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Spring Park Cleanup

Saturday, April 1, 2006

9:30 AM to Noon

1:00—3:00 p.m.



Spring is here at last! Join us in the park to rake, prune, pick-up and clean-up.

Bring work gloves, rakes, pruning shears, loppers and pruning handsaws.

There is much to be done. We will meet on the basketball court.

P.S. As we all use the park more and more with better and better weather, please clean-up after yourselves, your children, and your pets.

See you in the Park!

ATTENTION: Cabin John Middle & Wootton High School Students

Copenhaver's Spring Park Cleanup is now approved for **Student Service Learning Hours**.

All students must bring a Verification Form (available at www.mcps.k12.md.us/departments/ssl) to the park for Mrs. Mason to sign. In addition, pre-approved/signed Special Activity Forms for CJMS students will be at the park. WHS, however, has these forms on file for their students.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Neighbors,

Since this is a mini Chronicle, I will try to make this a mini letter touching on three items. First, we enclose the 2006-7 Copenhagen Directory. Second, plan to participate in our spring park cleanup on Saturday, April 1, from 9:30-12. Third, I want to comment about the Stewart house at 12501 Exchange Court South.

Work has been going on for several weeks. At the time of this writing, the house and site look like they took a direct hit from Hurricane Katrina. Construction of this type is rarely a thing of beauty, and a few problems are not unusual. In this case, the most serious matters have been the builder disturbing nearby neighbors by beginning noisy operations earlier than the Montgomery County Saturday 9 a.m. starting time.

After the initial violation, Eric Stewart quickly contacted the builder and apologized to the neighbors. However, a week or two later, a second incident occurred. Here, Eric took the more decisive step of ordering no more foundation or framing work on Saturdays or Sundays. This order was confirmed by e-mail to the Copenhagen Board of Directors on March 4.

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Neighbors, We Need You To Drive at 25!



President's Letter (continued from front)

The ACC and the Board of Directors have no jurisdiction over the construction process. However, we are maintaining regular contact with Eric to encourage his close monitoring of the project. He visits the site almost daily, and we hope this kind of attention coupled with the no weekend work order will produce a smoother operation.

A final thought: We can all learn from the Stewart project. Whenever we have construction on our property, let's handle time, noise, and related matters with great care. Isn't that what being a good neighbor is all about?

Sincerely,

Guy Chamberlin
President, CHC

Park Notes

- ❖ If you need a key to the tennis courts, contact Al and Helene Grant. Don't forget, the tennis courts are for tennis, tennis players, and tennis shoes only (no to pets, to wheels, and to alternative sports). Some children can open the tennis court gate by reaching through the fence. Please, give your children the key so that we can be confident that all players are residents and so that no one gets a hand caught in the fence.
- ❖ If you have a team that would like to use the field for its practices or if you are planning an event in the park, please contact Guy Chamberlin.
- ❖ Look for the fountain early in April.

Neighborhood Notes

Copenhaver Picnic: Please put the picnic on your calendar: **Sunday, June 4, 1-4 PM.** If you can help with the picnic, please call Lisa Tilley or Sherry Kinikin.

Copenhaver Teenagers Ready to Work: In the May *Chronicle*, we will publish lists of Copenhaver teenagers who are willing to shovel snow, do yard work, baby sit, and pet sit. If you would like to be included in one or more of these lists, please contact Jane Burns at 301-251-2806 or by email at janeburns@mindspring.com.

Street Trees: *Go Copenhaver!* We have done a great job at calling and writing the county. Many of our street trees have been taken down. It is so sad to see them go. Now we have to keep up the good work because every step in the process (pruning, take down, stumping, and planting) requires its own call or letter. A tree can be planted beside the old stump and before the stump is removed, and so if your tree has been taken down, please call or write for a new tree. We are urging the whole community to pick swamp white oak, *Quercus bicolor*. The number is (240) 777-6000. The May *Chronicle* will have the form letter or call Mickey Bolmer who has extra form letters.

If it's spring, swimming can't be far off! Join your friends and neighbors at the **Montgomery Square-Copenhaver Swim Club** for fun in the pool and sun this summer! Open Memorial Day-Labor Day. For membership information call 301-424-0423 or visit www.msoswimclub.com.