

# Whittier Express

The Official Newsletter of the Whittier Community Association

Fall 2007

## From the President...

Another summer has come and gone here at Whittier, and we still remain one of the best communities in Frederick. The developer is continuing to build the remaining houses at the top of the hill near the water tower, and an office building is being added to the village center lake front. While many good things are happening, I would like to take a moment to address a few concerns.

Recently several of us visited the stores in the village center to discuss the health of their business. We have learned that the majority of the business they are doing is coming from outside of our community. It sounds very surprising, but it's true. We as a community need to support these stores to ensure their continued health. Currently we have a nice variety of stores that cater to the family atmosphere of Whittier. If those stores do not flourish, they could one day be replaced by others that are not so "friendly". I would like to encourage all members of the community to help our village center prosper.

In addition, we have also had several instances of vandalism this year that have been very costly to Whittier. The model home was burglarized, and the items that were stolen ended up in the Greenleaf pool. This was more of a nuisance to us, since cleaning glass out of the pool takes it out of service. The Cobblestone pool was also vandalized by having pool furniture and guard chairs thrown in. I find it interesting since this well lit pool is surrounded by houses, yet still this type of activity manages to take place. Although the HOA is taking steps to ensure these things do not continue, the community also needs to keep a watchful eye of things going on, even in the wee hours of the night. The Frederick police continue to remind us that the best approach to putting an end to these occurrences and others like it is to be watchful and to report any suspicious activity. And I can't encourage enough that parents keep an eye on what their kids are up to – often we find that these activities are simply the result of our own young residents getting into mischief.

On behalf of the HOA, I would like to thank everyone who responded by joining the ACC committee, and

those that participated in helping us keep the lake looking better this year by challenging the city to do so. We do continue to have committees that are under staffed, and I encourage you to please volunteer your time if able. As an example, the Board has hoped to launch a social committee for some time. The Whittier community back in the 90's had several activities that were fun for all, and we would like to rekindle some of those events going forward. For those of you not here then, we had our own version of "In the Streets", a Halloween parade with fire trucks, and the Mayor of Frederick even flew in by helicopter and visited with us. The HOA is looking at some new ideas for the months to come, perhaps combining the lake front and village center with live entertainment and catered food. But in order to do so, we need your help. Please contact us if interested in volunteering.

Finally, the annual meeting in November will be a bit different this year. In hopes of drawing better attendance, we will hold random drawings to give out 12 gift certificates (two from each village center store) to those in attendance at the meeting. Further, a name will also be picked at random, again from those in attendance at the meeting, to receive a year of free HOA dues – a value of \$248.

Have a happy upcoming holiday season, and hope to see you at the annual meeting.

**Bill Watt**





## Trick or Treat 2007

Wednesday, October 31st  
6 PM to 8 PM

**To participate-turn on your front porch light**

### Safety Tips for Trick or Treaters

- Trick or treat only at homes that have their porch light on.
- Store bought costumes-look for one made of flame-retardant material.
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape for greater visibility and/or carry a flashlight.
- Stay in a group on the sidewalk, walk slowly and communicate where you are going.
- Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations.

- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing.
- Motorists go very slowly through the neighborhood and watch out for trick-or-treaters.
- Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything.

### Safety Tips for Homeowners

- Front porch light should be on and yard should be clear anything that could pose a tripping hazard.
- If you do use candles, place them well away from where the trick-or treaters will be walking or standing.
- Healthy food alternatives could include crackers and cheese, peanut butter crackers, real fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins, or non-food treats like pencils, erasers or stickers.
- When treats are gone-turn off your porch light and blow out any outside candles.

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## Trash Collection Holidays 2007

The City of Frederick's Department of Public Works does not provide services on six (6) holidays. (i.e. New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas). Should the actual holiday fall on either a Tuesday or Friday (Whittier's schedule) trash pickup will not occur on that day.

- Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, 2007
- New Years Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2008

Residents should NOT set their trash out the night before these holidays. Residents are asked to hold their trash until the next regularly scheduled trash collection day.

Please DO NOT place your trash cans and recycle bins in public view on days other than trash collections days. After trash pick up has occurred-trash cans and recycle bins must be promptly removed that day. The trash cans and recycle bins should always be stored inside your garage or in the rear yard hidden from public view.

### *Talkin' Trash*

There has been a noticeable increase of residents not placing their garbage out for collection at the proper times. There is most certainly a time and place for everything regarding the City of Frederick's trash/recycling collection schedules. The City has strict schedule and set out rules/regulations regarding appropriate weekly trash collection, bulk pick up, leaf collection, weekly recycling, yard waste disposal programs they offer to City residents. The Whittier Express Newsletter, Whittier's website-[www.gowhittier.com](http://www.gowhittier.com), City of Frederick at [www.cityoffrederick.com](http://www.cityoffrederick.com), County of Frederick (landfill-curb-side recycling) at

[www.co.frederick.md.us](http://www.co.frederick.md.us), and Vanguard Management; [nkeen@vanguardmgt.com](mailto:nkeen@vanguardmgt.com) all know the official rules and can communicate the appropriate times and procedures for disposing of "unwantables". It is every resident's legal and moral responsibility to know and abide by these rules. The City of Frederick can and does fine residents who disregard them.

Every resident can help to keep the annual homeowner association fees down by policing your own property and the HOA common areas that you live closest to for loose litter. Please clean up loose trash you find lying on the road/common grounds and keep all common sidewalks clean and clear of debris. Putting lids on trashcans and recycling bins is also very important. Please always follow the rules that have been established for all residents of the City of Frederick.

If you believe one of your neighbors needs to be made aware of or needs a reminder of the rules/regulations regarding set out procedures for bulk pick up, trash, recycling or any other issues please contact Vanguard Management (Whittier's management company) and they will be glad to send a reminder/notice to your neighbor. Write to Nancy Keen (no phone calls please) @ [Nkeen@vanguardmgt.com](mailto:Nkeen@vanguardmgt.com)

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## Weekly Trash Collection

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## Bulk Pick Up

Two (2) times a year (September/April). Next bulk pick up is scheduled to begin the week of April 8-12, 2008.

### More information

Whittier Express (Spring 2008), 301-600-1440 or [www.cityoffrederick.com](http://www.cityoffrederick.com)

## Weekly Recycling

Bins need to be placed at the curbside by 6:00 am on Monday's only. Frederick County Govt. provides recycling services to Frederick City residents. Remove bins ASAP after collection.

More information: Verizon Yellow Pages telephone book or [www.cityoffrederick.com](http://www.cityoffrederick.com) or [www.co.frederick.md.us](http://www.co.frederick.md.us) website or call 301-600-2960

The following websites provide a wealth of information including the city and county programs listed above:

### [www.cityoffrederick.com](http://www.cityoffrederick.com)

Left side; scroll to Other Information: Click on:

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"Neighborhood/Community

Trash/Recycling

[www.co.frederick.md.us](http://www.co.frederick.md.us).

Left side: scroll to

"Residents"

Recycling & waste management.

## HOW TO REPORT A VIOLATION

Any resident wishing to file a complaint concerning a Whittier Community Association rules violation should WRITE to:

Whittier Community Association  
c/o Vanguard Management  
P.O. Box 39 Germantown, Md. 20875

or email Nancy Keen, Community Manager at: [nkeen@vanguardmgt.com](mailto:nkeen@vanguardmgt.com)

Your written complaint should include:

- The date and time of the incident (if applicable, such as a noise violation).
- Description of violation(s).

- The address (street name and house number) of the home(s) with the violation(s).
- All violations that are not witnessed by the Association must have a signed complaint.

Confidentiality will be protected to the greatest extent possible.

For violations that can be observed such as lawn maintenance, exterior home maintenance, trash cans in public view, etc.. the community inspector and/or community manager can inspect the home to verify the violation. A violation letter will be sent to the owner and a copy sent to the tenant (if applicable) to correct the violation within 10 days. If the violation has not been corrected within the stated time period, a second violation letter will be sent notifying the homeowner that they have 10 days to correct the violation or a hearing will be scheduled before the Board of Directors.

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## Vehicle Parking Violation Procedures

Reminder to all residents of Whittier as part of Whittier's Parking Violation Procedures has rules/regulations that the following are not allowed in Whittier.

- Vehicles without current registration places, registration or incapable of passing current Maryland State Motor Vehicle inspections.
- Junk Vehicles
- Any vehicle that poses a hazard
- Car maintenance such as changing oil or car repairs.
- Any vehicle which remains stationary in the common parking areas or driveways for a period exceeding fifteen (15) days.

- Trucks with a load capacity of greater than two (2) tons and/or meeting either of the following conditions: a. Having more than two (2) axles, and /or b. Having more than four (4) wheels, are not allowed in the community
- Trailers, campers, motor homes or other similar machinery or equipment

As part of the policy, Whittier has a right to tow any vehicle, at the owner's expense, that does not meet the legal requirements stated in the vehicle policy. The entire Vehicle Parking Violation Procedures can be found at [www.gowhittier.org](http://www.gowhittier.org).



## Useful Telephone Numbers

Airport Frederick Municipal	301-600-2201
Animal Control	301-600-1546
Animal Control-emergency after hours	301-600-2558
Department of Aging	301-600-1605
C. Burr Artz Library	301-600-1630
City of Frederick (Info. for City)	301-600-1380
Clagett Mgt. (LakeTree Condo's)	301-663-6009
Frederick Community College	301-846-2400
*Frederick County Underage Drinking Party Tip hotline	301-600-1318
Frederick High School	301-236-7000
Frederick Memorial Hospital	240-566-3300
Frederick News Post	301-662-1177
"Miss Utility" (call before you dig)	1-800-257-7777
MVA (Motor Vehicles Admin)	1-800-950-1682
Parks and Recreation	301-600-1492
Permits & Codes (building permits)	301-600-3812
Police (Frederick City) (non emerg)	301-600-2100
Police (Emergency)	911
Poison Control Center	1-800-492-2414
Property Mgt. People (Ridgeview II, III condos)	301-831-4945
Public Works (light posts, streets)	301-600-1440
Recycling (purchase bins/lids)	301-600-2960
Reich's Ford Road Landfill	301-600-2890
Somerford Assisted Living/Alzheimer's	301-668-3930
Swank Property Mgt (Echo Glen I&II, Ridgeview I Condos)	301-473-5166
Trash Collection	301-600-1492
US Post Office (7th Street)	301-663-9278
US Post Office (downtown)	301-662-2131
Vanguard Mgt. (HOA Mgmt)	301-253-5052
West Frederick Middle School	240-236-4000
Whittier Elementary School	240-236-3100

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### Echo Glen I & II, Ridgeview I Condominiums

Swank Property Management

Manager: Steve Swank

SteveSwank@propertymanagement.com

301-473-5166

### Ridgeview II and III Condominiums

PMP (Property Management People)

Manager: Elizabeth Betancourt

Elizabeth.b@pmpbiz.com

301-831-4945

### LakeTree Condominiums

Clagett Management

Manager: Susan Markey

SMarkey@clagett.com

301-663-6009

## Helpful Websites

### hes.lbl.gov

Home Energy Saver. Do it yourself energy audit  
This website bills itself as the first web based do-it-yourself energy audit tool. Put your zip code in and it will show comparison of energy costs in a year of an average home and an energy efficient home in Frederick.

### USA.gov

Get it Done Online is housed at USA.gov, the U.S. government's official Web portal. Go to [usa.gov/Citizen/Services.shtml](http://usa.gov/Citizen/Services.shtml) for a wealth of information like Car and other government vehicle sales, Student loans and grants, Taxes: refund status check, and voter registration by mail, Eldercare locator, passport applications, etc.

### www.donotcall.gov

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## Realtors Corner



Well another year has passed and we quickly approaching the short cold days of winter. In preparation for the cooler months, why not take a quick look around your house to make sure your home is in the best shape possible to face Old Man Winter? I have included some tips that will help your job easier:

- Have your Furnace Inspected – Call an HVAC company to inspect your furnace to make sure it is running safely and efficiently. Stock up on filters and change them every month and remove all flammable items from the area surrounding the furnace. Consider buying a programmable thermostat. Recent statistics say these thermostats can decrease your fuel bill by as much as 15%.

- Inspect your Roof, Gutters and Downspouts. – Check your roof shingles and replace missing or worn shingles. Make sure gutters are clear of debris and downspouts are channeling water away from the foundation. Consider adding more insulation to your attic to help keep the warmth in and the cold out.
- Prepare your Fireplace – If your fireplace hasn't been cleaned recently, have your chimney swept to clear out built up soot and creosote. Make sure your fireplace has a cap or screen so critters looking for warmth don't end up in your family room.
- Install Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors – Make sure all your smoke detectors are working and that you have extra batteries. If you haven't already installed carbon monoxide detectors please consider this important safety device.
- Prevent Plumbing Freezes – Disconnect all outdoor hoses and drain the water from all hose bibs. Make sure you know where your main water shut off is in case of an emergency.
- Prepare an Emergency Kit – Buy indoor candles and flashlights for use in the event of a power outage

and make sure your family has an evacuation plan in the event of an emergency.

I hope these tips help us all have a safe and warm winter. Enjoy the rest of 2007 and let's hope 2008 brings some stabilization to the real estate market.

*The Realtor's Corner is an on-going article for the Whittier newsletter. If you have a topic you would like to see covered please email Sue Collins at [sue@suecollinshomes.com](mailto:sue@suecollinshomes.com) or call her at 301 360-1126.*

## Like Replacements In Whittier

Your trim is peeling and needs to be repainted, exterior light has finally stopped working, one shutter blew off during a windy spell, and your wooden oval house # is cracked beyond repair. Time to repair or replace! Whittier's covenants, and rules requires exterior "like replacements". What does that mean? If your light was the colonial, black light that sitting upright opposed to hanging down-replace it with the exact light or as close as possible with the same kind of light. Exterior trim colors are only 1 of 2 colors-no others. Alcoa Almond or 100 Super White (pure white).

We need your help. If you as homeowner know of a reliable, reasonably priced resource that supplies like replacements we can pass on to Whittier homeowners please let us know and we will put it in the newsletter.

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## Drawing for Prizes at the Annual Meeting

Don't miss out on an opportunity to win at this year's Annual Meeting for the Whittier Community Association. The meeting will be held on Monday, November 26, 2007 at 7:00pm at the Whittier Elementary School cafeteria. There will be drawings for twelve (12) \$30.00 gift certificates for the various LakefrontVillage Shops. There will also be a Grand Prize drawing for one year free General Association dues (\$248.00). The homeowner must be present at the Annual Meeting to be entered in the drawing. Please take part in the Annual Meeting and Elections this year and you just may leave with a nice prize.

## Community Alerts Fall 2007

### Horse Farm

There is a large private fenced Horse Farm that several of the Whittier homes back up to. Those streets are West/East Palace Green, Wynfield Court and Lakeside Drive. There have been several reports that "glass bottles" have been thrown over the fence, causing broken glass to wind up where these animals live and run. Needless to say, this is could injure one of these beautiful animals. The HOA and the owner's of the farm are requesting that all residents keep an eye on this kind of behavior and alert the police by reporting immediately if you see anyone throwing anything over the fence. Please be sure to give accurate descriptions of the person(s) and vehicles involved. Frederick City Police non-emergency number is 301-600-2100.

### Illegal Scooters/Mini-bikes & Dirt Bikes

Chief Kim C. Dine and the Frederick Police Department would like to again inform all citizens of Frederick about problems concerning the use of certain scooters, mini-bikes & dirt bikes.

Please be aware that many of these vehicles are not street-legal, cannot be registered for street use by the MVA, and riding them on any Frederick street, City or County property, Private Property (Whittier, Drees Homes or Whittier Elementary) could constitute a fine or confiscation. The bottom line: Illegal vehicles/motor scooters/dirt bikes cannot be ridden in Whittier. Call the police at 301-600-2100. Examples of illegal vehicles can be found at: [www.cityoffrederick.com/departments/Police/press/September%202004/scooters2.gif](http://www.cityoffrederick.com/departments/Police/press/September%202004/scooters2.gif).

## **Classified Section Free Advertising For Any Resident Of Whittier**

Great News! Starting the next issue of The Whittier Express (Spring 2008 issue) any resident of the Whittier Community Association may place a classified ad in the Whittier Express Newsletter. The newsletter is published and distributed two (2) times a year (April/October). Please note anyone who places an ad is subject to verification of Whittier Community residential status. There is a limited amount of space so please submit your advertisements to Nancy Keen @ [Nkeen@vanguardmgt.com](mailto:Nkeen@vanguardmgt.com) by no later than March 1st for the April issue and October 1st for the October issue of the Whittier Express Newsletter. No business advertising. Free advertising is limited to residents of Whittier Community Association that fall in one (1) of the following areas: a. Items for sale such as furniture, vehicles, clothing b. Items for FREE (no strings attached) such as 1 year old sweet cat to a warm loving home. c. Items wanted: crafts items wanted for Girl Scouts fundraisers



## **Christmas Tree Collection 2007**

There is no longer curbside collection of Christmas trees in Frederick. However, there is a Christmas Tree Recycling Program that became effective (2004). This worthy program collects, grinds, and utilizes this product as biodegradable mulch. Christmas trees will be recycled and can be dropped off during the daylight hours beginning December 26, 2007 all the way through the month of January 2008. For more information: contact 301-600-1173 or visit [www.cityoffrederick.com](http://www.cityoffrederick.com). Click on Departments, Parks Division and read: New Christmas Tree Recycling Program.

Trees should be completely free of ornaments; garland, tinsel, lights and tree stands. Remove plastic bags from around trees. If you miss the deadlines for the drop off site you still can recycle your tree at the County landfill located at 9031 Reich's Ford Road. Additional information can be found by calling the Frederick County at 301-600-2890.

## **Drop Off Locations**

- Max Kehne parking lot located on 7th Street directly across from Route 15 North Ramp
- Taskers Chance parking lot on Key Parkway
- Harry Grove Parking Lower Lot
- Husky Park on Highland Street (Behind the Fairgrounds)

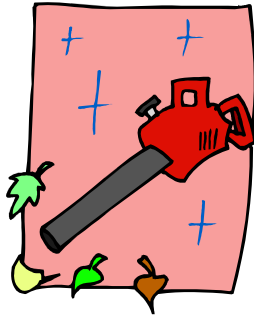
## **Frederick County Department of Aging**

The Frederick County Department of Aging, a department within the Citizens Services Division of Frederick County Government, offers a wide range of programs and services for adults 50 and older. A host of exercise classes including strength training, yoga, and Tai Chi are offered several times during the week. This fall, a Movement and Motion class will be offered to those people who suffer from arthritis, Parkinson's and other mobility challenges. Computer, line dancing, and art classes are also offered, and during tax season, volunteers help complete tax forms for eligible individuals. Driving refresher courses are also offered during the spring and fall.

Senior centers offer companionship, socialization, fitness and educational opportunities. They are also the gateway to access services for older adults. There are five senior centers across the County (Frederick, Brunswick, Emmitsburg, Thurmont and Urbana) and, depending on the one you visit, you may find an activity or interest that suits you. At these centers, customers receive assistance in completing government documents and forms, can ask questions of trained staff about home and community based services, obtain health insurance counseling and information about Medicare Part D, or attend a caregiver information session and support group.

Volunteering one's time is another way to remain active in Frederick County. Without volunteers in the Department of Aging's programs, many services like tax help and safe-driving courses could not be offered. Meals on Wheels, a program that provides a hot and cold meal five days per week to homebound individuals, is always looking for volunteers to help distribute meals. Not only does it give the volunteer a sense of satisfaction and of giving back to the community, but the volunteer is also the eyes and ears of the Department by checking on the well-being of the recipient. Many times, the volunteer is the only person the meal recipient sees throughout the day.

*For more information, call the Department of Aging at 301-600-1605 or visit our website at [www.co.frederick.md.us/doa](http://www.co.frederick.md.us/doa).*



## 2007 Leaf Collection Campaign

The Leaf Collection Campaign will run continuously throughout the City of Frederick beginning Monday, November 5, through Friday, December 14, 2007. The City's goal is to collect leaves in all areas at least three times through the period. All City residents may begin to set out leaves for collection on Sunday, November 4, 2007. How? Rake loose leaves out by the curb line (not out into the street). The leaves can be wet down with water to keep them in place until the City collects them from the curb line. Do not place them in plastic bags. The last date for residents to set leaves out for collection is Sunday, December 9, 2007. For the most comprehensive information please go to the web at [www.cityoffrederick.com](http://www.cityoffrederick.com) for the actual policy. Once you're on the website click on; "For Residents; under Neighborhood/Community than click on; trash /recycling or contact the Department of Public Works at 301-600-1440.

Another option for collecting leaves is to use the Yard Waste Disposal Collection that comes to Whittier NAC Area 1: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Be sure to place leaves in brown kraft bags if you choose this option. Do not place them in plastic bags. See the "Yard Waste Disposal Ordinance" article in this newsletter for more specifics.



## 2007 Annual Homeowner's Inspection

It's that time again. Vanguard Management will be conducting Whittier's annual home maintenance inspections to be completed by the end of November 2007. Inspections first and foremost, are for the benefit of the homeowners to avoid more costly repairs in the future by making repairs when the problems are small. Although fall can be a perfect time for making exterior repairs/replacements; you do have until the spring to complete repairs sited by the

inspection. Examples of a typical maintenance inspection are exterior painting, general repairs such as replacing torn screens, repairing broken/missing fence boards/gates, replacing missing house numbers and landscaping maintenance such as cutting back overgrown trees and replacing dead trees/shrubs/plants. Don't forget to inspect loose/missing shingles and wood trim around your home on a regular basis as this can be a costly repair once it leaks or rots.

All homes receiving a fall maintenance inspection letter will be re-inspected in the spring 2008. If you do receive a maintenance inspection letter from Vanguard Management, please notify Vanguard in writing after you have completed the necessary repairs. If the maintenance has not been completed, your pool passes will be withheld. Once the item(s) sited have passed re-inspection then pool passes will be issued providing no further violations exist, including overdue balances.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE: CITY YARD WASTE COLLECTION

It has come to our attention that some residents are not following the City of Frederick's Yard Waste Collection Policy. Please make sure you are following the procedures listed on the cities's website including:

Yard waste should be set out after 5:00p.m. on the night preceding the scheduled Yard Waste Collection Day. Yard Waste is collected twice a month, all year round, 4a.m. to Noon. Yard Waste is collected in Whittier on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. If the collection day falls on a holiday, yard waste should not be set out for collection until your next regularly scheduled yard waste collection day.

To view the entire Yard Waste Collection Policy, visit [www.cityoffrederick.com](http://www.cityoffrederick.com) or call 301-600-1680.



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