

VALLEY MEDE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Halloween Parade – 10/31 at 10am

by Patti LeConte

Calling all ghosts and goblins to the annual Halloween Parade! Meet us at the entrance to Cypressmede Park at **10am on Saturday, October 31st**. We'll parade into the park, collecting candy along the way and finish by enjoying a not-so-scary story. Please bring a bag of candy to share. Volunteers are needed to help distribute the candy (a great opportunity for older siblings!).

Arcadia Cemetery Fall Cleaning

by Patti LeConte

Things have been a little “dead” at the cemetery over the summer. Many thanks to the neighbors who recently cut back the weeds along the road. To continue the good work, there will be an Autumn Clean Up on **Saturday, November 7th** from 9 – 11 am. We are especially in need of drivers with pickup trucks who can transport debris to the landfill. To volunteer, please contact Patti LeConte at (410) 750-3545 or pattileconte@verizon.net.

New Entrance Signs for Christmas!

by Beth Henderson

The sign committee has been diligently working with a vendor to get a new sign for our entrance at Greenway Drive and Rt 40. Exploring issues of readability, stability, reasonable cost, low maintenance, and other issues, the sign committee has investigated them all. A final “look” has been chosen. We've got a beautiful design of gold lettering on a forest green background. It will be elevated above the existing stone wall and, therefore, easier to read. We're planning to give the stone a good washing and the surrounding landscape a haircut before installation. A sample is shown below, but more information can be found at our website: <http://www.valleymede.org>.

The sign fund continues to grow! With a goal of installation by the end of the year, additional money is needed. We have already collected \$3400. The proceeds of the 5K Run last year and generous donations from neighbors have gotten us two-thirds of the way to our goal. Please consider an extra donation to the sign fund using the dues form on the next page. Let's show our neighborhood pride in a beautiful entrance!



Trash/Recycling/Yard Waste News

Holiday Collections:

Confused about trash/recycling/yard waste pickup on holiday weeks? Howard County has implemented a "slide schedule" so that all residents receive service during those weeks. Basically, when a holiday interrupts service (Thanksgiving will be the next one) BOTH trash and recycling pickups that would occur on or after that day of the week "slide" to the next day.

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, 2009

If your collection day is:	Your collection day this week is:
Monday	Monday - no change
Tuesday	Tuesday - no change
Wednesday	Wednesday - no change
Thursday	moved to Friday
Friday	moved to Saturday

National Curb Day:

On October 24, 2009, residents place usable, but unwanted items at the curb for others to take. For details, visit www.curbday.com. So join the trend of finding ways to reuse what you no longer need. Note: Any leftover items must be cleared from the curb by the resident at the end of the day.

Free Paper Yard Waste Bags:

To encourage people to not use plastic bag for yard waste recycling, the Howard County Recycling Division will give 2 free paper yardwaste bags to residents. Get yours up at the Recycling Office 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 514 or the Alpha Ridge Landfill at 2350 Marriottsville Road.

Mount Hebron Homecoming

by Patti LeConte

Mt. Hebron will be celebrating Homecoming on **Saturday, October 24th**. The annual parade will come through our neighborhood that morning (time to be determined) and is always fun for young and old. Come out and support the Vikings before the big game against Reservoir. Don't forget to wear your Black & Gold!

Neighbor to Neighbor

**Have a small blue recycling bin you no longer need now that you have a new wheeled tote, donate it to St. John's Lane Elementary for their classroom recycling. Contact Allison Anderson at allisoninmd@verizon.net to arrange pickup.

**Send your birthday wishes, kids accomplishments, retirement congratulations and thanks for being great neighbors to our website: www.valleymede.org.



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Valley Mede Community Association needs your help!

Please share your ideas for events or projects you would like to happen in our neighborhood. Would you like to have a bus trip to New York to see a show; start an Antique Club or Dining Out Club?

Visit our website and come help us make fun things happen in Valley Mede!

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