
VALLEY MEDE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Isabel Leaves Downed Trees and No Power



September 18, 2003 will be remembered as the storm that knocked out power to Valley Mede for days and days. Some Valley Mede residents didn't get power restored until three days later. Others had power just a few hours later. The Edson family on Longview had a transformer explode and ignite a tree, coming within feet of a shed containing a motorcycle and several cans of gasoline. Thankfully, no one was injured and Baltimore Gas and

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Front Entrance Flowers

Have you ever noticed the beautiful and well-maintained Route 40 entrance to Valley Mede? It's not magic.

A special thank you to Sal Cascio and Carolyn Slivinski for planting pansies at the front entrance. What a wonderful treat and terrific surprise they received when neighbors Huda and Noor Oweis brought them lemonade and helped refill water bottles for the flowers. Thanks to Pat Willions and Larry Wilson for hanging Christmas wreaths, the Cascio's for Fall decorations, and the Meylers for lawn maintenance and trash removal.

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Cypress Mede Park Luau a Tropical Success

The heavens praised our attempts to have an adult party at Cypress Mede Park. Everyone was greeted by a Hawaiian party coordinator and received a lei. Our attendees enjoyed delicious desserts, punch, and the sounds of Hawaiian music. The atmosphere was complete with tiki torches, Hawaiian shirts and skirts, and friendly conversation.

Luau Coordinator

Kim Edson, the luau coordinator, created the perfect evening for us. Assisted by Sherry Brohawn and Jodi Casio, several husbands, and enough electrical equipment to thwart off World War III, the event concluded without a hitch.

Scrumptious Desserts

Among the delicious desserts brought to the luau were fruit bowls, cheese cakes, pies, and cookies.



Sherry Brohawn and Kim Edson Enjoy the Luau

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Electric quickly subdued the situation.

Many residents shared power from portable generators and helped each other remove fallen trees from driveways and rooftops.

Valley Mede residents really showed their kindness during this storm. There will be no need to buy any firewood this season.



Dave Johnson – Orioles Pitcher from 1989-1991

Dave Johnson Hits Home Run

Dave Johnson, former pitcher of the Orioles (1989-1991), delivered a speech of determination, patience, and humor at St. John's Elementary School in September. The community meeting was honored to have Dave appear. All the attendees enjoyed 90 minutes of "the life of a major league pitcher." Dave's late start in professional baseball gave him an edge at first, but the chances of becoming a major league pitcher are 10,000 to one.

After being bounced around over a dozen times at different levels of minor league play, Dave finally landed his first major league contract, with an official signing in the Boston Red Sox club house bathroom with the Baltimore Orioles. Dave is a very personable guy and finds humor in his journey through baseball, despite all the hardships. Dave showed the best of character through all his pitching changes; his talk would no doubt influence any sports-minded child in Valley Mede.

We thank Dave for speaking to us.



VALLEY MEDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION WINTER WONDERLAND DANCE

Come out and enjoy a "Winter Wonderland" evening with your friends and neighbors with dancing, homemade hors d'ouvres and desserts, beverages to take off the chill, and prizes!! Let's come out and celebrate our great neighborhood!! Reserve a table (10 people per table).

WHEN: Saturday March 13, 2004 TIME: 7:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M.

**WHO: Adults in Valley Mede
and their friends**

WHERE: Kiwanis-Wallas Recreation Center

(Go west on Route 40 and turn left off of Route 40 onto Frederick Road (route 144) and make your next left onto Norbert's Way, and follow the drive back to the Center).

**COST: \$10.00/person (VMCA Members)
\$15.00/person Friend/Non Member**

And please bring an hors d'ouvres or dessert to share!

Tear out this coupon and send or drop off your payment to:

Edward Packard
3161 Elmede Road
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Here's how it works: Pay your \$10.00 dues and receive not only the newsletter four times a year, but also receive the latest Valley Mede Community Directory to be updated this year. Additionally, keep up with community activities. Generally, we have a Valley Mede event every month: Yard sales, kids parades, adult dance – You Need to Know. Send your money and the cover of this newsletter (with your address on it) to Edward Packard, 3161 Elmmede Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 13, 2004 - Winter Wonderland Dance

April 24, 2004 - Community Yard Sale

Check out this website for the Route 40 Enhancement Study:
www.co.ho.md.us/DPZ/community/route40.htm



Enjoying the Valley Mede Halloween Party

Wanted

Baby Sitters

Classified Ads

For Sale– Girls Bedroom Set \$100.00 firm. Single Bed with new mattresses; 3-Drawer Dresser with mirror; Night Stand with drawer and book shelf; Wall shelving of same color extra. 410-461-3026

For Sale-IKEA 6 foot RED armoire. Two swing open doors, shelves and pole for hangups. \$50.00 410-461-3026

\$25 gets you a business card size ad in this newsletter.

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Halloween Parade and Party

Many thanks to Lisa Higdon and her Halloween committee: Allison Anderson, Amy Cargiوليو, Kristin Ward, and Yvette Pruett as well as the many helpers at the park.

The parade got off to a quieter start than expected as the fire engine was called away. The joyful noise did elevate as the parade goes reached the park, trick or treated for candy, made crafts, and participated in activities ranging from touching “slimy eyeballs” to putting “bones on a skeleton”. Fun was had by all. Hope to see all of you next year.

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