

THE ORCHARD

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome, Spring.

It was nice to see so many neighbors helping each other shovel out from the record setting snow storms this winter.

Many thanks to the Dehoffs for inviting the Easter Bunny to our Easter Egg hunt. It was great to see so many neighbors on a beautiful afternoon.

Please remember to be considerate of your neighbors. I have recently received emails, phone calls and letters from residents with complaints about their neighbors. Although we all have a right to park in the street, please try not to block neighbors cars or driveways. Also, remember that the pile of debris in the yard may be attracting animals that we would rather not have living in our community. Sometimes all it takes is a conversation with your neighbor reminding them about your concerns.

As I begin my second year as president, I would like to thank all of the board members for another wonderful year.

Watch for information about the annual yard sale this spring.

Pam Burke

President Orchard Hills Community Association

COMMUNITY NEWS

Neighbor In Need

A long time Orchard Hills resident is in need of an "O" blood type kidney. She has been on dialysis for the past 9 months. To learn more, call Carol at (410) 245-8877.

Condolences to:

- The Burke family of Burleigh Road on the death of Lisa's father, Mr. James Johnson, Sr. of Dublin Drive;
- The Esslinger family of Dublin Drive on the death of Mr. Warren Esslinger;
- The family of Ms. Evelyn Manella, former resident of Burleigh Road.

Please let us know of births, deaths, weddings, graduations, etc. for your family or your neighbors.

Thanks, Neighbor!

We have heard of many instances of neighbors helping neighbors during this winter's snow storms. If you know of a community resident who has been especially neighborly, let us know so we can acknowledge it in future newsletters.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Winners

Congratulations to this year's Easter egg hunt prize winners:

- Grand Prize: Becca Glass
- Special Egg: Benjamin Kinard
- Special Egg: Jason Bell

Thanks to everyone who helped with setup, cleanup or donated candy.

BALTIMORE COUNTY NEWS

Recycling

The Baltimore County Department of Public Works has expanded the list of items that are acceptable for recycling. For information, visit <http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/recycling/singlestream/collectioninformation.html>.

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Also, Baltimore County has partnered with The Loading Dock, Inc., to accept reusable building materials at the Eastern Sanitary Landfill in White Marsh and the Baltimore County Resource Recovery Facility in Cockeysville. Donations to The Loading Dock may be tax deductible and help keep usable materials out of the landfill. For more information, visit

<http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/publicworks/recycling/loadingdock.html>.

From the Baltimore County Police

The County Police have issued their annual reminder about "Deception Burglaries."

Deception burglaries have one common theme - to get the homeowner distracted by getting them to walk into another room, or, more frequently, asking the homeowner to step outside and then getting them to move to the side or rear of the house (out of view) while a second suspect enters the house through the unlocked door and steals whatever is quickly accessible to them. This second suspect is almost always out of the house before the homeowner re-enters. Here's how it works:

The first suspect will come to the door, knock on the door or ring the doorbell, and use some type of ruse to win the confidence of the homeowner. For example, the suspect may tell the homeowner that he works for a fence company (or satellite TV company...or roofing company...or landscaping company...you name it, they've tried it) and tell the homeowner that he or she needs to step outside with him and examine a portion of their property. To gain the confidence of the homeowner, the suspect might say "he doesn't want to infringe on property

lines, so he needs the owner to examine the line in the rear of the property." If the homeowner does step outside, he or she will generally leave the door unlocked and the first suspect will escort the homeowner around the back - out of view - of that door. Sometimes, the first suspect will use a cell phone he is carrying to "call his boss...or the office...or Land Records..." when, in fact, he is ACTUALLY CALLING THE SECOND SUSPECT to let him or her know that entry into the home can now be made without detection. Sometimes, the first suspect will remain on the phone the entire time and actually feed information back to the person who has entered the house. After about ten minutes, the first suspect and the homeowner will walk back into the house AFTER the second suspect has slipped out. Sometimes, it may not be immediately apparent that items were stolen from the house (i.e. money and credit cards from a purse or wallet, jewelry, etc.) These burglars generally take smaller items that are easy to grab and conceal quickly.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Blips and Clips from back issues of *The Orchard*:

From the April 1959 edition:

"A bridge club was held at the home of a certain party. The highlight of the evening was the hostess chasing a mouse with the hopes of catching in a glass jar. It seems the girls were to squeamish to swat it."

MARKETPLACE

BABY SITTERS

Liz Spagnolo (certified babysitter), 410-339-5737.

Anna Trueschler, 410-821-6916.

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Anyone who needs a bagpiper for a wedding, funeral or other special occasion, call Chris Spagnolo at 410-339-5737.

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