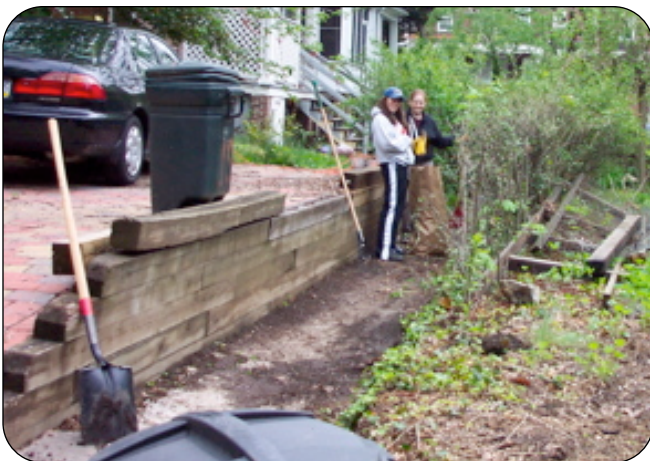


THE YORK COURTS OF GUILFORD

A Historic Community with Modern Ideas

THANKS FOR A SPEEDY NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP

We were almost rained out, but that didn't stop a few intrepid souls from venturing out April 23 for Super Spring Sweep Thing 7.



Our heartiest thanks go out to Colleen (#36), Laura (#16), Michael and Phil (#25) and all others who contributed independently. In addition to clearing trash and debris, we also installed new hooks on our beautiful YCoG signs during this year's event. And, the sidewalk along 39th Street has been fully cleared and is now passable, thanks to Tiffany James of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods.

The clean-up took 2.5 hours this year, a huge improvement from when we started this project

six years ago. As some will remember, we once spent two days getting the courts spruced up with about 12 residents each day. Back then, there were properties we needed to care for, and we had several more leased properties with tenants much less focused on caring for their homes. This has all changed in the past couple years, and the efforts each of us puts into cleaning up on a day-to-day basis is the reason for a much easier clean-up effort. Thanks to all for your year-round efforts!

BRICKS 'N' MORTAR: REPAIRS AROUND THE COURTS

GHCC is currently working out details for a grant proposal to fund balustrade restorations and replacements in the courts. Each resident should soon receive a questionnaire to gauge

Guilford Association Dues and Security Service

Residents should have received a current invoice just after Memorial Day, including details about the newly upgraded Guilford Security Patrol. GA President Lynda Riley is expected to discuss costs for YCoG property owners at the June 7 GA board meeting. Please direct any questions about dues to Phil Reely or Lynda Riley.

support and interest in participating in this worthwhile project. We ask that you fill out the questionnaire and return it promptly so we can assess whether this is a project all residents and property owners



can support. We are hoping for a 100 percent grant, but we may be responsible for a percentage of the cost. Look for more details soon.

Also, we're still working on getting a schedule from Julius Savorese on column repair for Court 2, as well as determining whether he is licensed. We are also investigating other options for contractors so we can consider other estimates. Please forward any suggestions to Phil Reely.

DIGGING IN THE DIRT: LANDSCAPING UPDATES

Some of you may have noticed that we've lost the evergreen planted by residents of Court #1, the center tree we traditionally light for the holiday season. However, we're pleased to report that after a recent soil analysis, we're ready to plant a new evergreen. We are currently shopping around for the best price, but in the meantime, donations toward this effort would

be greatly appreciated. Please contact Phil Reely if you are able to contribute. Bartlett Tree Company will be handling tree maintenance in our courts and will provide their services in planting our new tree.

Several residents, including Sharon Halm, Jeffrey Wasserman, Phil Reely and Michael Bracey, volunteered to dig tulips for the courts at Sherwood Gardens May 27 this year. Additionally we obtain these bulbs at no cost to us. We're now coordinating our fall planting effort with the annual tulip bulb planting at Sherwood Gardens. We'll let you know the date as soon as we have it. Of course, we'll need volunteers to get all those bulbs in the ground for a beautiful showing next spring.

And finally, we are still waiting to hear back from Greenfield regarding the damage their maintenance crew did when they mowed through the hedges and destroyed plantings in a flower bed in Court 3. This has occurred

twice, but we anticipate they will replace the damaged hedges promptly.

Upcoming Events

Guilford Association Board Meeting

June 7

Guilford Dinner at Dusk

June 11, 5-8 PM

Sherwood Gardens

Movies in the Park

Chronicles of Narnia

June 20 at dusk

Sunken Park - Overhill and Charles

YCoG Annual Flea Market and Crafts Fair

July 8

Movies in the Park

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

July 18 at dusk

Sunken Park - Overhill and Charles

YCoG Quarterly Meeting

August 1

Location TBA



Having some fun at the May 16 YCoG Meeting

YORK COURT PROPERTY UPDATE: #3 COURT 1

The sale price for this property has just been reduced! Several interested parties have contacted Phil with questions about this house and our neighborhood. Please let your friends and family know about this great opportunity to own a home in a wonderful, close-knit community (with the best neighbors, of course!)

YORK ROAD NAME EXTENSION PROJECT

This project has been put on hold. Unfortunately, the York Road Partnership has decided this will not be a specific project for them as originally intended, and the Pen Lucy Association has also chosen not to support the effort at this time. Thanks to all who participated in this project in the past. We are retaining all related property ownership information in case interest is revived in the future.

MTA BUS STOP UPDATE

As residents may have noticed, the bus stop has been moved north to the center of Court 1. YCoG residents have contacted MTA to determine whether this new location is temporary, in the hopes that it will be moved a short distance further north, just past the alley. We have no details at press time, but we will communicate with you as soon as the MTA responds with this information.

GUILFORD RESERVOIR DRAINED

To address leaks around the reservoir, the Guilford Reservoir was drained for repairs, and we've been getting our water from two other reservoirs. Some have noticed an odor from the tap water too, and although Lake Montebello resources indicated there is a higher level of algae at these water sources, they are confident the treatment is sufficient to prevent any issues at our homes.

(We found out this information after contacting various sources to identify the cause of the smell in the water, which is still undetermined. The good news is that the repairs are finished, and the water is back in the reservoir.)

FLYER BAN SIGNED

Those pesky pieces of paper littering the courts and alley should soon be a thing of the past! Mayor Martin O'Malley signed the Flyer Ban into law, and it should be effective as of May 31.

ANNUAL FLEA MARKET AND CRAFTS FAIR

Tentatively Scheduled Saturday, July 8

Looking for an opportunity to trade some goodies with other residents, meet your new neighbors, and hopefully clean out your basement? Help us make this year's event the most successful ever! Tables for residents are free, and just \$7.50 for anyone else who would like to hawk their wares. We'll use any funds raised for court enhancements and typical annual expenses.

Laura Amos, Jessica Kim, Sharon Halm, Phil Reely and Michael Bracey have already signed up to help out, we hope you'll join the fun, too! We are hoping to use kids from CARES as we did last year, and also offer music in Court #3 again. Contributions to the beverage and bake table are also welcome. Please call Phil Reely if you would like to participate.

YCOG MAKES HGTV DEBUT!

Michael and Phil (#25) opened their York Court home to HGTV for a new series, "National Open House." The segment is expected to air in late August or September, we'll keep you posted once the date is finalized.

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