

BOWLEY'S QUARTERS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

July 2008

"Live the Dream – Live and Experience Bowley's Quarters in Middle River, MD.

"A great place to live, work and play"



A Message From the President – Our Association continues to attract the unaffiliated, those previously affiliated with an improvement association, new families and individuals to the community, extended family members and numerous businesses located within our boundaries. We are delighted with the interest, the support and involvement with our organization. We continue to strive to serve you on a number of issues of vital concern – development, quality of life, environmental, social, etc. Above all, we appreciate your trust, respect and support. May your summer be one of fulfillment and relaxation.

Stay Informed with These Important Dates:

What: **BQCA General Membership Meeting**

When: Tuesday, July 22, 2008, 7:00 PM

Where: St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3620 Red Rose Farm Road

BQCA Pot Luck Dinner

The Association's first Pot Luck Dinner on June 24th was well attended and incredibly delicious. Individuals brought entrees and desserts to share while the Association provided limited entrees, beverages, paper goods, and music. Because of the overwhelming success and endless accolades, these social events will be held at least twice a year. As plans are formalized, we will keep you abreast of the next event. Thanks to Bill Lynam of Oasis Coffee for his contribution to the event. Additional thanks are extended to all who coordinated and executed the event!



BIG 50/50 Raffle a Success!

A sincere thank you goes out to all who supported our 1st fund raiser – the BIG 50/50. The winning ticket was drawn at our June 24th General Membership Meeting. The winner of the \$2,500 prize was Frank Wilson, a life long resident of the Essex/Middle River area, who purchased his ticket at the Long Beach Restaurant Car Show. Upon learning of our mission and goal of single-family home development only, Frank donated \$500.00 back to the BQCA. We take this opportunity to congratulate Frank upon his win and to thank him for his generous contribution.



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Bowleys Quarters Road – Community Clean-Up - Adopt A Road Project

Our next community clean-up is to occur on Saturday, August 2nd (rain date of August 9th). We will meet initially at 7 am at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church on Bowley's Quarters Road for coordination and distribution of equipment. Refreshments will be available after the event at Long Beach Restaurant. Further details can be obtained by contacting Co-Chairs Debbie Sevier and Bill Huber (410.335.8255).

Membership:

Our membership continues to grow with residents, businesses and extended family members. Additional applications can be downloaded from our website: www.bqca.org or by calling 410.335.5811.

The Galloway Creek Condo PUD Project:

The Baltimore County Planning Board plans to review changes to the Galloway Creek Condo PUD Project in September, 2008. They can amend and/or modify the PUD proposal as well as deny the project at that time. We need to have even more people to show up for this meeting than who attended the earlier Community Input Meeting. Thereafter, the County Council will have a final open hearing on the project followed by their issuing an ultimate decision. We are continuing to monitor this project and prepare testimony for the various hearings reflecting our commitment to supporting development of single family residences only. Since there have been rumors of various other marinas expressing an interest in emulating this project, we continue to consult with zoning and development attorneys and environmental consultants as needed. Updates will be shared with membership via e-mail and the newsletter.

Communications:

View our organization and its work and secure a membership application at our website: www.BQCA.org as well as post notices and important events. We welcome your input and opinion on all issues and continue to strive to present unbiased, balanced perspectives relative to issues facing our community.

Baltimore County Government Contact List:

We are making available an essential and rapidly accessible contact list of departments within the County Government which you might desire to contact regarding citizen services, regulatory agencies, etc. This should save you time and effort as circumstances dictate the need for information or action. (Please see the attached form in the newsletter.)

Zoning Abbreviations Made Simple:

Many individuals have specifically asked about zoning codes and designations within the County which either impact them individually or affect the overall community. We have excerpted a number of charts from the Baltimore County "A Citizen's Guide to Zoning in Baltimore County" as a reference tool. If further detail and information is needed, we suggest you contact the Baltimore County Office of Planning at 410.887.3335. (Please see the attached form in the newsletter.)

Comprehensive Zoning Map:

We have testified on behalf of the community to maintain or down-zone all of the requested zoning changes in Bowleys Quarters during the recent "Comprehensive Zoning Map" process (CZMP). We continue to believe that commercial uses of property should be clustered in defined areas to maximize existing resources, minimize resource consumption and conform to the guidelines and master plans for development in our area.

Since the Baltimore County Planning Board has issued their recommendations for the current zoning process for properties in District 6, it will be up to the County Council to evaluate and ultimately decide on zoning changes. It is anticipated that those decisions will be forthcoming in September, 2008. We will keep you abreast of those outcomes.

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Hot Line:

If you have questions, heard various rumors, or observed something of interest to the community, please call the BQCA number **410.335.5811**, and a member of the organization will return the call as soon as possible –or– send an email message to our website – email@bqca.org.
THANKS!

Association Contacts:

President - Bill Lagna	410.335.3606
Vice-President- Norma Bankard	410.335.4407
Treasurer - Ron Walper	410.335.7968
Secretary - Harlan Zinn	410.486.2899

Political Contacts:

Councilman - Joe Bartenfelder	410.887.5791
Delegate – Pat McDonough	410.238.0025

Media Contacts:

Editor – East County Times	410.780.3303
Editor – The Avenue News Amy Lookingbill	410.687.7775

Committees:

To achieve full representation requires embracing the opinions of a large segment of the peninsula on issues of zoning, regulations, and local policies. One of the best ways to truly make our organization potent is to participate on committees and get new members so that the community at-large is more united. In addition, we extend an invitation to **every member** to join the various committees:

Membership	Allen Robertson	410.335.2293
	Kim Sullivan	410.630.2645
Communications	Linda Huber	410.335.8255
	Harlan Zinn	410.486.2899
Nominations	Norma Bankard	410.335.4407
	Janet Walper	410.335.7968
Zoning & Land Use	Bill Lagna	410.335.3606
	Allen Robertson	410.960.2293
By-Laws	Steve Moody	410.960.8309
Fund Raising	Joe Hession	410.335.6785
	Kim Sullivan	410.630.2645
Community Clean-Up	Bill Huber	410.335.8255
Traffic & Congestion	Available	

Algae Bloom – Galloway Creek, Middle River:

A number of residents and guests to Bowleys Quarters have reported sighting "green scum" in the water, both near piers, bulkheads and free form further out on Galloway Creek and Middle River. The MD Department of Natural Resources indicated that this condition is known as an "algae bloom". The Department recommends that the "public should not swim in areas where a blue-green algae bloom is evident". Further information can be obtained by visiting the Department's website at: www.dnr.state.md.us and then typing in algae bloom.

\$100 Club:

BQCA kicks off our "\$100.00 Club" fund-raiser project. At our June 24th meeting, our President, Bill Lagna, laid out our need for funds to support legal and consulting costs as we make sure all zoning, building and environmental laws and regulations are enforced regarding the Galloway Creek condo project. In response to Bill's comments, Joe Hession kicked off the "\$100.00 Club" fund-raiser. We are challenging our members and neighbors to come forth and respond monetarily. Our goal is to have 100 people donate \$100.00 each for a grand total of \$10,000. In our discussions with members, since our inception in January, we feel this is an achievable goal. Please attend our July 22nd General Membership meeting for further details.

Partnerships – Essex/Middle River Civic Association:

The Bowleys Quarters Community Association is a member of the Essex/Middle River Civic Association. During our last meeting, the landfill in eastern Baltimore County was said to have capacity for 30 more years at today's fill rate. We are encouraging everyone to recycle in an attempt to prevent increased demand or possibly even reduce the debris going into the landfill. Thanks in advance for your assistance with this important activity.

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Community Member Profile:



Joe Hession (and daughter)

What an impression! With an extensive, professional background in photo-engraving, Joe Hession is best known for the "impressions" he leaves you with.

As a native Baltimorean and product of the first graduating class of Mergenthaler High School, Joe initially provided extensive sports coaching to both boys and girls in local public and parochial schools within the fields of physical education, track and field, football and soccer. He then gravitated to the field of photo-engraving for 45 years from an initial apprenticeship and staffing with Publicity Engravers (best known for their medical texts); followed by Chesapeake Engraving (magazines and color rendering); then the News American and finally the Baltimore Sunpaper. Each of these experiences has contributed to Joe's pursuit of "fairness", whether on behalf of the Photo-Engravers Union or as a labor representative during contract negotiations. Foremost has been his untiring belief and commitment to various causes affecting both management and the union.

This "theory of engagement and philosophy" is even reflected in his endless coaching of kids over the years where he taught that playing was a victory, far more important than actually winning. Joe credits sensitivity to the little guy, fair play, an incredible sense of community and a fiery spirit to his parents, one whom was a police officer with a dedication to the community and the other, a furrier sewer who helped to break sweat shop restrictions in the 1920s in New York.

Another attribute of Joe is his love of teaching music and ownership of a signed "Leftaul" guitar, one of the original first electric guitars. Any social event provides a venue for his performing, especially the endless family gatherings created with extended families from his four married daughters. Joe and wife, Rose, have resided full-time in Bowleys Quarters since 1993, having spent summers here since the early 70s. And of course, their "infamous" 20 sided, hurricane resistant round house has been a beacon and conversation point throughout the community and as a featured home in various media. All of his relationships are significant and meaningful, especially those that center on family, church

and community. He and Rose are endlessly rising to the occasion of celebrating the great and diverse Bowleys Quarters community. Joe maintains that the Hession family and house are as incredibly accommodating as the larger community. Our community association is enriched with his sense of community and devotion to quality of life issues!

Banner Photos

The photos in this month's banner are courtesy of Donald J. Sykes, a Community Association member and resident of Galloway Road. To view additional photographs, visit his web page at:

<http://www.donaldjsykes.com/PhotographyandAlteredImages.html>