



# The Barnstormer

## March 2012



A Regular Newsletter from the Box Hill Community Services Association, Inc.

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### Box Hill Barn Hours

Monday 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Tue – Fri 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

### March 2012 Meetings/Events

11<sup>th</sup> - Daylight Savings Time Begins

12<sup>th</sup> - Design Review Board – 7:00 p.m.

15<sup>th</sup> - Board of Directors – 7:30 p.m.

15<sup>th</sup> - Election Night

### April 2012 – Meeting/Events

16<sup>th</sup> - Design Review Board- 7:00 p.m.

19<sup>th</sup> - Board of Directors – 7:30 p.m.

Office Closed – 04/06 & 04/13

Schools Closed – 04/02 through 04/09

(School Reopens on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>)

### Board of Directors

Robyn Kalwa - President

Anne Lyle - Treasurer

Doyle McCracken - Vice President

Ross Garris – Secretary

Darlene Sakers - Director

### Committee Chairs

Barnstormer - OPEN

Building and Grounds – OPEN

Children's – OPEN

Design Review Board – Ilyse Horgan

Playground – OPEN

Pool – OPEN

Outreach – OPEN

Townhouse – OPEN

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

### Babysitters



Sara Walker – Age 16 – (410) 569-1287

Gabrielle Killian – Age 18 – (443) 512-8326

Gisselle Killian – Sears - Age 15– (443) 512-8326

Bella Killian – Sears – Age 13 (443) 512-8326

Chelsea Moore – Age 13 – (443) 617-8405

### Landscapers:



Dylan Reinhardt – Age 17 – (410) 569-8364

Simon Harris – Age 15 – (443)-372-5227

### Pet sitters:



Gabrielle Killian, Gisselle & Bella Killian-Sears  
(443) 512-8326

Sara Walker – Age 16 – (410) 569-1287

Anyone interested in adding your name to our  
Babysitter, Landscaper or Pet sitter list, please call the  
Box Hill Barn.

### Inside:

Community Bulletin Board News/Updates

December 2011 Board of Director Minutes

January 2012 Board of Director Minutes

Patterson Mill Fund Raiser Ad

### **BARNSTORMER ON THE WEB**

To help reduce the cost of printing & postage of the Barnstormer, it is now available on-line. If you wish to be notified when the Barnstormer is posted, please email the office at [boxhillbarn@verizon.net](mailto:boxhillbarn@verizon.net) with your email address, name, lot number and address. You will be emailed a password to obtain access to the Barnstormer.

You will no longer be mailed a hard of the Barnstormer if you choose to access it on the web.

# COMMUNITY NEWS BOARD

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS



*Matthew Wines  
Harrogate Way*

*Barry & Vivian Wolfsheimer  
Longfellow Court*



## DESIGN REVIEW BOARD - INFO



Design Review Board forms must be in the Box Hill office no later than 4 p.m. on the night the Committee meets. Applications cannot be dropped off on the night of the meeting. Permits must be submitted if Harford County requires it. Check with the county first when in doubt. Thank you!

- Invisible fences are not permitted in the community per our recent Resolution - No. 2010.10.n1. The reason being is that they are not full-proof and will not contain animals if they are determined to run through them. Traditional fencing is the only approved fencing that will keep your pets in your yard and other people walking by your property safe. Complaints have been received lately in the office about the use of some of these fences throughout our neighborhood.



- Pictures of all sheds and fences must accompany all Design Review Board applications. No exceptions!
- Copies of plats must be submitted with your application and have the item you are requesting drawn in on the plat in the exact position of where you are placing it.



## ELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Election Committee is now being formed. We need at least 2 more volunteers for the committee. The committee is to assure that the ballots cast for the Board Elections are appropriately handled and correctly counted on Election Night, March 15, 2012 at 6:00p.m. Please volunteer by calling (410) 515-3958.



**\*\*Owners shall have a zero balance owed on assessments and no outstanding violations to have their vote count. Please vote! \*\***



## ELECTION BALLOTS

The meeting for the Box Hill Board Elections is on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p.m. Mailed Ballots should be postmarked by Monday, March 12, 2012 to P.O. Box 350, Abingdon, MD, 21009 or drop off on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> by 6:00 p.m. in the barn.



1. **Pool Updates:** The pool repairs have almost been completed. Some minor work will be finished shortly. All crack repairs, spot resurfacing, and broken skimmer line replacement has been taken care of. The pool is currently being filled. Concrete deck replacement has also been completed. Our insurance company has approved part of the total repairs. Box Hill has just received a reimbursement check in the amount of \$15,500.00 in relation to the claim that we previously filed.



2. **Old Tennis Court Area:** The office has received very few suggestions so far in connection with the revitalization of the old tennis court area. The Board would like to hear from the community about what they would like to see happen to this area. Suggestions received so far include: community garden area, Bocce Court area, and additional parking spaces. Please send your suggestions to the office by either mail or email. Thank you!



3. **Pool Job Positions:** Applications are now being accepted for the 2012 pool season for Lifeguards and Pool Managers. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older and have CPR & a Lifeguard Certification. The manager position also requires a Pool Operators License. Applications are available on-line at [www.boxhillnorth.org](http://www.boxhillnorth.org) or at the office.



4. **Mitchell Drive Storm Water Dry Pond Area:** Bids have been received and some minor landscaping work is currently being done by our contractor in conjunction with Harford County's mandate to become compliant. The initial cost is just under \$500.00 to-date. The community will be kept informed as the work progresses.



5. **Pool Committee:** Help is needed! Get involved and make it a great pool year!
6. **2012 Pool Registration:** Coming Soon!
7. **Box Hill Sign Facelift:** Thank you to Richard Conklin who performed a cleanup, cut back perennials & removed some overgrown ornamental grasses.



**BOX HILL COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION, INC.  
COORDINATING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
DECEMBER 13, 2011**

**Directors Present**

**Robyn Kalwa – President  
Doyle McCracken – Vice President  
Anne Lyle – Treasurer  
Ross Garris – Secretary  
Darlene Sakers – Director**

**Members in Attendance: 4 (signed in)**

**Robyn Kalwa welcomed everyone to our holiday gathering and called the meeting to order at 7:35p.m.**

**Design Review Board – Ilyse Horgan – (Not Present – Report Submitted)**

- ❖ **The Design Review Board met on Monday, December 12, 2011 with one submitted application which was approved. Design Review violations were submitted to the Box Hill office for processing. The next meeting will be on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. in the Leisure Center.**

**Robyn reported that since no one was in attendance for the November meeting, there was no official Board of Directors meeting for the month of November 2011. Therefore, there are no official minutes to relay to the community. However, the Board did hold an Executive Session meeting in the office. During that meeting, the Board went ahead and finalized the snow contract, met with the lawn contractor in regard to potential landscaping work that the county wants rectified regarding the Mitchell Drive Storm Water Management Pond area, the pool repairs contract, winterization of the pond fountains, concrete work, tree work and other financial and internal correspondence matters. Ilyse Horgan, the Design Review Chairperson, and Beverly, the Shelley Court Town representative, joined the meeting for a short time to discuss pertinent issues.**

**Treasurer's Report – (Report Given by Anne Lyle & compiled by J. Donato)**

- ❖ **November 2011 Income Statement for General and Townhouses were available at tonight's meeting.**
- ❖ **Proposed 2012 General and Townhouse Budgets were also available at tonight's meeting.**
- ❖ **Treasurer's Report as of November 31, 2011:  
General Fund Expenses: \$6,890.60, Pool Expenses: \$379.39, Townhouse Expenses: \$2,753.76  
Assessment Information: Uncollected (Includes all outstanding money due from prior years and from current Qtr 4, 2011.  
Breakdown: Single Family (160) - \$21,155.03, Townhouses (87) - \$58,937.31  
Total at Attorney (45) - \$45,472.54  
Prior Year Assessments Collected in November: Single Family - \$130.80, Townhouse - \$303.33  
Legal (Attorney) Money Collected in November: \$967.56**

**A resident asked Anne if the Community was successful with the Pool Membership/Sponsorships this past year. She responded that there were not as many memberships as we hoped for and very few sponsorships sold as well. Unfortunately, the future of the pool may be in jeopardy if the community itself does not start supporting it. The Board has not worked on a new 2012 Pool Budget. We still need to finalize all the bills still coming in for the unexpected 2011 emergency repairs.**

**Another resident had questions about the old tennis court area and what money would be available to improve it. Robyn added that the old rusted and cut tennis court fence is already in the process of being taken down. It was an eyesore to the residents especially on Strathaven Lane across from it. There will be a small charge to take it down but removal will be done at no cost to Box Hill. The Board was able to secure someone to dispose of it for free for the scrap value. Residents are being asked to send in their comments by email or**

by regular mail on what they would like to see happen to that area. This was already posted to the Barnstormer, but so far, no comments have been received at this time. The Board is possibly suggesting an additional parking lot be added or a resurfaced blacktop area for children to play on (bike riding, etc) besides the heavily traveled community roadways which are becoming dangerous for children to play on. A community garden area was also suggested by another resident.

Doyle McCracken made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Anne Lyle seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor to approve.

#### **OLD & NEW BUSINESS:**

Robyn reported that we are working on Phase II of the concrete sidewalk, replacement project for the general common grounds and townhouse common grounds. Unfortunately, some trees that had to be removed because of the root systems lifting up existing sidewalks and creating a tripping hazard. The county informed us that they will be out soon to remove the stumps off of Kensington Parkway near Shelley Court. Pool repairs are in progress. The two fond fountains had to be removed since there was a lot of sediment blocking the screen filters and causing some mechanical problems. They will be cleaned, stored for the winter off-site and installed again in the spring after the pond is cleaned of excessive trash and debris. In closing it was mentioned that the "Holiday House Decorating Contest" will be judged on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> after dark. The Board commented that the community had gone out this year regarding the decorations. They though the neighborhood looked great.

The following approved resolutions will be printed in the upcoming Barnstormer in the January/February 2012 issue.

- ❖ **Policy Resolution No. 117** – Establishing the 2012 Annual Parcel Assessments – Parcel II and III Townhouses
  - The Board voted in favor to approve.
- ❖ **Policy Resolution No. 118** – Establishing the 2012 Annual General Assessments
  - The Board voted in favor to approve.
- ❖ **Policy Resolution No. 119** – The 2012 Annual Budget
  - The Board voted in favor to approve.
- ❖ **Reminder: Holiday House Decorating Contest will be judged on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Doyle McCracken made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Anne Lyle seconded the motion. Robyn Kalwa adjourned the meeting at 8:35p.m.

These were the minutes as written/recorded:  
Compiled by J. Donato, & A. Lyle

Approved:  
Approving Signature:  
Attest:  
Attesting Signature:

BOX HILL COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION, INC.  
COORDINATING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
JANUARY 19, 2012

**Directors Present:**

Robyn Kalwa - President  
Doyle McCracken – Vice President  
Anne Lyle – Treasurer  
Ross Garris – Secretary  
Darlene Sakers – Director

**Members in Attendance:** 5 (signed in)

Robyn Kalwa called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. All Board members introduced themselves.

**Design Review Board Committee – Ilyse Horgan – (Not Present – Report Submitted)**

- The Design Review Board met on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> with two submitted applications. One was approved and one was disapproved. Ilyse submitted townhouse violations for painting/maintenance issues which will be sent out shortly. The next meeting will be on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Leisure Center.

**Approval of Minutes – (Minutes Submitted by Ross Garris & Anne Lyle)**

- The December 2011 Board of Director Meeting Minutes were read by all Board members prior to the meeting. Doyle McCracken made a motion to approve the minutes. Darlene Sakers seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor to approve.

**Treasurer’s Report – (Report Given by Anne Lyle & Compiled by J. Donato)**

- December 2011 Income Statement for General and Townhouses were available at tonight’s meeting.
- Treasurer’s Report as of December 31, 2011:  
General Fund Expenses: \$11,372.44, Pool Expenses: \$2,104.49, Townhouse Expenses: \$2,922.79  
Assessment Information: (Uncollected) Includes all outstanding money due from prior years.  
Breakdown: Single Family (141) - \$19,111.58, Townhouses (80) - \$53,006.17  
Total at Attorney (35) - \$41,094.22  
Prior Year Assessments Collected in December: Single Family - \$428.00, Townhouses - \$781.65  
Legal (Attorney) Money Collected in December: \$3,653.85

After some general questions from the members in attendance this evening, Anne gave them a review of how the collection procedure works and answered questions. She stressed the importance of people paying their dues on time. A verbal report was given about what projects were tackled in 2011 and what future repairs and projects are projected for 2012. Anne then answered a few questions concerning the reserve funds.

Ross Garris made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Doyle McCracken seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor to approve.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Robyn Kalwa reported on the following:**  
The tree stumps along Shelley Court have still not been removed. The County reported they should be removed by March/April. Pool repairs are being done. The break is in the skimmer line in the pool wall. Many cracks have been repaired and filled. Since the weather is not cooperating, we are waiting for our contractor to come out to pour the new slabs of the concrete decking and then fill up the pool. Tile work and pump room work will be done in the spring. Many sidewalks and curbs were repaired in the townhouse courts. Young people who live in the vicinity of Kipling and Tennyson courts vandalized the new concrete at least four times. Our concrete contractor was very understanding and repaired the concrete each time. The tennis court fence is in the process of being removed. The Board is still trying to decide what to do with this area. Any suggestions would be appreciated from the community residents. The Board would really like to have some community input before anything is done to revitalize it. Please send comments to the barn office via email, if possible. Pond fountains have been pulled from the pond to

be cleaned, repaired and winterized. They will be stored for the season and will return in the spring after the pond is cleaned up from debris. Trash has been getting stuck around the motors. The Board is asking all townhouse residents to use trash cans with lids for both regular household trash and recycling. We had some issues with the recycling pickup during holidays. Alley Cat did return on subsequent days to pick up the recycling that they had originally promised to pick up but did not. The current Barnstormer contains the holidays that Alley Cat will and will not pick up on. The Board is sorry for any inconvenience to the residents. A few trees fell near the entrance to Maidstone Lane and Laurentum Pkwy and have been removed. Another tree was uprooting the concrete sidewalk near the corners of Maidstone Lane and Strathaven Lane. That tree had to be removed so a new concrete sidewalk could be poured.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

- A resident on Shelley Court has complained about residents who are throwing their trash bags out on any day of the week and not placing it in a trash can with a lid. Anne stated that she has placed a short article in the Barnstormer reminding residents of the new policy that was going into affect by mid January, 2012. All townhouse residents were sent a letter with their first quarter 2012 assessments letting them know of the new policy and why it was necessary. Anne asked the resident if she could find out who this particular resident is and forward the address to the office so it could be handled. Anne stressed the fact that we need individual court representatives for each court to help us address these issues and keep us informed.
- A resident brought up the issue that volunteers are needed. He does not feel though that the Board is listening to his suggestions on various matters. This resident would like to make the old tennis court area a community garden. The Board responded that they are looking at various possibilities for that area's use. Community input is being requested at this time. All suggestions will be reviewed to see if they are feasible. The Board offered the resident an opportunity to plant flowers in front of the barn and maintain them. The resident was asked to submit a plan of what he would like to do and the Board will make a decision. Materials would be covered by the association.
- Ross Garris asked the other Board members if vehicles are allowed to park "head in" by the curb in front of someone's home. He believed that vehicles were only allowed to park "along side" of the curb. A resident approached him and told him of an issue involving a school bus having trouble making a pickup for a special needs child. The Board responded that all roads with a green sign are county roads, and if a bus driver is having a problem turning around, they should contact the school transportation office and Harford County. It is up to the county as to how they will handle the matter. The Board has no power to intervene unfortunately.
- A townhouse resident is having a problem with kids skateboarding on her steps. The resident is concerned if the kids hurt themselves that she may be held responsible. The Board responded that she needs to contact the sheriff's office, and that unfortunately, she would be responsible if someone got hurt. That is why it is imperative for her to contact the authorities when she sees this is happening.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- House Decorating Holiday Contest was judged on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> by our volunteer Ilyse Horgan. The results are as follows:
  - Single Family – Magical: 2912 Auden Ct, Classical: 11 Huxley Circle, Whimsical: 2939 Craigston Lane
  - Townhouse – Magical: 2828 Meredith Court, Classical: 2827 Keats Court, Whimsical: 115 Kipling Court
- We are looking for a Pool Committee Chairperson, Managers and Lifeguards for our 2012 Pool Season. You may go on the website to download an application or contact the Box Hill office. First come, first served.

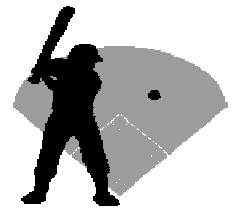
Anne Lyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doyle McCracken seconded the motion. Robyn Kalwa adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

These were the minutes as written/recorded:  
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Approved:  
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Attesting Signature:



# BASEBALL MULCH SALE



**FREE DELIVERY** to your home with purchase of 10 bags  
or more!

Offering 2 cubic feet of high quality shredded hardwood mulch!!  
Save your back and the hassle while supporting a great program

**Last Date to Order:** Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
**Delivery/Pick-up Date:** Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012

OR

NE @  
[ale.com](mailto:ne@ale.com)

Orders  
gmail.com

*Your Generous Support is greatly appreciated!!!*



--- CUT OFF AND MAIL COUPON BELOW -- SAVE TOP AS A REMINDER OF DELIVERY/PICK UP DATE ---



### Patterson Mill Baseball Mulch Sale Spring 2012 Order Form

Number Of Bags Ordered	- COLORED	x	Price Per Bag	<b>\$4.50</b>	= Amount Due	\$
	- COLORED					
	- COLORED					
	- NATURAL					

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Subdivision Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>		<b>Home Phone:</b>	
<b>City/State:</b>		<b>Cell Phone:</b>	
<b>Zip Code</b>		<b>E-Mail Address:</b>	
<b>Is this a townhouse?</b> Yes ___ No ___	<b>Delivery</b> ___ <b>Pick Up</b> ___	<b>Where on the driveway should we stack the mulch?</b>	

**THE BARNSTORMER  
2920 STRATHAVEN LANE  
ABINGDON, MD 21009**

PRESORTED STANDARD  
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PERMIT NO. 1009

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**\*\*\*ALLEY CAT 2012 TOWNHOUSE SCHEDULE\*\*\***

**YARD WASTE STARTS APRIL 1, 2012:**

**Here is a List of Things you will need to remember:**

- ❖ **Leaves and Yard Clippings must be bagged for removal.**
- ❖ **Branches must be cut down to no larger than 36" & must be tied securely (cannot be loose branches) and should be no bigger around than a soda can.**
- ❖ **Clear or green lawn bags only (no white, blue or red bags).**
- ❖ **No mulch, dirt, rocks, concrete, wood or fence material will be taken.**
- ❖ **Please secure these from the wind.**

**Your pick up days are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. First pick up beginning on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and last pick up on November 10, 2012.**

**RECYCLE PICK UP:**

**Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> No Pickup – Will Pick Up On Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**TRASH PICK UP:**

**Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> No Pick Up – Will Pick Up On Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.**