# Hampshire Greens Community Newsletter

#### **Good Luck Lucy!**

Dear Hampshire Greens Friends,

After six years of overseeing the property management of your Community, and more importantly working with and getting to know so many of you personally, I wanted to let you know that as of February 1, 2006, I will be taking on a new position outside of IKO Real Estate.

I have truly enjoyed the many working relationships and opportunities I gained during my time at Hampshire Greens. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to be a part of such a wonderful community. I wish you all the very best.

> Keep up the good work! Warmest Regards, Lucy Wilson

On behalf of the entire Community we'd like to wish Lucy the best of luck and offer our sincere gratitude for her six years of service to Hampshire Greens. The Board presented Lucy with an engraved memento from the entire Community as a special thanks.

### Welcome to Hampshire Greens!

Here are new neighbors who have moved into Hampshire Greens:

> The Esker Family 16614 Cypress Bay Ln.

The Samanta Family 420 Firestone Dr.

Let's give them a warm welcome!

#### HOA MEETING

Monday, February 6, 2006, 7:00 pm, Clubhouse

On the agenda are guest speakers and discussion covering our middle school assignments (including one or more members from the Montgomery County School Board) and a presentation by the developer of the Ashton Meeting Place project (a proposed new supermarket at 108 and New Hampshire Ave.). We will also have a discussion on the mail/newspaper boxes and the planned Reserve Study. Please stop by to hear the latest on these and other projects!



Congratulations to the following prizewinners of Hampshire Green's Annual Holiday Decorating Contest!

1st Place: The West Family 16814 Harbour Town Dr. (see photo) 2nd Place: The Walters Family 609 Mission Hills Ct. 3rd Place: The Herbert Family 16805 Harbour Town Dr.

> Traditional Decoration Winner: The Soden Family 16614 Harbour Town Dr.

In addition, 12 homes received honorable mentions.

Thank you to all who participated, adding festivity to our community!

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If you have any community news, photos, and/or amusing stories you would like to see in the newsletter, please send them to Jill Hsu: newsletter@hampshiregreens.com or call 301-476-8108

#### HOA Dues Collections

In keeping with the Board's "Zero Tolerance" policy, board members approved the publishing of delinquent HOA homeowners in HG Newsletters. Any homeowner in excess of 90 days past due, and/or who has been referred to the Association's legal council for collection, and/or has not established an approved repayment plan will be listed in all HOA Publications. If your account remains past due and you have not established an approved repayment plan, please contact :

#### Lerch, Early and Brewer at 301-986-1300

The following is a list of delinquent HOA dues homeowners as of December 31, 2005:

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#### **Reminder:**

Our next semi-annual dues of \$318 are due on March 1

You may now pay your dues online by credit card at IKORealEstate.com and click on Hampshire Greens.

If you have a service or item for sale, to offer to members of our community, and would like it posted on the "Community Bulletin Board", contact newsletter@hampshiregreens.com

#### **Community Bulletin Board**

Hampshire Greens Teens At Your Service:

Will babysit. Elle Brande 301-421-4308

Will babysit, give piano lessons. Ariel Hsu 301-476-8108

Will walk dogs, pet sit, water plants, collect mail/ newspapers, etc. Michael, Zachary, and/or Alexa Norberg 301-421-4462 or norbergs5@aol.com

Will babysit. Zachary Roth 301-421-9288 zachroth92@comcast.net

#### Playgroup:

Looking to join or start a playgroup for infants/toddlers in HG. Call Kathy 301-421-1493

#### **Community Website Enhancements**

Hampshire Green's website (www.HampshireGreens.Com) has been completely rewritten and is now open for registration. Residents and selected Community partners (property management, landscaping, etc.) have access to restricted material such as the latest news, Community documents including home improvement applications, important phone numbers, surveys, report broken street lights, pay your HOA fees on line, and lots more. All registration applications are manually reviewed so it may take a day or two to confirm access.

#### **Neighborhood Watch**

It has come to our attention that there have been suspicious 12 am to 2 am activities occurring in the neighborhood. As a reminder please lock your home and car doors, turn on any flood lights during the evening, and report any strange activity to the police using the non-emergency number 301.279.8000



#### ICC Update

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The Corridor 1 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) document for the ICC is out for review and can be viewed at their website! There is a 45 day public review period starting Jan. 13 and ending on Feb. 27 where you can email comments concerning this nearly final stage of the ICC planning process. We need everyone in the Community to provide SHA feedback on their Master Plan decision to ensure the start of construction this fall.

Let SHA know that:

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you support the Corridor one (the Master Plan) decision
that it's important to link PG and Montgomery County
this is long overdue and

4) this is the most effective project that can be built at this time that addresses traffic congestion in the metro area.

It's very easy to email the comments using the SHA ICC website: www.ICCStudy.Org then click on "Comment on FEIS (NEW)" to insert your comments. Thanks in advance for supporting our Community!



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To get the latest community news, go to www.hampshiregreens.com



#### **Community Contacts**

Here is a list of contacts that may come in handy. Add these to your Hampshire Greens directory.

#### Crime@HampshireGreens.Com

Call the Police non-emergency number (301.279.8000) first, then report to us any theft and/or suspicious activities

GreenThumb@HampshireGreens.Com

To submit newsletter content, advertising, and bulletin

#### PaintProject@HampshireGreens.Com

If you're interested in having your house painted this Spring and would like to get group pricing with others in

#### PropertyManagement@HampshireGreens.com To report any community issues such as garbage collection,

play ground, common area care, tennis court, etc.

Social@HampshireGreens.Com To suggest and inquire about social events

# SuggestedImprovements

To make comments or suggestions on ways to improve the

# Support@HampshireGreens.com

#### ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Residents wishing to advertise their business, contact Ramon Espin: respin@ikorealestate.com 301-924-4050

#### **DOES YOUR HOME NEED PAINTING?**

Several residents are looking for homeowners in need of exterior painting. Based on interest/ দ্বা feedback, we'd take bids from professional painters to paint homes at a group price. If you're interested in participating in this Spring time house painting event, please email your name, address, and phone number to PaintProject@HampshireGreens.Com

#### Hampshire Greens Homeowners Association Meeting Dates for 2006

The following are the dates that have been targeted for 2006:

Monday, February 6, 7:00 pm

Monday, April 3, 7:00pm

Annual Meeting: Monday, May 15, 7:00 pm Social followed by 7:30 meeting

Monday, September 18, 7:00 pm

Monday, November 6, 7:00 pm

# News from the Education Committee

## Hampshire Greens School Reassignment Saga Heats Up Again

The Hampshire Greens community has been engaged in a 6 year effort to get our public school assignments changed to schools that are significantly closer to our neighborhood. Our students are currently assigned to the furthest Middle and High School in the consortium. Over the last two years, we had been repeatedly told by the board and its staff, that there was no process, other than a boundary study, to address our problem. At its January 10th meeting, the Board of Education failed to approve Valerie Ervin's resolution to initiate a formal discussion around creating a process to address extraordinary school assignments such as Hampshire Greens. By a vote of 4-4, the board failed to pass this amendment. (The amendment was sup-



ported by Valerie Ervin, Nancy Navarro, Sebastian Johnson (student), and Dr. Charles Haughey.) However, the board provided us with a precedent for making a focused school assignment change, without going through a full boundary study. Board Members Stephan Abrams and Patricia O'Neil started the debate by saying that such a process existed, and used an example of a Kensington group that petitioned the board in 2000, and ultimately got the board to just move the 50 homes to another cluster.

Therefore, it appears that we should now petition the board for a fo-

cused change again (remember we did that back in 2004 and they said we had to do a full boundary study). The question is when? Some board members are saying we should wait until the next CIP cycle (November), but there may still be window for us to petition for a March study (since we were misled for 2 plus years).

The Hampshire Greens education committee met on Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup>, and agreed to a strategy that is going to require a significant amount of community involvement, if we hope to use this precedent to have our children's school assignments changed for the upcoming school year. The next Board of Education Meetings are Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup> (daytime), and Monday February 27<sup>th</sup> (evening). We are going to need your help to make these meetings productive, so please be sure to read any e-mail sent out related to this topic. This is a quality of life issue, which impacts all residents of Hampshire Greens, whether or not you have school age children. If you have any questions please contact, Darnell Daisey, at 301-476-8165 or dkdaisey@aol.com.

Thanks to all the residents from Hampshire Greens who took the time out of their busy schedules to join Darnell in the following: providing public comment at the BOE's January 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting - Deb Murphy, Molly Dipippo, Deepa Chopra, Shannon Arnold, Steve Szot and Manish Oza; Peter Calhoun for his support at the MCCPTA's January meeting, and for providing public comment at the Board of Education's Budget Hearing on January 19<sup>th</sup>; and Javed Matin for his support at the meeting with key MCPS staff members on

The following area businesses graciously donated prizes to our 2005 Hampshire Greens Holiday Decorating Contest. Please remember their support of us when you shop locally in Burtonsville, Olney, Spencerville and Ashton.

Hampshire Greens Golf Club The Woodland Horse Center Fitness Studio in Cloverly Harry's Café in Silver Spring IKO Real Estate Pepino's Trattoria in Burtonsville Greek Islands Grill in Cloverly Sakura Japanese Steak and Seafood Andy's Place in Cloverly Safeway Grocers Christopher's Hardware of Ashton Ashton Cleaners El Andariego Restaurant in Ashton Human Delight in Olney Mamma Lucia in Olney Salon QT in Cloverly Chapala Restaurant in Burtonsville Sol Azteca Restaurant in Olney Ricciuti's in Olney The Family Market in Cloverly Dempsey's of Ashton Old Hickory Grille in Burtonsville