Notes from the President
by Margaret Craver

Directors & Officers Elections
February 10, 1997

Last month elections were held for new members of the Board of Directors and Home Owners Association. I am pleased to announce, as this year’s President, the new officers:

- President/Director: Margaret Craver
- Vice President/Director: Jim Dillon
- Secretary: Joni Marion
- Director: Debbie Fearnow

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the community. This March marks our third year here. It is hard to believe that it has been that long already. My family and I are thoroughly enjoying living in such a beautiful, well manicured community. We have made many good friends and plan to meet many more.

My husband, Tom and I moved into West River Estates for many reasons, however, the most important ones are probably the same most of you decided to settle here.

- The neighborhood first of all is a pleasure to drive through. The homes are kept immaculately and the grounds are very natural and kept free of debris.

- The area is so safe and quiet! I never worry about my girls while they are out riding their bikes or playing with the “gaggle of girls” that reside on Sweetwater Drive.

- Thirdly, and most important is the sense of pride and camaraderie that we have found. This sense of community is what we were seeking and most definitely found it.

This sense of community will be my main focus this year as President. It is apparent that the main objectives of the prior HOA have been completed, with the exception of the recreation area which will be completed this year with your help. Our goal is to keep the community looking the way it does and continue to build on that by using the resources that are currently available to us. In other words “Volunteers”. Volunteers are the backbone of this community. I doubt there is any one person that has not helped a neighbor move a piece of furniture, given tips on lawn or garden care, watched a child, picked up something at the store. That kind of help is exactly what I will be asking for. If every resident pitches in for one event, committee, etc. we will continue to have that close knit community that West River Estates represents.

Thanks for letting me ramble and I am looking forward to serving my community. I am usually outside in the garden – spring is coming – stop and say hello! (5326 Sweetwater)

Notes from the Past President
by Vicky Lohman

As outgoing President, I would like to take this opportunity to say “thank you” to the many unsung persons who worked behind the scenes for the community and helped make my job, as President, and the work of the Board that much easier.

Block Captains - Block captains are volunteers who distribute community materials to households within the community. Many block captains have been providing this service for several years. Block Captains make the work of the Board much easier and have save the community countless dollars on postage.

Board Members/Officers - Thank you to our outgoing Board members and officers for their time and commitment to our community. Being an officer is a volunteer position and without these volunteers, the business of running a HOA could not be accomplished.

The WREporter is published bi-monthly for the residents of West River Estates. Contributions are always welcome. If you have an article you would like included in the next issue of The WREporter, please contact:

Kent Jones
641 Plantation Blvd.
867-0122
Their initiatives, time and commitment are appreciated.

President/Director: Vicky Lohman
Vice President/Director: Joni Marion
Secretary: Gay Burvis
Director: Margaret Craver

Volunteers- Finally a special “thank you” to the residents NOT elected to an official position who assisted the Board in a variety of ways.

Debbie Fearnow - Debbie has spent countless hours making phone calls, running errands, and just generally being available to assist wherever she could. All this in addition to being a co-chairman of the Grounds Committee. This assistance has proven to be invaluable to the community and has saved the Board tremendous amounts of work, and we appreciate her dedication and her help.

Newsletter - A hearty thank you to Kent and Mia Jones who prepare the community newsletter.

Committee Chairs - Much of the work within our organization is handled by Committee. A “thank you” for your time and effort on behalf of the community goes to:

   Diana Seen - Social Committee
   Brian Blankinship - Safety Committee
   Clay & Debbie Fearnow - Grounds Committee
   Joanie Marion - Architectural Review and Covenant Committee

Please take a moment to thank these persons when next you meet. They have worked on your behalf and have earned our deepest appreciation.

March Dues
by Joni Marion

As you know we are no longer doing any type of business with Harry Ivrey. During the transition period for the month of March you still need to send your dues to:

   West River HOA
   P.O. Box 206
   West River, MD 20778

We have hired Carol Franklin of Franklin Accounting to handle our collection of monthly dues. She will also write bills and provide us with a monthly income and expense statement. The cost of this to the Association is 80% less than Harry Ivrey.

Starting with the APRIL DUES, you will send to

   Franklin Accounting
   5833 Rockhold Creek Rd.
   Deale, MD 20751

The dues will still be due by the 10th of the month. You will be billed only if you are in the arrears. After April 1, 1997 if you have any questions regarding your account, please call Carole Franklin at 301-261-5305.

Easter Egg Hunt

The 4th annual West River Estates Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 22nd at 10:00 am by the neighborhood Christmas tree at the corner of Beauvoir Ct. and Plantation Blvd. In order to participate each family must donate one bag of small Easter candy that will be used to fill eggs. Candy must be turned in by Thursday March 20th. Tickets will be issued to each child in the family once their candy has been turned in. There will be 6 eggs hidden per child (and each child may only take 6 eggs).

If you wish to participate or have any questions, please turn in your candy to Mia Jones, 641 Plantation (867-0122) or Susan Bolander, 674 Plantation (867-4943).

You may also bring eggs to hang on the tree if you wish. (There will be no further notices regarding this event.)

Block Captains

Mia and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the neighborhood block captains for circulating the newsletters for us. The block captains at this time are:

   Beauvoir Ct. – The Blankinships
   West End of Plantation – The Johnstons
   East End of Plantation – The Lindstroms
   Sweetwater Dr. – The Seens

If anyone would like to take a turn as block captain, please contact Mia at 867-0122.

Directory

The neighborhood directory is included with this newsletter. In order to be included in the directory, you must submit your name, address and phone number to Mia Jones at 867-0122 or you may sign the sheet that is passed around at homeowners’ meetings.
Committee Reports

Social Committee
by Margaret Craver

We currently do not have a Social Committee chairperson. Although the role of this person is defined to be someone who coordinates volunteers for individual community events, the role is much more important that that. Community events organized by the Social Committee give us an opportunity to get together as a group. Everyone who attends these functions seem to find them enjoyable. The next annual event will be the Easter Egg hunt. Mia Jones has offered to coordinate this event. We still need someone to assume the role of chairperson for the committee. If you are interested, please contact Margaret Craver at (410) 721-9688.

Safety Committee
by Brian Blankinship

Southern District Gets New Commander
Captain Harry Collier comes to South County by way of the Special Operations Division. He replaces Captain Irwin, who rose from being a lieutenant at our station to take charge of the Southern District. Captain Irwin is now in charge of the Criminal Investigation Division.

Repaing The Crosswalks
The safety committee has been asked to repaint the crosswalks on Plantation Blvd. If anyone would like to head up this project, please contact Brian Blankinship at 867-1051.

Phone Scam (Again).
The latest scam is an offer of free software, usually from a well-known software company. The caller will ask seemingly innocent questions and offer to come by your home to deliver and install the software on your home PC. Once they determine you are not home, they come by and break in your house and take whatever they can get. Be careful about providing information to anyone you don't know about when you are home or not.

Breaking And Entering On Muddy Creek
Recently a house on Muddy Creek was broken into while the owners were at church, an 11:00 in the morning Sunday Service. Since that is a common time for whole families to be away from home, we need to help watch over each other.

President’s Addendum
At the last homeowners meeting, Brian indicated he would like to step down as chairperson of this committee. Brian has done a fine job on this committee and we appreciate all his hard work. If you can assume the role of chairperson for this committee, please contact Margaret Craver at (410) 721-9688.

Grounds Committee
by Clay Fearnow

The 3rd Annual Spring Clean-up will be held April 5th at 9 a.m. Meet at the Fearnows’ (660 Plantation Blvd.) to receive your assignments.

Any questions, please call Clay Fearnow (867-1180).

By-Law/Covenant Committee
by Margaret Craver

The covenant committee was formed to address the issues of homeowners in violation of the homeowners covenants. Please review the copy of your Covenant and Restrictions manual you received upon purchase of your home. Some of the common violations are things like:

- garbage cans left in front of the house
- lawn furniture in the front yard
- children’s play equipment left in the front yard

Joni Marion is currently heading up this committee and could desperately use your help. If you’d like to be a part of this committee, please contact Joni at 956-6956. We would like as many homeowners as possible to participate on this committee.

To report a covenant violation, please use the attached form and mail it to:

West River Homeowners Association
Covenants Committee
P.O. Box 206
West River, MD  20778

Please note that covenant violations should not be reported to our former property manager, Harry Ivrey.

Architectural Review Committee
by Margaret Craver

The Architectural Review Committee was formed to review proposed changes to homes in the community. No changes to your property can be made without prior
approval of this committee. This includes items such as
the construction of a deck or fence. The committee
reviews all proposals and makes final recommendations
to the board who in turn make the final decision. Please
submit all change requests in writing to:

West River Homeowners Association
Covenants Committee
P.O. Box 206
West River, MD 20778

Joni Marion is heading up this committee. If you’d like
to join the committee or need an application to submit to
the committee, please contact Joni at 956-6956. The
committee will meet once a month if there are any
requests pending.

Shady Side Rural Heritage Society

Site for the 1998 Southern Anne Arundel County Familiar Scenes Calendar have been announced, and artists are invited to submit drawings of them for this joint
fund raising project sponsored by the Galesville Heritage Society and the Shady Side Rural Heritage Society.

The 13 sites will be used for the cover and monthly pages of the 1998 calendar. All original art should be submitted 17 inches top to bottom and 22 inches left to
right, and in one of the following media: pencil, pen and ink, or charcoal. Entries should be submitted to Newell Cannon, 5313 Sweetwater Drive, West River, MD
20778 no later than June 1.

The sites selected for the calendar are:
- “Crossroads”, Owensville, home of Dr. Charles H. Wirth and Harry McCrone
- Home of Mrs. Rever Sellman, W. Benning Road, Galesville
- The Shady Side Market, Shady Side
- View of the waterfront from Smith Park, Galesville
- Oakland Methodist Church, Churchton
- Zang’s Fruit Stand, Muddy Creek Road, near Galesville
- Walke’s Store, Friendship
- “Captain Lucas’ House”, Galesville
- “Leatherbury-Crandell House”, Shady Side
- Swamp Circle Saloon, Muddy Creek Road, Churchton
- Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Owensville
- Avalon Shores Fire Department, Shady Side
- The “J. Edward” Barge and “Captain Nelson” Tugboat, Galesville

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Rebecca and Kevin Kimble on the birth of their son, Matthew Kent on March 14th. Matthew weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. Everyone is
doing fine.

Upcoming Events

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Community Business Directory

We would like to update the business directory. Kids, if you have any services to offer (babysitting, yardwork, pet sitting, etc.) please call and let us know. Grownups, if you have any business you would like advertised in the newsletter we’d be glad to print it for you. Just call 867-0122 with your information. (Ads limited to residents only.)