

Hawthorne Community Newsletter

Hawthorne Civic Association

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Kingsway, Waters Watch and Whitethorn

Next HCA Meeting

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 1st, 2010
Hawthorne Elementary Recreation Room

Join the HCA!



If you are new to the neighborhood, we welcome you and invite you to become a part of HCA. If you are a member, we remind you that it is time to renew your membership.

To join HCA or renew your membership attend this month's HCA meeting or send a \$5.00 donation to:

HCA Membership, 2210 Graythorn Rd.,
Baltimore MD 21220

Thought of the Month

The only people who can help make a community better are those who take ownership of it.

It's Code Enforcement Time



All during the year Baltimore County Code Inspectors respond to residents and community association concerns. They also do checks in cooperation with the Departments of Public Works and the Health Department checking on building code violations, unsanitary conditions, rodent control, trash receptacle use, derelict vehicles and unauthorized construction or home improvement. They also will be checking for uncovered trashcans, weeds and uncut lawns over 3" high. In the months of April and May, Code enforcement has already issued over 20 citations and several residents and landlords are going to court facing severe fines. HCA is reminding the entire community to remove unsightly, unhealthy and trash and clutter from their lawns and backyards-.

A complete summary of the Code Enforcement program can be found on the web at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/pdmfaq/pdmfaq_cdenfo.html.

If you wish to enter a complaint you may do so directly on the web at; www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Contact/codecomplaint/ or by calling 410-887-3352 or 410-887-8099

Send letters to:
Department of Permits & Development Management
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 213
Towson, MD 21204

To check on a complaint call either 410-887-3351, 410-887-3352, 410-887-8099. Send faxes to Code Enforcement Department at 410-887-2824.

If you wish the Civic Association to pass on your complaint, contact us by using the "Contact Us" link at the HCA website; www.Hawthornecivic.org.



Single stream recycling means that paper, bottles, and cans may now be combined in the same container and be placed out for collection each week. Residents will be able to recycle more items than before. Residents should have received their personal Recycle Calendar, showing the pick-up dates for recycle and trash. To receive your copy call 410-887-2000.



Schools Vacation starts in June!
Be careful when you drive!

Visit Our Website, www.Hawthornecivic.org

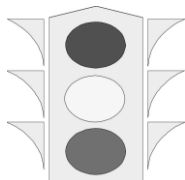


Discussion on "Dog Park"

HCA received many requests recently to investigate the possibility in obtaining a Community Dog Park. It was suggested that the old tennis court, in Hawthorne Park might make a suitable "Dog Park". A tall fence encloses the court and the surface is covered with asphalt. After discussions with the Departments that are involved (Recreation and Parks, Community Conservation, Public Works), it became evident that the projects construction and operational requirements would exceed both the financial and human resources of the community. The issue will be discussed further at June HCA meeting.

Strike 3 for the Kingston Road Red Light

The State Highway Administration has advised, after four months of on-site analysis, that they will not consider HCA's request to change either the direction or timing of the traffic light at Kingston Rd. and Eastern Blvd. The intersection has been deemed neither dangerous or the intervals timed too short.



Dumpster Day is Coming!

School Traffic Camera "To Be or Not To Be"

The on again, off again decision to place one of the Speed Control Cameras at Hawthorne Elementary will be discussed at the June HCA meeting. The cameras capture speeders in the school zone and issue the appropriate traffic citation and fine.

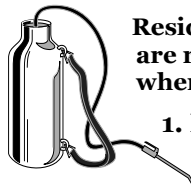


Hawthorne Pathway and Parks

Enjoy the walking path, playgrounds and waterfront through Dark Head, Hawthorne and Kingston Community Parks.



Rodent Control is Everyone's Responsibility

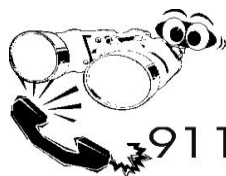


Residents, whether home owners or renters are reminded that rodent problems occur where:

1. Pet mess (feces) is not picked up and placed in appropriate trash containers. Messy areas around doghouses also attract rodents.
2. Garbage bags and boxes are not properly placed in serviceable trashcans with lids. Trash bags provide a feast of food for rats and other rodents becoming a restaurant for them.
3. Grass and weeds are not cut and trimmed and bushes and trees are over grown.
4. Rotting wooden or rusty metal sheds provide areas for rodents to nest and live. The dark, damp atmosphere under sheds without solid concrete bases provide a perfect breeding area.
5. Unused swimming pools filled with water and slime providing a breeding ground for not only rodents but also mosquitoes.
6. Household furniture, old appliances such as washers/dryers, refrigerators, TV's and alike which are left in yards also provide a perfect rodent breeding area.
7. Old vehicles, trailers and boats provide breeding areas for rodents.
8. Front and Back porches loaded with junk, car parts, lawn mowers, bags of material and rotting flowerpots also provide a feeding and breeding area for rodents.

The HCA reminds everyone that the responsibility for rodent control begins with each and every one of us.

If it looks suspicious
Call 911!



Important Phone Numbers & Websites

Police/Emergency	911
Drug Hotline	410- 687- 4040
BG&E Emergency	1-888-778-2222 (Free Call)
Code Enforcement	410-887-8099
Water Problems	410-396-5352
Disabilities	410-887-3580
Substance Abuse	410-887-3828
Trash/Recycling	410-887-2000
Animal Complaints	410-887-5961
Tax Assessments	410-512-4905
<u>All County Agencies Info</u>	<u>- 410-887-0000</u>
http://baltimorecountymd.gov/Contact_Us/index.html	