



Join our listserv

The Greater Farmland Civic Association wants to hear from you. To do that, we have set up a listserv where community residents can express their opinions on a variety of issues, receive responses from the association leadership, seek recommendations for professionals such as plumbers and handymen, list unwanted items to give away, and list teenagers' availability for jobs. To join, send an email to greaterfarmlandcivicasociation-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Or send an email to info@greaterfarmland.org and we'll come over and sign you up.

Be careful out there

Every neighbor is a precious member of our community. Please obey posted speed/traffic signs. Watch out for pedestrians, cyclists, skateboarders, runners and mopeds. Let's keep each other safe. "Stop" means "stop," not "slow down" or "roll around the corner."

Regarding personal property, if you see something out of place, don't hesitate to notify neighbors and/or call the police. Follow your instincts and be proactive.

Please clean up after your pets

We know that you love your dogs, but not everyone knows them as well as you do. Keep dogs on leashes off of your property and be sure to clean up after them. Please put waste bags home in your trash can, not in the sewers or the curbs. The sewers are for collecting rainwater, not trash. What goes into the sewer will end up into the tributaries that empty in the Chesapeake Bay.

WHITE FLINT DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Greater Farmland Civic Association joined with a number of other neighborhood groups and Friends of White Flint in sending a letter to County Executive Leggett insisting that the reconstruction of Old Georgetown Road next to the Pike and Rose development be done according to the White Flint Plan, which calls for a reduction in traffic lanes along with wider sidewalks that accommodate bikes and pedestrians. The state, which

controls this road, is insisting on widening the road and adding additional vehicle lanes, in direct violation of the plan. This will test whether the county is willing to do its part to ensure that the agreed upon Plan is followed.

The first phase of Pike and Rose will officially open in early December. Businesses include an iPic movie theater with reserved seating, several sit down and casual restaurants, including Del Frisco's steak-

house, &Pizza, a new Sport & Health Club, City Sports, a relocated La Madeleine and Chipotle and a new performance venue for Strathmore. The second phase is now under construction and will include a bowling and bocce alley and a 177-room Canopy hotel from Hilton. Federal Realty, the developers, will tell us more at our next community meeting and will be offering our community a pre-opening tour.

HI, NEW NEIGHBORS

We welcome the following families to the neighborhood: Matthew and Susan Bechtel, Phillip Boucher and Flora Castellino, Pierre and Crystal Paultree, Sandra Zolotor, Kenneth and Maureen Lexner, Jeffrey Atallah and Sandra Ruiz, Michael and Amanda Ombrello, Kevin and Alison Fogarty, Victor Ban and Keiko Matsushita, Ram and Anita Aiyar, Pierre-Luc Paultre and Crystal Trent, Robert and Nan Fuhrman, James Nicholas and James Caitlin, Raymond Hoffman Jr., Daniel Coffey and Vivian Park, Matthew Michalawicz, Jerilyn and Kurt Sodee, Nathan Lowrey, Christopher and Maura Foster, David and Jade-Snow Joachim, and Dylan and Annie Kennedy.

GFCA's annual membership drive runs from Oct. 1-Dec. 31. Your \$25 dues and participation are critical to the success of programs like the July 4 parade, our yard sale, and public space beautification. You can bring your payment to Farmland E.S. on Election Day where we will have a table most of the day

GFCA COMMUNITY MEETING ON WHITE FLINT 7:30 PM NOV. 10

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOV. 4. VOTE 7 AM TO 8 PM AT FARMLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR GOVERNOR, ATTORNEY GENERAL, COMPTROLLER, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, COUNTY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 16 STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER OFFICES.

AFTER RASH OF THEFTS FROM AUTOS, SOME SAFETY TIPS TO PREVENT A REPEAT

We have recently had a rash of thefts from cars in the neighborhood. You are reminded to make sure that your car doors are locked at all times when your car is sitting at your house and to not leave any valuables in your car, in particular, in plain sight.

If you need to report an incident, the number to call is **301-279-8000**. In the event of an emergency, call **911**.

Let's keep a lookout for suspicious activity and keep our neighborhood safe.

MCPD has the following additional safety tips:

1. Do not have packages delivered to your house if you are not home to receive them. Make arrangements for them to be delivered to a neighbor or pick them up at the shipper's local office.

2. Do not fall prey to phone scams, especially the most recent where someone calls representing themselves as a police officer or from the IRS and tells you to send money or you will be arrested. Another is a call from a utility company threatening to cut off power unless you

wire cash immediately.

If you are unsure of the legitimacy of a caller, see <http://www.snopes.com> or simply ask for his or her company contact information so you can research the claims before deciding whether to call back.

3. The county Police Department does not solicit money. Be wary of phone calls from people claiming to represent law enforcement.

4. Pedestrian safety is a must. It gets dark early. You may see a car, but the driver probably does not see you. Wear reflective clothing. Cross at marked intersections. Pay attention to your surroundings.

For those with school-age children, county police in conjunction with the public schools, have installed cameras in school buses to catch drivers

who don't obey school bus traffic laws. If you pass a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing, you will be receiving a citation in the mail in the amount of \$125.

Remember - you may not pass a school bus with flashing red lights from either direction, even on multi-lane roads, unless the road is divided by a physical barrier and you are on the side opposite from the bus.

5. When you shop, hide your items in the trunk and take them immediately into your home. This is a very prevalent crime this time of year. Thieves will generally ignore a locked car with nothing worth stealing visible and move on to the unlocked one.

6. Don't forget that handheld cell phone use while driving is a primary offense. Officers are enforcing this law vigorously. Bluetooth is still permissible.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND NOTES

Jill A. Bochicchio of B o c h i c c h i o Photography in Rockville won master portrait photographer of the year and seven other citations from the Maryland Professional Photographers Association. She was part of the first graduating class of Woodward High School, now Tilden Middle School.

Alan Kolnick of Whipporwill Lane is exhibiting his photographs at a three-person show at the Bohrer Activity Center in Gaithersburg through Nov. 16.

GFCA News is a publication of the Greater Farmland Civic Association. We welcome news that you wish to share with the community, such as weddings, births, anniversaries, graduations, special awards and other such items. Please send all tidbits to Jonathan D. Salant, newsletter editor, at jds15@aol.com.

HELPING SENIORS AGE IN PLACE

Attention seniors living in the Greater Farmland area:

Do you need a ride to the grocery store or to the doctor's office?

Do you need help with the laundry or the computer?

Do you need a friendly visitor?

Are you a very independent person who has gotten along just fine by yourself but think it may

be nice to get together with others who live nearby?

The Greater Farmland Village seeks to help seniors remain in their homes by providing services by neighborhood volunteers.

Whatever it is — including help with trash removal, language translation and dealing with paperwork — we will find someone near you to help.

We also have periodic

social activities, And it's all free.

Greater Farmland is one of 12 senior villages in Montgomery County, with 11 more being developed. For details, check out <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/ADS/Villages/Villages.html>

The Greater Farmland Village meets the second Sunday of every month at 6807 Breezewood Terrace.

Call Marta Vogel for more information at 301-984-6855.