

Cromwood-Coventry Community Association

Issue 51

Spring 2022

Statement of Purpose: To keep everyone aware of local news that may affect them, provide a forum for members to voice concerns, represent the interests of the community, and promote fellowship.

Message from the President

The Board of the Cromwood Coventry Community Association plans to hold a variety of neighborhood activities this spring and summer. We'll kick things off with our Food Truck Fridays on May 27th (page 4) and hit the street again on Tuesday, August 2nd, for National Night Out (page 3). We plan to hold additional activities this year, providing all of us – young and old, with opportunities to have a little fun socializing with neighbors – some we know and some we don't. At our May 16th General Meeting, we will discuss the ideas submitted via the *Community Interest Survey* taken last spring. We will need your help identifying which activities would generate the most interest, as well as planning, organizing, and executing the activities. Therefore, we hope some of you are willing to help out. Even a little time is helpful, when volunteers are plentiful! Cromwood Coventry is a unique place with strong ties and a sense of history, but it is also being renewed constantly, with new families moving in all of the time. Neighborhood events can bring us together and help to foster a better sense of community. But we need your ideas and input if we are to be successful. I look forward to seeing you at our General Meeting. I plan to stop and talk with as many of you as I can this spring and summer, to introduce myself and to listen.

Pete Munsey, CCCA President

Cromwood-Coventry Community Association

The Cromwood-Coventry Community Association is a non-profit organization that promotes fellowship and represents the interests of the community. Membership is voluntary, at the low cost of \$15/year, per household. The CCCA is NOT a Homeowners Association (HOA). HOAs collect required "fees," not voluntary "dues" like the CCCA. HOAs enforce standards for houses, yards, etc.

Mark Your Calendars



CCCA General Meeting/Elections

Monday, May 16, 2022 7-8:30 PM

Where: Northeast SDA Church
1819 Cromwood Rd., see page 2
See Nominations Form attached

Food Truck Friday

Friday, May 27, 2022 5:30-8:00 PM

Where: Dunwoody Circle, see page 4

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



We'd like to offer a warm welcome to our new neighbors, the Chao/Ling, Anderson, Hood, Jacome, Ayun, White, Goumilevski, and Hines families.

Members, please let us know if you have a new neighbor, so we can advise the Welcoming Committee.

We hope to see you at our meeting on May 16, 2022!



CCCA Board Nominations and Elections

We elect new Board Members each Spring, at our General Meeting. If you are a member in good standing (your dues are current), you may nominate any member in good standing, including yourself, for the position of President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer. Nominations must be submitted by May 16, 2022. We will accept nominations at the Spring General Meeting, being held on that date. You may submit nominations, ask questions, or obtain more information, by contacting your Block Captain, or any Officer of the Board (see page 5). Please consider running for a Board position if you have a little time to devote to your community. Officer positions require a minimal amount of time. If you would like a description of the duties for any of the positions mentioned here, please contact a Board Officer, or attend the Spring General Meeting. Those elected at the May meeting, will serve from May 2022-May 2023. We have the freedom to decide what type of events we hold, how we spend money to enhance our community, which organizations we support, etc. Involvement gives you a voice in shaping the community in which you live. And— your involvement would be most appreciated!

Electronic Delivery of CCCA Correspondence



We would like to deliver all communications via email, to as many households as possible. We issue Newsletters (twice a year); fliers (occasionally); correspondence from our elected officials (when received), and from the Parkville Police Department, mostly referring to matters of our safety (when received).

If you have an email address, we hope you will share it with us for these purposes, by sending a message to: cromwoodcoventryccca@gmail.com, including your name and street address.

We use blind copies to send mass messages to residents and we will not share your email address with anyone. Since some of the information we share involves safety, we believe email notifications are best. Thank You!

Spring 2022 General Meeting

The Board has high hopes of creating more of a sense of community, in Cromwood Coventry. However, to accomplish this goal, we need your help! Therefore, we are hoping for a well-attended General Meeting on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7 p.m.!

Now that COVID-19 is giving us a bit of a reprieve, and the weather is breaking, we can talk about many of the ideas some of you submitted through our Community Interest Survey. Let's come to together and make some decisions on the events we'll hold and begin the planning processes. Which events submitted by "**you, the CCCA Residents,**" should we hold? A Trivia Night, Games Night, Book Club, Chili Cookoff, Community Yard Sale, Dumpster Day, Neighborhood Clean-Up Day, Block Party, Craft Fair, Plant Swap, Easter Egg Hunt, Scavenger Hunt, Helpful Neighbor Committee, Christmas/Winter Holiday Party, Outdoor Movie Night, Cultural Diversity Event, or all of the above? We can hold as many events as we like, as long as we have volunteers to assist with the planning and execution. We will be discussing all of this at the General Meeting. We'll also provide an update on a new community welcome sign for the Jenifer Road entrance. We are grateful to the Roeckell Family of Jenifer Rd., for graciously agreeing to have the sign erected on their property!

We will also be discussing the 2022 National Night Out and, as previously mentioned, voting for our 2022-23 Board Members.

We'd love to hear your opinions at this meeting! We value your input!

County Animal Laws



We would like to remind everyone that **Baltimore County law requires that - "When off the owner's property, all dogs must be leashed."** Please see the following link for additional information on stray and lost pets: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/animalservices

Membership Dues & Benefits

Membership dues are only \$15 per household, due in May of each year, but accepted at any time.

This small, voluntary dues payment entitles your household to a voice in shaping the community in which you live. It gives you the right to nominate and vote for someone to a Board position, and to run for office yourself. You may also vote on any issue before the membership body.

Our collective membership, has a bigger power. In one way or another, we have all learned that there are advantages to having the “numbers on your side.” In the past, our letter-writing campaigns, petitions, attendance at hearings, etc., have shown that there is power in the strength of numbers.

Recently, our collective voice helped to exert positive pressure on the county government, resulting in roadway repaving, gutter repairs and speed berm replacements. These things only get done if we all work together, as a community. Remember, we are stronger together.



Newsletter - Please contact Pete Munsey or Denise Carden (see page 5), if you have:

- an article of interest that our community may enjoy;
- news about a birth, death, marriage, etc.;
- any other information you would like to contribute to this newsletter.

Please direct any Facebook inquiries, to Hilarie Yoffe at: hyoffe@kippbaltimore.org.

Volunteers – We are always in need of volunteers. If you can help in any way, PLEASE contact your CCA Block Captain, any Board Member, or send a note to the correspondence address on page 5. If you have an interest in being a block captain, helping with our National Night Out, joining Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P), or organizing an activity, contact a board member or email us at: cromwoodcoventrycca@gmail.com.

Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.)

(C.O.P.'s) are organized groups of citizens who volunteer to keep a watchful eye over their neighborhoods and be the eyes and ears of the Police Department (PD). The program enhances the partnership between police and community, provides resources to help neighbors be more aware and teaches them to effectively observe and report suspicious activity.

C.O.P. Members may patrol the neighborhood or observe from their window, be homebound or hardly home.

Although C.O.P. has been active in our community for years, we always need additional volunteers. C.O.P.

groups are effective crime prevention tools that:

- add visibility, which is the best crime deterrent;
- convey a strong message that residents care about their community; and
- result in safer, more secure communities.

C.O.P. Directors maintain a list of volunteers, provide training, and complete reports for the BCPD. If you would like to get involved, please contact one of the C.O.P. Directors. (See page 5 for contact information).

National Night Out (NNO)

The NNO will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

The NNO is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places in which to live. NNO

enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement, while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together, under positive circumstances. Millions of neighbors take part in NNO across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide.

Communities host block parties, festivals, cookouts...whatever they want to do. Some arrange for safety demonstrations, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much more.

Our community has sponsored this event in the past with great success and attendance. So, SAVE THE DATE! We hope some of you will contact this year's organizer, Jenna Hatfield at: jenna.n.cunningham@gmail.com, to volunteer. The preparation is very extensive and we would like Jenna to have support from a team of volunteers that help her to pull off a successful event! And everyone else, SAVE THE DATE!

Traffic Safety

Below are a few reminders to keep everyone safe on our local roadways.

1. Per the Maryland Driver's Manual, you must yield the right-of-way if you are at a "T" intersection, making a left or right-hand turn onto a through highway. This requirement includes the "T" intersections (without STOP signs) in our community on:
 - Wolverton, at Rushley;
 - Rushley, at Oakleigh;
 - Haverhill, at Littlewood;
 - Dunwoody, at Littlewood, and
 - Cromwood, at both Oakleigh and Littlewood
2. If a school bus is stopped on a roadway with alternately flashing red lights operating, drivers:
 - following or approaching the school bus must stop:
 - at least 20 feet from the rear of the school bus, if approaching from its rear; or
 - at least 20 feet from the front of the school bus, if approaching from its front.

You may not proceed until the school bus resumes motion, or the alternately flashing red lights are deactivated. This does not apply to drivers on a physically divided highway.

3. May is Motorcycle Awareness Month and the American Motorcyclist Association is urging motorists to be aware of motorcycles on the nation's roads and highways. Even the smallest momentary lapse in a vehicle driver's awareness can result in the death of an unseen motorcyclist. Throughout spring and summer, the number of motorcyclists on the road will increase, please watch out for them!

Food Truck Fridays

We have arranged to host "Food Truck Fridays" in the Dunwoody Circle, during the summer months this year. But it's not just about food; there will be music too! These events will give us all a chance to socialize and, hopefully, meet a few new friends! At the very least, it will get us out of making dinner that night! We hope to see you on Friday, May 27, 2022 @5:30, when The Dizzy Cow Pizzeria and The Smoking Swine, start things off for us. A decent turnout will allow us to continue the events.

Little Free Library

Thanks to many of you, our Little Free Library (LFL), provides a nice turnover of books for adults. However, we seem to regularly run short on books for toddlers – and sometimes teens. When we opened the LFL, we hoped that it would offer an equal number of books to educate and entertain the youngest of our community. If you have books for children, that you could donate, please consider placing them in the Cromwood Coventry LFL at the corner of Rushley and Wolverton Rds.

Neighborhood Goose



This plastic goose that was a long-time resident of Dunwoody Rd., has found a new home. The well-dressed goose now resides on the porch of 1832 Cromwood Rd., the home of Eric Gadsby, Sarah Kiley, and their children. Sarah and her daughter first noticed the goose in front of 1809 Dunwoody Rd., while walking their dog. "My kids kept asking to see Mother Goose and what she was wearing," Sarah explained. So, it became a habit to stop and take pictures of her kids next to the goose when she had on a new outfit. One day last Fall, the goose's owner told Sarah they were moving, but wanted the goose to stay in the neighborhood. Sarah agreed to become the new custodian. A few days later, the goose was dropped off with a bag of over 20 outfits. Sarah said her kids love to go through the clothes and pick out what she should wear next. The goose has had at least three owners over the past two decades, all on Dunwoody. The various owners added to her wardrobe, sometimes purchasing and sometimes making outfits. When owners moved, they bequeathed the goose and her outfits, to a new owner. The Goose's current outfits include Seasonal, holiday, and sports-related garb. The phenomena of decorating geese, appears to have started in the Midwest, in the 1980s. One source claimed that someone started making geese out of concrete in Kentucky. Plastic geese soon started making an appearance in Ohio, and the decorations began in Indiana or Illinois in 1998. Since then, the trend has "waddled across the country, honking all the way." Sarah stated that they hope to find some type of pedestal to place the goose on closer to the road. They want neighbors to notice her, and they encourage people to have their pictures taken with Mother Goose.

Other Groups of Interest:

The **Parkville Police Community Relations Council** 410-887-5439
Answers for the Aging – Senior information and referral
 410-646-0100 or Toll-free 1-888-502-7587

Baltimore County Website – www.baltimorecountymd.gov
Baltimore County Police and Fire Departments are on Social Media
 – Facebook, Twitter, YouTube

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John Olszewski, Jr. Phone: 410-887-2450

5th District Councilman

David Marks Phone: 410-887-3384

CROMWOOD-COVENTRY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD – OFFICERS

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2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL

OUR Community is comprised of ~300 ++ households. If you want to be heard, want to make a difference, join now. Dues continue to be \$15.00 per household, per year.

Please verify with the Board if your dues are current. Please make your check payable to:

CCCA, P.O. Box 42314, Towson, MD 21284

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NAME: _____

ADDRSS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

TO CORRESPOND WITH US

Email us at:

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-OR snail mail us at-

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 Community Association
 PO Box 42314
 Towson, MD 21284

Newsletters are distributed twice a year. If you have questions or concerns, information you wish to include in a newsletter, or want to volunteer your time, we encourage you to contact your CCCA Block Captain, any Board Officer, or send a note to the address above.