



Spring 2012

Dear Neighbor,

As we approach Spring and the collecting of dues, we thought it would be a good time to let you know how your money is spent. As you will see, we make the most of your dollars. Listed below are some of the expenses and activities:

1. **Zoning:** This is a very important part of our community. Over the years, including this year during the Baltimore County Comprehensive Zoning Process, we have fought various zoning issues and so far we have been successful in preventing the encroachment of commercial zoning into our neighborhood. Fortunately, we have been able to fight these battles without consulting the services of a lawyer.
2. **Copies and Supplies:** Throughout the year, we make copies of flyers, the newsletter, minutes from monthly meetings, various reports and miscellaneous items. We have a Post Office Box and a website that have yearly fees.
3. **Activities:** The majority of your dues money is spent on various activities: the annual General Meeting, Easter, Halloween, Christmas, the Fall Picnic and Yard Sale. We purchase the prizes, food and supplies given to adults and children. We award gift certificates to 15 residents who win the holiday house judging.
4. **Meetings:** Some of the meetings we have during the year require us to rent a hall. We also provide refreshments. (**Note:** No charges are incurred for the monthly Association Board meetings.)
5. **Contributions:** We annually make donations to local community organizations and activities like the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Department, Assistance Center of Towson Churches and The Towson 4th of July Parade. We are members of and have representation with several volunteer organizations that greatly assist our community: The Greater Timonium Community Council and the Police and Community Relations Council through the Cockeysville Precinct.

Your annual dues remain **\$10.00**

We thank you for your past and continued support.

The Orchard Hills Community Board of Directors