



THE YORK COURTS OF GUILFORD

A Historic Community with Modern Ideas

SNOW! SNOW! SNOW!



Residents were very happy to see the Guilford Snow Removal team make their way through the alley after our recent snowfall, and we have sent a note of appreciation to Lynda Riley, president of the Guilford Association in the name of the court residents expressing our hopes that this will continue in the future.

Hopefully we won't have to face any more of the white stuff this winter, but as a reminder: Baltimore City guidelines require residents to shovel snow on walkways within eight hours of the end of the snowfall. Violators can be cited and fined for noncompliance. Also, parking on Greenmount when the snow

emergency plan is in effect is prohibited on the west side from 9 p.m. – 9 a.m. and on the east side from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Failure to recognize these restrictions can result in fines and towing that run \$220 or more.

YORK COURT SIGN AND COLUMN MAINTENANCE

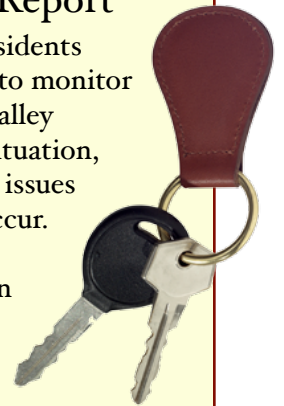
Now that our beautiful signs are up, we are hoping to remain vigilant in their maintenance. To that end, Phil will replace the chain loops with sturdier materials in the spring. In ad-



Alley Parking Status Report

YCoG residents continue to monitor our tight alley parking situation, reporting issues as they occur.

One suggestion was to mark an area at the north end as a "no-parking zone" at the bend where trash trucks have had difficulty getting past parked cars. We are considering placing a few orange markers in the trouble spot. While most residents avoid parking there, some visitors unfamiliar with the situation may need a reminder.



dition, the sign at Court #1 has been straightened by Harbor Metal Works.

While some have questioned the size of the numbers on the signs, most attendees at the last Y C o G

meeting in February feel they are fine as is, and unless a grant opportunity presents itself, we'll keep them as they are.

As for the columns in Court #2, we have not received any responses from those previously contacted to assist with the repairs. We are currently coordinating communication with the Guilford Association to pursue alternatives for completing them. Perhaps we can acquire a grant to cover the expense for repairing these columns—we will discuss this option with GHCC at a future meeting.

Removing the columns is not an acceptable approach to the issue as this would affect the historic appearance of our community and possibly violate the rules and restrictions associated with our historic designation.

YORK ROAD NAME EXTENSION PROJECT: TASKS AND VOLUNTEERS

Work continues in our effort to have the York Road name extend to 39th Street. When Laura Amos and Sharon Halm receive the ownership lists, they will be updating them against the Maryland Property

York Rd

Assessment website for use on the petition. Donna Morgan will be contacted regarding the proxy letter for owners who do not live at the properties. With the support of Pen Lucy, Guilford and the York Road Partnership, we will be sending

initial contact letters to residents on the east side and southern west side of the area in question prior to the door-to-door campaign for signatures on the petition. This campaign will be coordinated with those who previously volunteered—we hope to set a date early April for this effort. Please contact Phil Reely if you'd like to help out!

SUPER SPRING SWEEP THING IS APRIL 22: JOIN US!



We've had a great turnout for our alley clean-ups the last few years, and we hope this next one will be no exception. Michael Bracey is contacting the city for gloves and bags—we should already have enough tools from prior clean-ups.

Michael is also checking into getting a roll-off for this date. Sharon and Chuck Halm are

Greenmount Ave

hosting the morning gathering for this event—we'll be circulating requests for coffee, juice and continental breakfast-type items as the date approaches.

NEW ARRIVALS!

Congratulations to the Moores (32 YC) and the Saccentis (14 YC) on the arrival of their daughters! All are doing well!



Tulips in Bloom at Sherwood Gardens

Spring is finally in the air, and nowhere in Baltimore can one find a more vibrant welcoming of Spring than Guilford's own Sherwood Gardens, just around the corner from the York Courts. More than 70,000 tulips are in full bloom here each year, and the bulbs can be purchased around Memorial Day for 25¢. Choose your favorite colors now!

Upcoming Events

YCoG Quarterly Meeting

May 2, 7 PM

Guests: Mary Pat Clarke and the MTA

Location TBA

York Road Partnership

May 3, 7 PM

St. Mary's Church on York Road

Guilford Supper Club

May 13

Location TBA

NEW OWNER WELCOME PACK

In an effort to make new residents feel a part of our community, Laura Amos is putting together a comprehensive list of information that would be helpful to these new property owners. Once she's developed the list, we'll determine whether additional folks are needed to compile the information. Also, we'll be adding the information to our website at www.pc123smt.com/the_york_courts_of_guilford.

HISTORICAL TAX CREDITS OVERVIEW

The Maryland Historical Trust was formed in 1961 to assist Marylanders in identifying, studying, evaluating, preserving, protecting and interpreting the state's significant prehistoric and historic districts, sites, structures, cultural landscapes, heritage areas, cultural objects and artifacts, as well as less tangible human and community traditions.

At our last meeting residents discussed some of the details for this program. You can find more information at

www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net/presorgs.html and www.guilfordnews.com.

JOIN THE GA LISTSERV

The Guilford Association now has a listserv, and we encourage residents to join at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/guilfordlist>.

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