



# VALLEY MEDE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## Our New Board of Directors For 2007

Please welcome our new Board of Directors for 2007. These folks volunteer their time to provide you with events and activities throughout the year.

**President – Gary Brohawn** - Hickorymede Drive

**Vice President – Patti LeConte** - Hickorymede Drive

**Treasurer – Bill Henderson** - Helmwood Court

**Secretary – Ming Tomayko** – Greenway Drive

Board - **Allison Anderson** – Longview Drive

Board - **Caroline Bodziak** – Hearthstone Road

Board - **Gail Heiss** – Longview Drive

Board - **Beth Henderson** – Helmwood Court

Board - **Brian Winter** – Cypressmede Drive

Board - **Charlie Bell** – Michael’s Way

Board Member - **Debbie Wolf** – King’s Court

This year, we have an exciting board of directors. I included each board member’s street address so you can see where each one lives.

Gary Brohawn has been the newsletter editor for the past three years and will continue in that capacity. Gary spent the last three years learning from two pros at running a community organization: Jodi Cascio and Art Shoukas. Gary’s 2007 goal: 500 in attendance at the VMCA Summer Festival.

Patti LeConte is new to the board this year. Patti will be directing her efforts towards membership. So look out for membership drives and a membership table set up at each VMCA function.

Our treasurer is Bill Henderson and in real life is a CPA. I don’t think you can get any better than that. As his wife Beth is also a board member, if only we could find them a sitter for our board meetings.

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## 2007 Community Directory

The Community Directory will be published in March of 2007. This gives you the opportunity to update the listing for your home by sending in your dues for 2007. All information in the directory is public information; however, if you want your name, address, or phone number eliminated from the directory, just send a letter to the editor saying so. We will do our best to accommodate your wish.

Your directory is free with a paid membership of \$12.00. The board of directors voted to raise the dues two dollars to offset the costs of printing the community directory. The directory costs us about \$4.00 per copy and we publish every two years.

## VMCA Dues are now \$12.00

After much deliberation at the November and December board meetings, the board voted unanimously to increase the yearly dues to \$12.00. The purpose for the increase is to underwrite the printing of the community directory. The directory costs about \$4.00 per copy, and we publish the directory about every two years. The extra two dollars per year will pay for the directory, leaving the rest of the membership dues available for our yearly events, which include front entrance lawn maintenance, parade supplies, and the summer festival.

## VMCA Summer Community Festival Set for June 9<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> as we host our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Valley Mede Community Festival. This year’s festival will be bigger than ever with music, food, games, and events. More details will follow in the coming months.

## New Residents of Valley Mede

This is a great opportunity to get your name and address into the Community Directory. Send us your information and dues, and you will receive an updated community directory. You will know your neighbor’s names, and they will know yours.

Last but not least, Ming Tomayko has been on the VMCA board for at least five years, if not longer. Ming always brings a smile to the meetings, a commitment to improving the community, and a pad and paper to record our meeting proceedings.

Our Seven Board Members is the largest group of members at large that VMCA has had in many years. This group donates dozens of hours to make every VMCA event successful. Here comes 2007.

If you would like to be involved with an event, deliver directories, suggest a new event, or help prepare the newsletter, just go to our website ([www.valleymede.org](http://www.valleymede.org)) and leave us a note. We always need help folding and applying address labels to the newsletters (volunteer hours???) We would love the help.

## Pay Your Dues Using PayPal

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 (\$12.00 plus \$1 for PayPal processing) to my account ([gbrohawn@verizon.net](mailto:gbrohawn@verizon.net)) and I will forward the money to the treasurer.

## Free Advertising

Our 2007 Valley Mede Community Directory will feature free advertising from any Valley Mede resident. All you need do is

### 2007 Events in Valley Mede

April 21st - Community Yard Sale (8-1 pm)

June 9th - Valley Mede Summer Festival

July 4<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> of July Children's Parade

September 15<sup>th</sup> - Community Yard Sale (8-1 pm)

October 27<sup>th</sup> - Halloween Parade

November 19<sup>th</sup> - Community Meeting, 7:30 PM  
At St. John's Lane Elementary

- (1) Pay your 2007 community dues of \$12.00 and
- (2) Send your name, number, and type of work with your dues.

We will accept babysitters, landscapers, lawyers, doctors, leaf rakers, tutors, piano teachers, pet sitters; you name it (within reason).

If you want to place a business card in the directory (good for two years), the cost is \$25.00. The ad size will be 1/4 of a 5 1/2 by 8-1/2 sheet.

This is a great way to advertise you business and get the attention of your neighbors. Neighbors helping Neighbors.

**Pay your dues of \$12.00 for 2007. Send your check to 9853 Helmwood Court, Ellicott City, MD, 21042, made payable to VMCA.**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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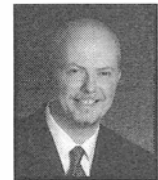
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