor moves in on your street, please notify **Mike Fiehe** at (410) 296-7958, or [chhospitality@campushills.org](mailto:chhospitality@campushills.org) so a member of the hospitality committee can welcome them.

Reach 369 Campus Hills' homes for just \$25! Place your ad in the next newsletter!

(subject to editing)

Send your ad request to: [chpresident@campushills.org](mailto:chpresident@campushills.org)

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## KAUAI

We concentrate our efforts in Campus Hills - currently servicing 27 lawns and 20 landscaping customers.

**General Landscaping Services:**

Gutter Cleaning Leaf Clean Up Seeding Fertilizing  
Retaining Walls Trimming Mowing Patios and Walkways  
Plantings and Design Chimney Caps-Stone ledge repair

**David Sausser**

410-337-7298

[dsauss1@yahoo.com](mailto:dsauss1@yahoo.com)



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## Tae Kwon Do for fun and fitness!

**8th Degree Korean Grand Master and Olympic Coach**



**Convenient Location:  
600 Sadler Road  
1st Month Free!  
Call Mike at  
410-823-0327**