
VALLEY MEDE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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First VMCA Summer Festival

Bring a Blanket or Lawn Chair

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 10, 2006. The very first Valley Mede Community Association Summer Festival will be held at Cypressmede Park from 2pm to 6pm. We will have the following events taking place during the day:

Meet and Greet Table: Check in here first! While you're getting acquainted, the kids can get stickers, face painting, and a prize from the lollipop tree. It's also the place to pay your VMCA dues. Come say hello and get our latest phone directory.

Music for the Whole Family: Three bands will play from 2pm to 6pm. Bring a blanket and enjoy the music.

Mike Bowers 2:00pm – 3:15pm

Lawn Chair 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Jennifer Camp 4:45pm – 6:00pm

Food and Desserts: Although you're welcome to bring your own food and drinks to the festival, food, drink, and desserts will be available for purchase. Our food vendors are local non-profit scout organizations.



Jennifer Camp will perform at our Festival



Mike Bowers will perform from 2pm to 3:15pm

Support Your VMCA Summer Festival

First, we want to thank all the families that paid dues for 2006. That money is funding our summer festival, newsletters, and other events for 2006.

Again this year, the dues are still \$10.00. If you're reading this and haven't paid your dues, please go write a check right now, and send it to your newsletter editor. Or for you Ebay-ers, you can PayPal VMCA at gbrohawn@verizon.net.

Our festival will include activities for the kids, music, food, desserts, and lots of socializing. BRING A BLANKET. There's nothing better than listening to acoustic music on a blanket at Cypressmede Park.

If you are new to the neighborhood or new to paying your dues, update the information on page 3 of the newsletter and send it to me (the editor) with your \$10.00. I'll then personally deliver to you a free Valley Mede Phone Directory.

Lawn Chair will Perform

Lawn Chair creates acoustic twang and tear jerking – foot stomping music. Lawn Chair is a 3-piece Alt-Country/Americana band on Baltimore's Atomic Twang records. Lawn Chair's sound could be described as Willie Nelson meets the Rolling Stones. Their album debut Truckstop Madonna has been compared to Neil Young's Harvest, but their live shows offer a more raucous experience. They come equipped with guitars, mandolin, upright bass, drums, lap steel, and harmonicas.



Lawn Chair will perform at the Valley Mede Festival

Pay Your Dues Using PayPal

Your Valley Mede Board of Directors is hard at work. One resident suggested (through the website) that we accept membership dues through PayPal. We are in the process of getting a Valley Mede PayPal account. But, until then, you can send your dues (\$10.00) to my account and I will forward the money to the treasurer (a short walk for me).

PayPal your dues to gbrohawn@verizon.net

Thursday Morning Kids Meet

This summer, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, moms and children of all ages will be meeting at Cypressmede Park on Thursday's at 10am. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other Valley Mede families and enjoy the park. Just show up!

4th of July Parade Tradition Continues

Our Patriotic Parade will be held on July 4th at Cypressmede Park at 10am. Families are encouraged to dress up their children, pets, strollers, wagons, and bikes. Goodies for the kids and some prizes too! Contact Carolyn Bodziak if you want to help.

Route 40 Entrance Signs

After several years of discussion and debate, a committee has been formed to replace the Valley Mede signage that is currently attached to the brick facades facing Route 40. The committee would like to update the signage to a more modern look and type font. This process of getting vendor quotes, deciding on the font, size, lighting, and material, will take anywhere from nine months to 1 ½ years. Anyone who is interested in bidding on this effort or would like to contribute opinions about this effort can contact the Signage Team through our website (www.valleymede.org) or by sending a letter to the editor. The VMCA newsletter will provide you with updates throughout this process.

Valley Mede Community Tent

We still have a beautiful 10 by 15 foot tent available for rental by VM residents. \$25.00 per day. Call 410-461-3026 for details. Those summer parties are just around the corner.

Keeping our Rt. 40 Entrance Beautiful

Just an update on the condition of our Route 40 entrance. Many families have offered help to keep our Route 40 entrance lawn cut and free of debris. To organize this effort, any family who would like to cut the lawn and pick up trash at the entrance can email me (gbrohawn@verizon.net) to schedule a weekend. If we get six families (out of 700) to volunteer, we'll have the entrance lawn cut every two weeks through the summer. Additionally, if there is a high school student who would like to earn money cutting the lawn at Rt. 40, contact me.

Yard Sale a Success

Another successful yard sale in Valley Mede. Many families turned out for this beautiful day on April 29, 2006.



Bartering on Longview Drive

Pay your dues of \$10.00 if your address label reads RESIDENT. New VMCA members will receive the Valley Mede Community Association Directory. Available NOW!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Call me so I can volunteer a few hours this year.

Your 2006 VMCA Summer Festival Committee:

Chairman/MC: Gary Brohawn
Meet & Greet: Patti LeConte
Food Services: Beth Henderson
Face Painting: Allison Anderson/Carolyn Bodziak
Power Generators: Ming Tomayko
Advertizing/Posters: Sherry Brohawn

Upcoming Events at Cypressmede Park

June 10th – VMCA Summer Festival at 2pm
June 11th – VMCA Summer Festival Rain Date at 2pm
July 4th – Kids Parade at 10am
October 7th - Community Yard Sale (8-1pm)
October – Halloween Parade



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