



# Hampshire Greens Community Newsletter

## HOA MEETING

**Monday, September 19, 2005, 7:00 pm, Clubhouse**

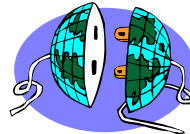
The upcoming meeting will be a budget review for 2006. A subsequent budget approval meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 7. Plan to attend both meetings—find out how your HOA dues will be spent.

### Neighbor Hood Watch Has Arrived!

Our community has been selected to participate in the County Neighborhood Watch program. Look for the signs this fall and for a special community wide meeting that will inform us of potential trouble issues and how/who to contact.

### Verizon FIOS is Here

The Verizon Fiber Optic System (FIOS) installation to the community has been completed and is now in operation. If you're looking for residential Internet service we now have a choice between Comcast and Verizon.



### Welcome New Board Members!

During July's Annual Meeting, community residents elected Freda Hartman and Greg Hymel to the Board of Directors.

Additionally, attending residents approved a motion to stagger Board of Director terms to 1, 2, and 3 years. This will ensure that every year a resident can have an opportunity to serve the community by becoming a Board member. Freda Hartman was elected to a 1 year term and Greg Hymel was elected to a 2 year term.

Everyone, please thank Reggie Amory and Rich DiPippo for their community service for participating on the Board of Directors. Their suggestions, dedicated time, and service to the community are much appreciated.

### Welcome to Hampshire Greens!

Here are new neighbors that have moved into Hampshire Greens since May 1:

**The McPhun's**  
16913 Harbour Town Dr.

**The Kunjoo's**  
16829 Harbour Town Dr.

**The Figueredo's**  
511 Grand Cypress Ct.

**The Aguilar's**  
703 Firestone Dr.

**The Lee's**  
16804 Harbour Town Dr.

**The Sunardi's**  
401 Calloway Ct.

Let's give them a warm welcome!

### Fraud Alert: Don't Get Scammed!

Neighborhood Alert! There have been a number of young adults selling magazines to obtain "points" for a trip or prize. One even indicated that his father was a community resident (which was a lie). The same person went door to door last year seeking money for a baseball team trip (another lie). All of these were con artists looking for a quick buck. Do not mistake these door to door charlatans for *our neighborhood kids who legitimately sell items for their school/church/team, etc, and for whom we do encourage support.* When the people behind the scenes receive word that a community is receptive to the sales pitch, they aggressively send their minions out  
(Scams, continued, page 3)

### Watch Out For Our Kids!

As Fall approaches and the days get shorter, please remember that some of our children leave for school in the dark. They may be crossing our streets as you are driving to work. The high school buses start coming  
(Watch Out, continued on page 3)

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](mailto:newsletter@hampshiregreens.com)

## 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**

As of September 1, 2005, there are no delinquencies.

### *Semi Annual Dues in 2005*

In an effort to reduce administrative and collection costs to the Association, the Board voted at the September 22, 2004 Board meeting to have homeowners pay their HOA dues semi-annually starting in 2005. We would appreciate everyone making an effort to pay his or her HOA dues in a timely manner.

Your dues for the last 4 months of 2005, for the amount of \$300, were due on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**You may now pay your dues online by credit card at [IKORealEstate.com](http://IKORealEstate.com) and click on Hampshire Greens.**



### ***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](mailto:norbergs5@aol.com)

#### ***Playgroup:***

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

## Large Recycle Bins Must Be Stored

Earlier this year the County provided each household a large blue recycle bin for paper. All trash and recycle containers must be stored either in the garage or back side of the home. The goal of this rule is to remove the sometimes unsightly nature of these containers on non-trash/recycle days. If you are not using the large recycle bin to its capacity, the County will pick it up and remove it free of charge. Many residents have done this. Just call the number printed on the recycle container to request removal.

Thank you for your efforts to Keep Hampshire Greens Beautiful!



## Tired of the Free Newspapers?

A number of residents have asked how they can stop receiving the free Gazette and Washington Examiner papers. All you need to do is call the numbers below, and request that the papers be stopped :

The Gazette: 301.670.7350 ask for the circulation department

The Washington Examiner: 800.531.1223 ask for customer service



## Mailbox Matters

It has come to the attention of the Board that the locked mailboxes that were previously approved by the HOA, may not be accepted by the post office. Until further notice, owners needing a mailbox change, particularly if it is a locked mailbox must meet the approval of both the post office and the HOA.



## Removal of Washington Post Newspaper Boxes

Over the past three years IKO has been unsuccessfully requesting for the Washington Post to remove all their newspaper boxes. These are in violation of the Covenants and are an eyesore to the community when they rust and break. Since the Post has not cooperated, all residents who have these boxes are responsible for their removal.

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](mailto:newsletter@hampshiregreens.com) or call 301-476-8108.

### East County News

The East County Citizen's Advisory Board will hold its first meeting of the 2005-2006 year on Wednesday, September 7 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the East County Regional Services Center on Briggs Chaney Road. The Board is one of six in the County and its members serve as community advocates providing citizen input and advice to the Montgomery County Executive and County Council about matters important to the communities of Eastern Montgomery County. Last year, the Board was active on the ICC initiative in addition to issues involving business development, affordable housing, and cultural opportunities. The Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Their meetings are open to the public and include a forum for public comments from the community. Hampshire Greens homeowners are welcome to attend each month to learn about issues and opportunities affecting East County. Ann Williams and Freda Hartman of our Hampshire Greens community serve on the East County Board for the coming year.

To get the latest community news, go to [hampshiregreens.com](http://hampshiregreens.com)

**Scams** (continued from page 1)  
week after week to solicit more. These salespersons initially appear cheerful but when denied a sale they become very aggressive and sometimes abusive. The Montgomery County Police strongly suggest that residents do not give them any money and report all suspicious persons and door to door activities to the Police non-emergency phone number: 301-729-8000.

#### ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Residents wishing to advertise their business, contact Lucy Wilson: [lwilson@ikorealestate](mailto:lwilson@ikorealestate) 301-924-4050



**Jill Hsu, REALTOR®**  
Real Estate Salesperson  
Broker: 301-388-2600  
Direct: 301-802-3995  
Email: [jill.hsu@longandfoster.com](mailto:jill.hsu@longandfoster.com)

Get real estate listings the moment they come on the market. Watch the latest real estate activity in our neighborhood.

Go to my website: [JillSellsMdHomes.com](http://JillSellsMdHomes.com) and create your own property search, for all listings in Maryland, Virginia, and DC, and parts of Delaware, New Jersey Pennsylvania and West Virginia

### 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 ask any landscaping maintenance questions

**Newsletter@HampshireGreens.Com**  
To submit newsletter content, advertising, and bulletin board postings

**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

**StreetLights@HampshireGreens.Com**  
To report broken street lights

**SuggestedImprovements@HampshireGreens.com**  
To reply to community improvement survey, make comments or suggestions

**Support@HampshireGreens.com**  
Website support questions

### ICC Update—Congratulations to all!

Corridor 1 - the master plan alignment of the ICC - was selected on July 11, with our Governor making the long awaited announcement in Rockville. Thank you to all who, over the past 3 years, actively worked on this important issue! We must give special recognition to Steve Szot, who was instrumental in organizing our community—thanks to his efforts, Hampshire Greens had a voice in the process!

**Watch Out** (continued from page 1)  
through our neighborhood around 6 am, and the middle school bus comes around 7 am. If you see a bus with flashing lights, you must stop, regardless of which direction you are going! Do not speed up, hoping to beat the bus before it comes to a complete stop—our children may be crossing the street to catch the bus! Cars have been observed at the intersection at Bay Hill and Harbour Town Dr. running the stop sign as the bus approached the intersection! Meanwhile, kids are crossing that intersection to catch the bus. The few seconds you'll save is not worth a child's life!



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## Community Survey

Your Board of Directors, in planning for future years are looking at our existing community assets and budgets. We would like to know what potential community improvements you can suggest to enhance our quality of life, property values, safety, etc. here at Hampshire Greens. Your ideas are extremely important to us so that the Board can make a better management decisions this year about our HOA resources.

**Please consider the questions below and send us your comments and suggestions.  
You may either fax 301.924.9389 or email [SuggestedImprovements@HampshireGreens.com](mailto:SuggestedImprovements@HampshireGreens.com)  
this completed survey to us.**

We'd appreciate it if you could send us your input.

If you have any questions, please contact Freda Hartman at 301-421-9289.  
Thank you in advance for your time and contributions!

1. What do you think is the most important community improvement project needed in the next year?
2. On a scale of 1 (not satisfied) to 10 (extremely satisfied), how would you evaluate the following features of our community?  
  
Attractiveness of Bay Hill entrance \_\_\_\_\_  
Attractiveness of the Firestone entrance \_\_\_\_\_  
Attractiveness of the Ednor entrance \_\_\_\_\_  
Overall landscaping of the common areas \_\_\_\_\_  
Appearance of the tennis court \_\_\_\_\_  
Appearance of the play areas \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
3. If you are not satisfied with any of the areas in question 2, what changes would you recommend?
4. What community improvement projects should our HOA Board consider in the long term?
5. Please share any other ideas or suggestions you have about community improvements.