



## Burke Avenue Improvements on the Way!

Major improvements are coming to Burke Avenue this summer between Hillen and York Roads. As part of the \$700k project, Baltimore County plans to “add sidewalks where they don’t exist; replace curbs, gutters and sidewalks so they meet the Americans with Disabilities Act standards; upgrade street lights; and install bump outs and crosswalks.” This will improve the pedestrian experience and help to calm traffic along this corridor. Expect work to begin in June and last approximately 90 days. The County is making every effort to ensure work is complete before the beginning of the Fall 2015 semester.

## Park Renovations

TMVCA is working on a proposal to renovate the Towson Manor Village park. We plan to draft a proposal to the County requesting that:

- The crumbling sidewalks are replaced
- The tipping clock is repaired
- New park equipment is installed
- They consider converting the ill-used parking lot off Maryland Avenue into additional park space.

If you would like to share your ideas and be a part of this initiative, make sure you come to the next Monthly Community Meeting or contact us at [towsonmanorvillage@gmail.com](mailto:towsonmanorvillage@gmail.com)!

## Neighborhood Rat Sweep

Rats have become an increasing issue throughout Towson Manor Village. We are in talks with the County to initiate a rat sweep to help the situation. A rat sweep does not necessarily involve poison or killing of rats – County Code Enforcement Officials will perform a detailed sweep of the neighborhood, looking for code violations that result in food sources for rats. These violations primarily consist of unkept garbage, dog waste, tall grass. Please know that County Inspectors will be in the neighborhood over the next few months and will issue citations for any code violations they see. We all need to be vigilant to help prevent the spread and rid TMV of rats. Here is what you can do:

- Put trash in cans (preferably metal) and secure lid on them
- Basic yard maintenance including grass cutting and debris removal
- Pick up dog waste ***daily***
- Don’t feed the birds during the summer
- Communicate with your neighbors if you see violations

In the meantime, if you see violations, please report them via the Baltimore County Code Enforcement online tool. It’s easy, anonymous and works!

## Community Reminders

### **Upcoming TMVCA Meetings**

June 16<sup>th</sup>, @ 7PM

July – No Meeting

August 18<sup>th</sup>, @ 7PM

Located at the:

First Lutheran Church  
40 E. Burke Avenue



### **TMVCA Membership**

Are you a new resident to the neighborhood? Has your membership lapsed? Don’t despair! It’s easy to submit your dues and become a member on our new and improved website!



### **Spring is in the air!**

Towson truly comes alive as we transition from Spring into Summer. Don’t forget about all of the exciting activities coming up, including Feet on the Street, and the Farmers’ Markets on both Allegheny Avenue and the Shops at Kenilworth!



### **TMVCA Events**

Stay tuned for information on several annual events including Movie Night, our Summer Block Party, and Dumpster Day!

If you’d like to volunteer or offer suggestions for any of these events, please email [towsonmanorvillage@gmail.com](mailto:towsonmanorvillage@gmail.com) to contact us today!



# TMVCA – What does it mean to be a member?

If you've received this newsletter, there's a good chance you live within the boundaries of the Towson Manor Village Community Association (TMVCA). The TMVCA meets on a regular basis to discuss things of importance to you, the community members. Here is just a short list of the services we provide:

- **Act as liaison between residents and county executives** - Did you know that the TMVCA's efforts were critical in saving Towson Manor Village's park? Our network of members has ties to county executives, elected officials, and professional organizations throughout the county that we can leverage to ensure TMVCA's residents are heard on critical projects. Come be part of our voice!
- **Arrange for guest speakers to address resident concerns** - We have guest speakers based on community interest, including Citizens on Patrol, Baltimore County Police, and elected officials. We are currently planning to have speakers address the concerns about overcrowding in our local school district.
- **Community Events** - The TMVCA hosts several social events a year to help foster and encourage relationships between neighbors. These include our annual Dumpster Day, Movie Night, Summer Block Party and Holiday Celebration. These events don't require membership to enjoy, but they do put a strain on our coffers if we don't have a healthy membership!
- **Information Sharing** - We maintain an association website, publish a quarterly newsletter, and have an active presence on Nextdoor, a social media site designed exclusively for the safe use of our residents and neighbors.
- **Community Outreach** - We are active in the greater Towson community and actively support, often financially, the Towson 4th of July Parade, Friends of the Towson Library, the Loch Raven Fireworks, the Greater Towson Council of Community Associations and more.



All of these activities take a toll financially and we operate purely on membership dues which are just \$15 per year per household. If you're not a member, or if your membership has lapsed, please renew! We've made it easier than ever to do online - You can safely and securely become a member, or renew, via PayPal. Of course, you can also mail a check the old fashioned way by using the membership form below!

To become a member of TMVCA, please visit our website and download the membership application or fill out the form below. Return your completed application and a check made payable to TMVCA to Colleen McElroy, 115 Willow Ave, Towson, MD 21286 or you may pay online using PayPal.

## **Towson Manor Village Community Association Membership Application**

Annual Renewal Date – August  
\$15.00 (\$10 for seniors, 62 or older)

Names of Household Residents: _____	Are you new to Towson Manor Village?	Yes	No
Street Address: _____	Are you a Senior Citizen? (62+)	Yes	No
E-mail: _____	Would you like to receive community updates and local information via email?	Yes	No
Phone Number: _____			

I/We want to help our community association in the following areas (circle all that apply):

Citizens on Patrol	Membership	Zoning Issues	Fundraising
Newsletter Production	Community Clean-Up	Web Maintenance	Planning Social Activities
Other: _____			