

Hawthorne Community Newsletter

Hawthorne Civic Association
Your Community Voice
Since 1953



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Serving Hawthorne, Kingston Park,

Kingsway, Waters Watch and Whitethorn

Next HCA Meeting

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 6th, 2009
Hawthorne Elementary Recreation Room

New to Hawthorne?



If you are new to the neighborhood, we welcome you and invite you to become a part of HCA. Call 410-686-9270 on how to become a member or join us at the next HCA meeting.

No Matter Whether You Own Or Rent Your Home, Your Opinion and Concerns Matter. Attend the Civic Association meetings and voice your views and concerns.

Enjoy the Hawthorne Trail and Community Waterfront Parks



Hawthorne Park
@ Midthorn and Whitethorn Way
Dark Head Park
@ Graythorn and Dark Head Rds.
Kingston Park
@ Kingston Park Lane

Walk or Ride a 3.5 mile Trail of Scenery

Speed Bump Discussed

Concerned residents came to the September HCA meeting and discussed the Department of Public Works requirements relating to requesting installation of speed humps on specific streets in Hawthorne. Those requirements involve a calculation based on average speed, the total length of the street, hazard factors and if all those factors are met, a petition for speed bumps must be signed by no less than 75% of the residents on that street. More information may be gotten by attending the October HCA meeting.

Residents Do Not Own Parking Spaces



Unfortunately, the residents of Hawthorne **do not** have the option of owning the parking space in front of their homes. All the streets in Hawthorne are considered

"Public Streets" by Baltimore County Law and because they are, anyone can park anywhere on the street.

The only designated parking permitted "on street" is the "Disabled Zone" parking space, designated by two signs directly in front of the residence. No one is allowed to park in that space except the disabled individual's vehicle. A special permit is issued to the resident and their selected vehicle. Anyone else parking in that zone is subject to an immense fine and/or towing of their vehicle to the police impound lot.

Some families have as many a four vehicles and/or a company vehicle not on "24 hour call" parked on the street and "weekend visitors" who also add to the parking problem.

The Civic association has discussed the parking issue with the Baltimore County Department of Traffic and the Department of Public works, trying to develop alternate parking patterns such as angle parking and one way streets. The original design of the community streets and alleys does not allow the design flexibility new community's provide.

Many residents feel that they own the spot in front of their home and some times make the mistake of leaving threatening notes, damaging or defacing vehicles or even threatening the drivers. Make note, all are against the law, prosecutable by both Baltimore County laws and civil law suites.

Parking in areas designated by "No Parking" signs, on Hawthorne Elementary School property during school hours, in Hawthorn or Dark Head Park areas, in alleyways and double parking are also illegal.

Courtesy is Kindness in Disguise!

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**Fall Community Yard Sale is November 7th
Without the Flea Market**

Saturday, November 7th is the date for the fall community yard sale and flea market.

But, due to a recent ruling by the Baltimore School System, prohibiting the use of the elementary school property and a similar decision by the Department of Parks and Recreation prohibiting the use of one of our waterfront parks, the HCA's fall flea market will not be held this year.

Negotiations are presently being held between the HCA, county recreation councils and the school system to come to a reasonable agreement for the use of the school property for next years spring flea market.

However, the HCA will sponsor its Annual Fall Community Yard Sale on Saturday, November 7th. The civic association will place advertisements in the local newspapers, the Penny Saver, and Craig's List. All the community has to do is place their items in the yard the morning of Saturday, November 7th and wait for customers.

Keep watching the November HCA newsletter for updated information.



Schools Are Back In Session

Hawthorne Elementary School will hold PTA general meetings at the school on the following dates:

- Tuesday November 10th at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday January 12th at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday March 23rd at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday May 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Please feel free to join us and watch out for our children, their parents and teachers. Remember, Drive Carefully!

**Fall Campfire and Waterfowl Workboat
Fun at Marshy Point Nature Center**

Friday September 25

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Come for a Fall campfire under the stars. Enjoy s'mores by the fire and listen to the critters..

Sunday October 18

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Binoculars provided.

Swans, Ducks, and Geese Workboat Trip: Watch for waterfowl returning to the estuary.

Marshy Point Park
7130 Marshy Point Road (Chase)
Baltimore, Maryland 21220
(301) 779-0371

Thought of the Month

Only when a community realizes that its not "all about me" but about "we" can they improve their community

**Do Not Rake or Blow Leaves and
Grass into the Streets, Gutters or
into our Community Parks**

Hawthorne residents are reminded that raking or blowing leaves and cut grass and weeds into the gutter, street or community parks is illegal, hazardous to traffic when the leaves and grass become wet, clog our storm drain systems and eventually damage the Chesapeake Bay by causing algae blooms that absorb oxygen and light from the water. Leaves in gutter also create a fire hazard by tossed cigarettes.

The civic association suggests that residents compost the leaves, using them as a soil additive for use in gardens, mulch the leaves with a lawn mower and leave the mulch on the grass as a winter fertilizer. Residents may also recycle the leaves using large black trash bags and put them out with their trash on trash days

**2nd Annual Crossroads @ 95
Cross Country Challenge**

Saturday, October 31, 2009

Registration: 7:30am

Race Begins: 9:00am

1st 1500 registrants receive long-sleeve T shirts

All participants receive a complimentary breakfast and a goodie bag with surprises.

Proceeds benefit the Baltimore County Police Athletic League (PAL).

For more information:

<http://www.sjpi.com/company/5kRace2009>

Phone is 443-317-8763.

Important Phone Numbers

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
All County Agencies Info	410-887-0000
http://baltimorecountymd.gov/Contact_Us/index.html	