



THE YORK COURTS OF GUILFORD

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WELCOME

This month's issue includes a synopsis of the August York Courts meeting—attended by Mary Pat Clarke—including information on the annual picnic, the final developments on the York Courts signs and results of the annual yard sale

We'd still like to include a bio column that will highlight a York Courts homeowner. If you'd like to let your neighbors know a little bit about yourself, please include a brief bio and picture. Again, if there is something you'd like to see in future issues, please e-mail Phil Reely, PhilReely@aol.com.

DATE SET FOR ANNUAL YORK COURTS OF GUILFORD PICNIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2005
1 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

As always, this event will be held in Court #1, and all residents are asked to provide donations of food, beverages, paper products, snacks, desserts, etc. We will also likely need tables, chairs and umbrellas.

Attempts will also be made to coordinate installation of the new signs during this event. All supporters of the sign project are requested to put this date on their calendars. As a requirement for the GHCC grant, many agreed to be available during this instrumental stage of the project at which we are required to collect sign-in sheets, take photographs and invite GHCC to attend. A list of these supporters will be distributed in the near future as a reminder.

Please e-mail confirmation of your attendance and the donations you expect to provide to Phil, or call him at 410-235-3860.

ANNUAL YARD SALE



This year's flea market and crafts fair, otherwise known as the annual yard sale, was a financial success. It was also a social smash with neighbors dancing the afternoon away to the music of The Creation Band (see page 3 for a picture of the York Courts dancers)!

At the August York Courts meeting, the yard sale audit report (please e-mail Phil if you'd like a copy) was reviewed. This report was also submitted, along with pictures of the event, to the Baltimore Office of Promotions. Total expenses came to \$246.83 leaving an overage of \$46.83, which was covered by a York Courts resident. Proceeds from sales came to \$201.25.

Due to limited attendance at the August York Courts meeting, the questions of how and when to use the proceeds will be discussed at the next meeting—when there is a larger group of residents. Possibilities include:

- Shrubs (Sherry and Josh Barlow are donating a tree for Court #3) and flower beds
- Jessica Kim is looking into setting up an account for proceeds raised at activities like the flea market. Banks have indicated we would need to set up a 501©3 and/or get a tax ID number.



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YORK COURTS SIGNS NEAR COMPLETION



At the August York Courts meeting, the group reviewed pictures of the progress of the signs, which were in their initial stages. By that point the colors had been reviewed and

reaffirmed. Also, The Sign King (Curt Iseli) had met with Harbor Metal Works, the company making the brackets and posts, to assure that curvature and sizing were correct.

The brackets and posts were completed and delivered on August 30. September 7 appears to be the possible date that all aspects of the signs will be complete.

Michael Keevican is able to provide the post hole digger, but we still need assistance to install the signs, including post digging and cementing and leveling of posts. Volunteers with expertise should call 410-235-3860.

ARCHITECTURAL ISSUES

Two columns deteriorating at their base need repairs at Court #2. Mary at Court #2 may know of someone who can repair them.

When the topic was discussed with Howard Friedel, as it is GA's responsibility to repair, he suggested removing them, which residents did not feel would be a reasonable or acceptable solution.

ALLEY PARKING

The June newsletter illuminated continuing issues involving parking in the alley, including:

- High volume of vehicles for individual residence.
- Inefficient parking practices that prevent passage of DPW vehicles.
- Auto damage.
- Unused vehicle parking (no tags).

As we near the end of summer, parking in the alley continues to be a concern. At this point, the primary issue is that cars parked in the alley are blocking garbage trucks from picking up trash.

Since it seems to be particular individuals whose cars repeatedly block the trucks, at the August York Courts meeting, it was suggested that those residents be contacted directly, rather than instituting no parking periods in the alley.

Anne Dugan and Michael Bracey are continuing to look into the issues and will collect input toward finding a solution. If you have input, please contact Anne at 20 York Court #2 or Michael at 25 York Court #3.

Everyone is encouraged to be considerate and respectful by allowing room for all residents to park in the alley.

ORDER IN THE COURTS

Get your home in order for the fall. A rolloff will be located in front of Court #2 on Saturday, September 10. Take advantage of this opportunity to get rid of all of those things you've been meaning to take to the dump.



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ALLEY ALLIES

As with the parking issue, we have to work together to keep the alley behind the Courts and those between the courts in good condition.

An ongoing reminder—shrubbery bordering the walkway between the courts needs to be clipped to allow residents to take trash to the alley.

Prior to the August meeting, Laura Amos brought up the issue of debris, specifically fencing, behind one of the houses on Juniper. Before the meeting, it appeared that the fencing was being removed, but it was just moved further down the alley and into various other locations. The original home owner from Juniper needs to be contacted to request follow-up.

Additionally, Comcast Cable left a wire down behind 9 York Court. Comcast will be notified of the situation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SEPTEMBER 9

6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

YRP Night at Belvedere Square

Enjoy the music of Mambo Combo and patronize the merchants of Belvedere Square, who will sell food and drink al fresco. YRP will have a table there to distribute information and recruit new volunteers to help with YRP initiatives to improve the York Road community. Come celebrate the York Road Community and Belvedere Square in particular. *Rain Date: Friday, September 16th.*

MARY PAT CLARKE DISCUSSES YORK COURTS SAFETY ISSUES



At the August York Courts meeting, the issue of the fire hazards of grilling on covered front porches was also discussed. Mary Pat Clarke said she would look into what the fire code says.

A rash of vandalism and a serious robbery has prompted GSP to issue warnings to all residents to be aware of possible gang activity in the area. They have requested that residents call 911 if they observe suspicious individuals in the area. Again, use caution when outdoors, and never leave items in your vehicle that may invite vandals. All are encouraged to join the GSP. For information, contact Brenda Brooks, bbrooks000@aol.com.

ANNUAL YARD SALE...AND DANCE!!



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