

# VALLEY MEDE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## 2nd Annual VMCA Summer Festival - The Tradition Continues

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 9, 2007. The 2nd Valley Mede Community Association Summer Festival will be held at Cypressmede Park from 2pm to 6pm. The rain date is Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 4pm. 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 – 3:00pm	Acoustic Soloist
Ashling Áh'lyn	3:00pm – 5:00pm	Irish, Celtic with blues
Lawn Chair	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Alternate Country

**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 organizations and businesses.

**Children's Activities:** Many games and activities are planned for all age children. Join us for volleyball, kickball or sack races. Complete a craft project or get a temporary tattoo. There will be lots to do for the kids as well as the parents!



Mike Bowers will perform from 2pm to 3pm



Davy Shannon & Ashling Ah'lyn

## Support Your VMCA Summer Festival

### *Bring a Blanket or Lawn Chair*

First, we want to thank all the families that paid dues for 2007. That money is funding our summer festival, newsletters, upkeep of the Rt. 40 entrance, and other family events for 2007.

This year, the dues are \$12.00. If you're reading this and haven't paid your dues, please

**Go write a check right now**, and send it to our treasurer. The board voted to spend most of our dues on this FAMILY event. Your children will be playing games all afternoon.

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 the treasurer. We will then personally deliver to you a free 2007 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. They come equipped with guitars, mandolin, upright bass, drums, lap steel, and harmonicas.



Lawn Chair will perform at the Festival

## Dorsey/Arcadia Cemetery

The Dorsey/Arcadia cemetery at the corner of Longview Drive and Hearthstone Road has come up for discussion at many of the VMCA board meetings. In 2001, some efforts were made to restore this historic area. It was a good start, but the cemetery has again fallen into a state of neglect. Fred Dorsey, from Preservation Howard County, will meet with us to share more about the history of this cemetery, which includes recorded burials dating back to 1809, as well as numerous slave graves located outside the cemetery walls. He will also let us know in what manner any restoration of the cemetery must be followed.

This will be a summer project for VMCA, and the date of the meeting is still to be determined. We will post signs around the community once the date has been set.

## 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 through our website if you want to help.

## 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.

## Yard Sale a Success

Our neighborhood had another successful yard sale in Valley Mede. Many families turned out for this beautiful day in April. Many thanks to Carolyn Weibel for organizing the event.



Bartering on Longview Drive

Pay your dues of \$12.00 if your address label reads RESIDENT. Help pay for the Summer Festival. Send your payment to Bill Henderson, 9853 Helmwood Court, Ellicott City, MD, 21042, and made payable to VMCA.

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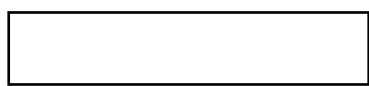
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