



Spring Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- Congratulations to Gary Bull as the 2008 Citizen of the Year
- June 1—Deadline for reduced Dues
- Community Yard Sale on June 6, 8am-1pm
- CHCA is again sponsoring the Tree-mendous program

Message from the President— Campus Hills Steps Up

“Wow” is all I can say about the overwhelming response for volunteers at the General Meeting in March. Even though the turnout to the meeting was about average, the call for volunteers was heard and answered. I am very excited to announce that we have three new board members – **Brian Wood**, returning to the board from a brief hiatus, and **Robert Hornbacher** and **Bobby Croxton** both stepped up after moving into the neighborhood this past year. Welcome to the board and thanks for volunteering.

I am also pleased to announce that **Laura Wood** will take over the children’s activities. Thanks, Laura! **Jen Guanti** did this for several years along with serving on the board and planning many neighborhood activities. We thank Jen for her time, commitment, and many talents

that she brought to our group! You will be missed, Jen.

Courtney Peeples, who also recently moved into Campus Hills, has agreed to be the CampusHills.org webmaster – thanks, Courtney!

Several new drivers volunteered for Citizens On Patrol – we are always in need of more volunteers for C.O.P.! Thanks to these folks, who are willing to volunteer for at least one patrol each month, Campus Hills continues to be a safe place to live. We also had several people volunteer for one time efforts, such as distributing luminaries and phone directories. These are important tasks that require many people. Someone from the board will be contacting you when needed.

Congratulations are in order for **Gary Bull** who was named Campus Hills’ Citizen of the Year for 2008. Gary served

on the board for more than five years in the capacity of Covenant’s Chairperson and Vice President. Please thank Gary for his service, time, and dedication to our community and congratulate him on this award. Thanks, Gary!

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to not only thank all of these new volunteers, but to also give a BIG THANK YOU to the volunteers who continue to serve year after year in many capacities. You are what make Campus Hills a great place to live and raise a family.

Hope you are ready for the yard sale on June 6th (rain date June 7th). Clean out those basements, garages and closets! See details in the yard sale announcement for the charity pick up after the sale.

- Andrea Otis

Annual Meeting Highlights

On March 9, we had our annual association meeting at Cromwell Valley Elementary. The turnout was very good, with a lot of faces new to the community joining us.

We had two speakers join us, Officer Lee Brown from the Baltimore County Police Dept

and Community Relations from Goucher College. Officer Brown spoke about crime in the area, which is generally low, and reminded everyone to keep your doors and windows locked. Goucher College provided us with an overview of their project to

install a new turf field on campus.

A recap of the work of 2008 included the planting of 20 new trees through Maryland’s Tree-mendous program and a decision by the board to cease

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Citizens on Patrol

The Citizens on Patrol in Campus Hills had a great announcement following the 2009 Annual Meeting of having signed up 6 new drivers for a total of 15.

Walter Calwell, our head of Campus Hills Citizens on Patrol would like to share some tips for keeping you safe from crime.

- **Do not leave anything of value in you vehicle & keep it locked**
- **Keep outside lights on at night to deter potential thieves**
- **Keep sheds and garages locked and closed**
- **Keep your front door closed and locked when you are in the back yard**
- **Report suspicious people & actions to the police, do not approach them yourself**
- **Please obey posted speed limits**

The Citizens on Patrol is Campus Hills' first line of defense against crime in our neighborhood; the eyes and ears of the police.

If you would like to participate in this vital program, please contact **Walter Calwell** at **(410) 494-9405**.

Remember, dial 911 for any emergency. For non-emergency calls, the Baltimore County Policy Dept can be reached at: 410-887-2222.



Newsletter Archive

Brian Wood, the new board member in charge of the newsletter, is asking all residents to help in a project to preserve the history of Campus Hills.

The goal of the project is to preserve any old newsletters (pre-2004) electronically. In addition to the newsletters, any documents from when

Campus Hills was originally opened, such as sales brochures, floor plans, and pictures are desired.

All documents will be scanned and eventually be placed in a new area on the Campus Hills website to share with the next generation of residents, and link our future with our past.

Any documents that are sub-

mitted will be returned as soon as possible.

If you have any documents to share, please contact Brian Wood at chnewsletter@campushills.org, or (410) 825-0972. He is willing to pick up and return any documents.

Keep our Neighborhood Clean



Campus Hills is a wonderful neighborhood, and we all need to do our part. As more people spend time outdoors during the summer, how our neighborhood looks counts.

Please be aware of your environment, both for yourself and for others.

The Association has the fol-

lowing reminders for keeping our neighborhood clean:

- **Make sure to pick up any trash from outdoor eating, since everyone loves a good BBQ**
- **Try to bring in your trash cans as quickly as possible, especially on windy days, once the garbage has been picked up**
- **If you see trash in your yard, please pick it up, even if it wasn't yours**
- **Always clean up after your pet while taking a walk**

Campus Hills' Annual Yard Sale

When: Saturday, June 6, 2009 (rain date Sunday, June 7)

Time: 8am – 1pm

The **National Children's Charity** will have a donation truck in the neighborhood in the afternoon / evening to pick-up any unsold items you wish to donate. Please place these items at the curb after the conclusion of the sale, and clearly mark them with "NCC." Because of the outpouring of generosity from the neighborhood, they had to make multiple trips the past two years, so please be patient the afternoon / evening after the yard sale. Please note, the CHCA board has arranged this for your convenience and is not responsible if NCC does not show up.



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

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 – Be sure to check our website frequently and register as a user so you can take advantage of more timely Campus Hills' updates!

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. Please plan ahead and allow a 30 day turnaround for requests.

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) _____
(Phone) _____
(Email) _____

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.

Annual Meeting Highlights, Part 2

the 5-year-old attempt at changing the covenants and instead focus on enforcement of the existing covenants.

The board announced that 2009 would focus on updating the Campus Hills Neighborhood Directory.

The CHCA presented the 2008 Citizen of the Year award to Gary Bull for his years of service on the board and tireless work related to covenants and keeping Campus Hills a desirable

place to live.

The proposed slate of board members and officers was approved without dissent, though help is still needed for several positions, including some volunteers for non-board functions.

Walter Calwell spoke about the Citizens on Patrol, including the need for new drivers and requests and suggestions to enhance the security of the neighborhood.

Several members also

expressed interest in seeing if the county would place a playground behind the Campus Cabana near the baseball fields.

A big thanks to all those who attended. An active community is a healthy community.



Volunteers Needed



The Campus Hills Community Association is always looking for new volunteers, both to join the board a regular members as well as for smaller tasks.

We currently have the following needs:

- An assistant treasurer to take over full time for 2010
- People interested in helping review covenants issues, including new proposals and violations
- Distributing Luminaries in December
- Block Party planning
- Holiday Party planning
- Citizens on Patrol drivers

If you would like to volunteer for any of these activities, please contact Andrea Otis at 410-828-4829 or chpresident@campushills.org.

Campus Hills' Website

The Campus Hills' Website (www.campushills.org) is our place of online community.

Over the past two years, we have begun to use the website and the residents who have registered with us as a means for communicating information more frequently than the printed newsletters.

One of our goals for 2009 is to publish more frequent updates to the site, and to provide more compelling reasons to utilize the site. Our website is designed to provide a forum for discussions about the community, as well as a place to exchange ideas, goods and services with each other.

We remind everyone who is online to check out the site and register (only residents are allowed to register), to see what's going on.

Please use registration code: **SPRING09NL**.



Campus Hills Community Association



We're on the web:

www.campushills.org

Community Association Officers, Board & Volunteers

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Membership

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Bobby Croxton, 443-562-6423, chhospitality@campushills.org

Webmaster

Courtney Peeples, webmaster@campushills.org

Bobby Croxton, 443-562-6423

Newsletters

Brian Wood, 410-825-0972, chnewsletter@campushills.org

Children's Activities

Laura Wood, 410-825-0972, chchildren@campushills.org

Welcome New Residents

933 Starbit

If a new neighbor moves in on your street, please notify **Bobby Croxton** at (443) 562-6423, or 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: chnewsletter@campushills.org



Tree-mendous Program

In 2008 Campus Hills participated in the Tree-mendous program and planted 20 new trees in the neighborhood.

Emily Richie, coordinator of the effort, would like to pass along a few reminders to everyone who planted a new tree:

- **Loosen the black bands around the trees to allow room to grow**
- **Keep the trees watered**

once a week unless there has been a drenching rain

- **Keep the base free of mulch or dirt to discourage pests and mold**
- **Watch for deer munching the bark, and put screens or other protection around if any is found**

The CHCA is committed to

maintaining the atmosphere of the Campus Hills community, and encourages everyone who has lost or removed any trees to replace them through this wonderful program sponsored by the CHCA.

If you would like to participate, or have questions about planted trees, please contact Emily Richie at 410-821-1723 or chtreasurer@campushills.org.

Fly Your Flags

Remember to fly your flags on the following dates this summer:

- **Memorial Day: May 25 (half-staff until noon)**
- **Flag Day: June 14**

- **Independence Day: July 4**
- **Labor Day: September 7**
- **Patriot Day: September 11 (half-staff all day)**

