



July Fourth Celebration In 16th Year

Volunteers Needed for Annual Parade

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Come be a part of our history and future as we gather for the 16th Annual Spirit of Mt. Washington Independence Parade on Saturday, July 4, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Springwell Senior Living on West Rogers Avenue.

Our traditional ceremony includes the reading of historic documents, local singers, a bagpiper and color guard, and live music. The parade is led by our local firefighters and filled with patriotic walkers, whimsical bicyclists, adorned dogs, decorated scooters, and vintage cars, to name a few.

Treats include "lemon sticks," cold watermelon, freshly grilled hot dogs (\$1 each), and delicious cake, all generously donated by Whole Foods of Mount Washington, cases of various Kind bars donated by Kind Snacks, hundreds of cupcakes



Among the Spirit of Mount Washington Parade "divas" are (top row:) Elizabeth Grove, Ellen O'Brien, Joan Wisner-Carlson, (bottom row:) Bev Ciccarone, Missie Mack, Caroline Tufts and Captain America.

donated by own neighbors, as well as ice pops, cold tea, and lemonade. The fun includes contests with prizes from local retailers for the most spirited people, pets, and parade floats, as well as games, face-painting, a magic show, crafts, souvenirs, and activities for all ages.

Once again we plan to start and end this huge neighborhood celebration on the lawns of Springwell so our local retirees can

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Seabiscuit's record-breaking victory over War Admiral at Old Hilltop on Nov. 1, 1938, helped put Pimlico on the national map.

Preparing For Change At Pimlico Race Course

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Big changes are being proposed for the horse racing industry in Maryland, including the possible closing of Pimlico Race Course, and as a next door neighbor Mount Washington needs to be on high alert.

At community meetings sponsored by Delegate Sandy Rosenberg, representatives of the Maryland Jockey Club, which owns the Pimlico, Laurel and Bowie race tracks, asked community leaders for their thoughts on the future of Pimlico and gave us a peek at their preliminary plans.

Tim Ritvo, Chief Operating Officer of Jockey Club owner the

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Bryce Butler

Thanks For Your Service

By BRYCE BUTLER
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Summer at last. No MWIA meetings until September. That is, no MWIA Board meetings. There will be the neighborhood presidents' meeting to direct slots money to their respective neighborhoods. And the committees, where most of the work of the MWIA gets done, and where some of your neighbors have dedicated many hours of valuable service to our community. A few highlights:

First the Pimlico committee, which meets with Pimlico to stay informed about events there and to pass that information on to you, the community of Mount Washington. For a number of years that committee has been ably chaired by **Stuart Caplan**, who left the board this year to better fulfill his role as Vice President of the Parent Teacher Organization at Mount Washington School. I first met Stuart when he was going door to door canvassing neighbors on West Rogers Avenue to see how they felt about the Jones Falls Trail. That was in 2007. Thank you, Stuart, for all your years of service on the board.

Elina Toole has tirelessly chaired the Traffic and Public Safety Committee for six years. Anyone who is on the Mount Washington listserv has seen her numerous posts about traffic issues, which she has personally attended to. Everyone who makes a right turn on red at the intersection of Kelly and Falls can

thank her persistent effort and focus to free up traffic flow in that corridor. Thank you, Elina, for your amazing energy and dedication on behalf of Mount Washington.

Peter Garver has served the MWIA for 20 years, including a term as its president. For the past several years Peter has chaired the Zoning Committee, guiding the board and the neighborhood through many issues, including Springwell's new addition, which is supposed to start construction in August. Peter managed the contested issue of the proposed addiction recovery center at 5550 Newbury, including hosting a public forum, before the proposal was withdrawn just weeks before a City zoning hearing. Peter's committee studied and ultimately recommended against the proposed rezone and development of the church parking lot on South Road. For all your work on behalf of the MWIA and Mount Washington, thank you, Peter.

These committees will of course continue with new chairs: please help me in thanking **Jere Morrel** for the Pimlico Committee; **Susan Manning** for Traffic and Public Safety; and **Rick Kingsbury** for the Zoning Committee. And thanks to all the board members, and welcome to the new members. (See all their names on page 5.) See you in September.

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Architecture, Landscape Projects Honored for Design Excellence

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Four Mount Washington households were honored at the Improvement Association's annual meeting in June for residential design and landscaping projects that ranged from a salvage-based home renovation to a garden project that created a series of outdoor "rooms."

Beginning in 1993, the MWIA has annually presented Excellence in Design Awards to recognize architectural and landscape enhancements to the Mount Washington community. All projects, big and small, are eligible for consideration.

Each year two kinds of awards are presented: Honor Awards and Merit Awards.

The Honor Award is a crystal trophy; the Merit Award is a certificate. On June 6th the team of judges, recruited by Lou Ghitman of Design Collective, toured the neighborhood to view the entries. The judges were: Katie Ohara and Melissa Enid, both Designers with Design Collective; and Gintas Civinskas and Naomi Reetz, with Ayers Saint Gross Architects & Planners.

The judges balanced several criteria:

- Design concerns such as aesthetics and function (the things you hire professionals to get advice about);
- Personal passion, enthusiasm, commitment (commitment to the community, to a personal vision);
- Green concerns (recycling, reusing original materials).

The 2015 MWIA Excellence in Design Award winners are:

- Honor Award Landscape: **Susan and**



Susan and Jeff Corden's intimate gardens were honored for creating a calm and meditative atmosphere.

Jeff Corden on Pimlico Road. Susan and Jeff's gardens have been 24 years in the making. Although on a busy road the garden has a sense of intimacy and privacy. There are multiple small spaces that convey a sense of calm and a meditative atmosphere.

- Honor Award Architecture: **Chris Earley** on Everton Road. Chris is awarded an MWIA Honor Award for the expansion and renovation of a room on the back of the house. The project created a formal entrance from the rear of the house, incorporating lots of glass and exposed wood which connects the addition to the outdoors.
- Honor Award Architecture: **Eric and Christina Fenton** on Greenspring Avenue. Eric and Christina took on the complete renovation of a home that had been essentially empty for a

number of years with a goal of restoring it to its former glory. As much as possible they stuck to original details: molding, wood stairs, door, and original hardware, and the updates were sensitive to the original details.

- Merit Award Architecture: Bert and Rachel Rosenheck on Everton Road. Bert and Rachel moved into the home in 2013 and did a complete rehab of the 1927 bungalow and they were clearly passionate and committed to the project. It was a major project that maintained the character of the original house but blended in modern technologies, all done in a very personal way.

Congratulations to all the winners. More photos can be found at <http://mwia.org>.

Hospital Parking Lot Expansion Project To End in August

By JILL FEINBERG
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On May 4, Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital (MWPH) embarked on a construction project that will double the outpatient/visitor parking lot. The project is scheduled to complete in early August, weather dependent. We truly appreciate the neighborhood's patience, particularly those on or around West Rogers Avenue.

"We're right on track and everything is on schedule," reported Earnie Standley, Director of Plant Operations. "This new lot will transform our guest experience and we are looking forward to providing easier and more convenient access to the hospital."

The hospital has worked diligently to

minimize any inconvenience to neighbors, guests and staff. Visitors to the hospital are greeted with colorful signs illustrating construction and many employees are parking off site (at Pimlico lots) and taking a shuttle to work.

"We've also started a complimentary valet service for visitors," said Standley, who added that benches also have been stationed out front to maximize comfort for visitors waiting for the return of their vehicles and with bottled water on ice available for refreshment.

Despite the initial growing pains, the project has been well received and runs smoothly. "When finished," Standley said, "the result will be better for everyone."

If you have any questions about this

project or any other projects happening at MWPH, please reach out to me directly at 410-578-2681 or jfeinberg@mwph.org.

Mount Washington resident Jill Feinberg is Director of Marketing and Communications at MWPH.

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Make the most of small outdoor spaces

Although they may be confined, smaller gardens and outdoor spaces offer the opportunity to expand your living area and make the most of your property. There are some simple guidelines when designing a small outdoor area.

1. Utilize existing borders to create the space. Walls, adjacent plantings, adjacent homes, fence lines, as well as your home should all be carefully considered. This is the "frame" and will help you in defining the space and creating privacy.
2. Carefully consider the orientation of the space. Sun or shade? Where is the best view? Are there existing structures or plantings you want to feature or could function as focal points?
3. How do you wish to use the space? Smaller spaces support smaller furnishings but if designed well can support outdoor dining, reading, talking with neighbors and friends.
4. Keep the design simple. Simple does not mean boring, it means being consistent with materials and plantings. Too many different plants or paving and wall materials will make a small space seem

cluttered. Pick color combinations that work well together, and obtain variety by mixing plant textures rather than lots of different colors. Water is a delight in a small space and adds movement and sound.

5. Use containers – they allow for planting in paved areas, and will add color and interest without sacrificing space.
6. Personalize your space. Find one or two pieces of outdoor art or collectibles that you really love and place them in the space.
7. Relate the outside space to the indoors of your home in location, and style.
8. Be aware of the ultimate size of the plantings you are considering. Many nursery labels do not accurately represent the ultimate size of the shrubs and trees on the accompanying tag.

You can live large in a small garden!

Rick Kingsbury is a Licensed Landscape Architect whose practice emphasizes the creation of personalized outdoor living spaces as well as sustainable design and native plants. He is President of the Mount Washington Preservation Trust (mwpt.org).

MWIA Board Elected, School Donations Made

By DAVID CONN
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Mount Washington community members elected a new board of directors of the Mount Washington Improvement Association at last month's annual board meeting, where contributions were made to the City's Teacher of the Year, and to the Mount Washington School.

At the June 9th board meeting, attended by about 60 community members, the following neighbors were elected (or will return) to the MWIA Board:

Board of Directors

- Kathy Daumer (At Large)
- Alberto Alejandro Garrido (At Large)
- Gwendolyn Jackson (At Large)
- Ellen O'Brien (At Large)
- Danielle Shapiro (At Large)
- VACANT (At Large)

Area Captains

- Sally Grant Staugaitis (1)
- Jere Morrel (2)
- David Conn (3)
- Chris Mincher (4)
- Susan Manning (5)
- Mac Nachlas (6)
- Robin Klein (7)

Returning Board Members

- Bonnie Adachi
- Bryce Butler
- Molly Keogh
- Rick Kingsbury
- David Nemerson
- Molly Saint-James
- Eric Seaberg
- Emily Shaw
- James Taylor
- Julie Tong
- Elina Toole
- Lindsey White



MWIA President Bryce Butler presented a \$500 donation to Baltimore City Teacher of the Year Ryan Kaiser.

After the meeting, the newly elected and returning Board members voted for the following officers: Bryce Butler, President; Eric Seaberg, Treasurer; Lindsey White, Secretary. There is one vacant at-large board member position; anyone interested in serving should contact David Nemerson, at dnemerson@gmail.com.

Also at the board meeting Mr. Butler presented a \$5,000 donation to the Mount Washington School PTO, to help fund a \$35,000 campaign to purchase laptop computers and a mobile cart. And a \$500 donation was given to Ryan Kaiser, a Mount Washington middle school teacher who was recently named Baltimore City Teacher of the Year. Mr. Kaiser runs an environmental explorers summer camp, and the donation was made to help fund scholarships to the camp.

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MWIA Votes Against South Road Proposal

By DAVID CONN
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The Board of the Mount Washington Improvement Association in May voted not to support a local developer's plan to build townhouses on property that now includes the parking lot at South Road and Newbury Street.

Developer Joshua Neiman, a Mount Washington resident, and his partner Dominic Wiker, principals in the firm Hybrid Development Group LLC, had initially proposed building 12 townhouses, ranging from 2,400-2,650 square feet including two-car garages, and likely priced between \$425,000 and \$450,000. Elevators would be optional. Five would face South Road, and the other seven would line up behind them, near the western edge of the property.

The plan would have required the City Council to change the zoning for the property, which currently is zoned to allow only two homes. After hearing community concerns the developers proposed to reduce the number of townhouses from 12 to 9, set back the ones facing South Road some 45 feet, to add a green space to the area facing South Road, and make other changes in an effort to address community concerns.

In a letter posted on the Mount Washington listserv, MWIA President Bryce Butler explained that the Board "did hear support in the community for the project, which some feel represented the creation of an 'urban infill' development within walking distance of public transit (i.e., the light rail) and public amenities (the Village).

"However," Mr. Butler wrote, "there were roughly twice as many residents who expressed opposition to the project, from throughout the community. Many cited the extreme upgrade in zoning that would



A 12-unit townhouse development was proposed for 1603 South Road.

be needed, from R-1 to R-8 or R-9, and the attendant upgrade in density. There were concerns about the additions to traffic problems in the area that are already unacceptable, though the traffic committee thought additions would ultimately have minimal impact."

In a response message, Mr. Neiman expressed his disappointment that the Board voted without first convening an additional community meeting to share the revised plans. "We think this is unfortunate," he wrote, "because we think this plan really does address most of the concerns raised here on the listserv, is a better use of land than a crumbling parking lot, and will improve the neighborhood and the City at a time when it is particularly important to grow our tax base."

The developers have the right to ask the City Council for the change, despite the MWIA vote. But Councilwoman Rochelle "Rikki" Spector has said that she

would not back such a change without clear support from the broader community.

At the MWIA's annual meeting on June 9, Mr. Butler offered the developers a reconsideration if they could demonstrate substantial community support for the project. Mr. Neiman said afterward he and Mr. Wiker have not decided what, if anything, they will do.

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Northwest Park Facelift On Deck For This Summer

By DAVID NEMERSON
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Summer is in full swing and it's a great time to enjoy Mount Washington's parks. A lot has been going on recently, although a fair amount of it has been behind the scenes.

The most exciting news is construction should begin this summer on a new playground just west of the white field house in Northwest Park. The MWIA will stay involved to help enforce the "rules of engagement" for construction: hours of operation, noise levels, site cleanliness, staging areas, parking, and the like.

Funding for the playground, along with other enhancements to the Park, is coming from casino "impact fees." The MWIA continues to meet with the City to ensure

that previously funded projects move ahead, including upgrading the parking lot on the east side of the Park, demolishing the "red house," reconfiguring the upper park above the red retaining wall and making repairs to the wall.

The agreement between Roland Park Baseball League and the City continues to move ahead. RPBL is raising funds to reconstruct the upper field in Northwest Park and will likely break ground on the project either this fall or a year later.

The Friends of Luckman Park are doing a great job, holding cleanups every other weekend and doing various projects throughout the Park, which is busy with young families from Mount Washington and beyond. Luckman has never looked better.

See you in the Parks!

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Homeownership 101: Do's And Don'ts

Though no one likes being told what do to and not do, here are a few items that will help your home retain its value and be more comfortable for you.

Do clean your gutters at least once a year.

Don't let ivy grow on your home. It will ruin whatever façade you have.

Do check your sump pump. There is a button you can press to test it.

Do replace older smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, not just the battery. They now have long acting batteries, usually 10 years.

Do test your smoke detectors - the only way is to have smoke near it (light a candle and then blow it out). If you press the test button, it only assures you your test button works, not the smoke detector!

Do have smoke detectors on every floor.

Do have carbon monoxide detectors by the heat source and on every level with bedrooms.

Do have a HVAC company check and clean your heater every year.

Do change your filters in your HVAC system.

Do change the direction of your ceiling fan blades with the seasons. Fans should rotate clockwise in winter to force warm air down, and counterclockwise in summer to pull cooler air up. There is a button to change the direction on the fan, or with a remote control.

Do have positive grading from your home to the ground so water will run off.

Don't throw anything in your commode other than toilet paper. Even those "personal wipes" as well as all feminine products can get caught on your sewer lines and block them. Why? TP dissolves, and the other items do not. They get caught on the roughness of the terracotta or cast iron and build up, which causes blockages.

Finally, do let me know if you have any questions I can answer.

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'My Dog Is Not Food-Motivated!'

Through my evolution as a dog trainer I have gone from choke chains to alpha theory and everything in between. But I have settled on using a clicker and food as my preferred method for producing a well-trained dog.

When people ask why, I tell them because I have tried everything else and this is the most effective, efficient, and humane way to train a dog.

A clicker works by making a distinct "clicking" sound, which is processed rapidly by the amygdala, the area of the brain responsible for emotion and memory. Pairing the "click" sound with food allows trainers to communicate precisely what behavior just earned a reward.

For the skeptics, I simply point to the plethora of research plus years of anecdotal evidence demonstrating the power of using food in animal training. From guide dogs for the blind to military dolphins that detect mines in the ocean, animals trained using reward markers like the clicker and timely use of food as reinforcement can be and are trained to the most advanced levels possible.

Correct use of food is incredibly effective in dog training, but

when misused often slows learning and ultimately becomes a crutch that holds your dog back from reliable behavior.

When teaching training fundamentals to my clients I often catch myself chanting, "The reward comes after the behavior." I smile when I see their eyes light up as their dog offers a "sit" without food in front of their face. The four most common errors I see when people use food in training are:

1. Not using high value food (i.e. chicken, liverwurst, or cheese).
2. Not rewarding quickly enough after the desired behavior occurs.
3. Not keeping a sufficient rate of reinforcement. For clicker training, this means clicking and treating often.
4. Not progressing to intermittently reinforcing a dog for well-known behaviors.

If dog owners avoid the four pitfalls above but still say, "My dog is not food motivated," my response to them is: "If your dog is alive, then they are food motivated." Just remember, the type of food you choose and how you use it will make all the difference in the world.

Mount Washington resident Stephen Lewis, a graduate of the Karen Pryor Academy for Animal Training and Behavior, is a dog trainer who blogs at findingfidotraining.com.

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Mount Washington Good Neighbor 101

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By ELINA TOOLE
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As former Chair of the Traffic, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I would get countless questions about how to get potholes filled, street signs and lights repaired, and even what to do about the felled tree along Kelly Avenue that someone had to avoid on their way to Whole Foods! I also hear from folks who want updates on ongoing community-wide concerns.

Here are four easy ways you can help the MWIA and our City partners solve problems and improve the quality of life in Mount Washington:

1. Get the Baltimore City 311 app and report the problem – even if it's not on your street. It takes less than three minutes. The app, for iPhone and Android, has a GPS that will find your location. It also allows you to upload a photo to better describe the problem. Add in as much detail as possible in the comments section, especially if you don't find a category that fits the problem. Use your name and email address and upload a photo if using your phone. If the problem is not resolved in a reasonable time period, (a few days w/ weather, holidays permitting, etc.) then you call/email either the Mayor's Office, City Council President's Office or your Councilperson and document your calls and saved emails. Reporting via 311 is the only way to track and enable our City Partners to make the responsible City Agencies accountable. You will find the link for the app and website reporting and tracking at the end of this article.

2. Regularly attend the MWIA open board meetings. Voice your concerns and

offer ideas often. If you only attend these meetings when there is a problem (as so many do), the MWIA is forced to work fast to assess how the majority of the community wants us to represent them and their collective opinion to the City and our elected officials. Since most MWIA leaders are also volunteers with busy jobs, equally busy spouses and family, giving up two hours of your own time, once every 60 days, if only to stay informed, will allow us to work quickly and efficiently on behalf of our neighbors.

3. Read the MWIA Newsletter. A lot of blood, sweat and tears has gone into making this newsletter a high quality publication full of updates and helpful information. And, it's free to all community members. Hey, you're probably reading it right now!

4. Join the MWIA. Your first year is \$19 – that's four Starbucks lattes. What a deal! And, the membership discounts are huge. Your dues go to fund community events, help for the school, legal defense when needed, and other worthy projects.

The MWIA is in constant communication with our City Partners and our Councilperson. In my case (and I represent only one of many MWIA committees), our four-member committee recently coordinated two on-site meetings in our school zones and our concerns were heard by DOT and Parking Directors, Engineers, Chiefs and Liaisons and representatives from the Mayor's Office, The City Council President's Office and our own Councilwoman Spector.



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WOW! This business friendly new administration is really having an impact on the Mount Washington Village – new businesses are popping up faster than Republican Presidential candidates, and they all seem to have just as good a chance, too!

The Friendly Forager's Florist and Foods

specializes in "locally sourced," i.e. your garden-floral arrangements and "inventive" salads and "mysterious" smoothies. Their slogan – "One man's yard waste is another man's bouquet, post workout shake, or veggie burger" – says it all.

The Pampered Booty is the newest Village salon. Located behind the green door in the basement of a reputable business, they offer discrete personal care services including washes, waxes, buffings, bleachings and, on Thursdays after happy hour, spankings. The slogan will take you right back to a childhood trauma long suppressed: "I see your hiney, it's nice and shiny."

The changing of the guard at the State House isn't the only O'Malley for Hogan swap going on. **Hogan's Heroes** will open soon in the space where O'Malley's Antiques is now. They specialize in enormous two-and-a-half-foot long sandwiches stuffed with an obscene amount of pork, lots and lots of cheese and topped with a pile of Crispy Christy fried onion rings. Each sandwich delivers more calories than a week's worth of school lunches. (Soon to be two weeks!)

The Nap Store. I don't know about you, but when I am out on a shopping excursion, I often have an urgent need to nap. A few couches, some pillows with disposable drool covers, a couple

teevees tuned to a "Rockford Files" rerun on the MeTV Network and zzzzzzz ... it's nappy time! Once refreshed, it's back to browsing the vintage magazines at 1612 and getting my hair styled at The Ivy.

Our long neighborhood nightmare is over! After what seemed like weeks without a cupcake store, a new one has opened in the very same space as the old one. You know, that little building near the Whole Foods that is about the size of a toll house? Which begs the obvious question, why isn't this a toll house cookie store? Which begs the even more obvious question, when is the last time you got a cookie when you crossed the Bay Bridge? Sure, Hogan plans to reduce the tolls in Maryland and replace the revenue by, uh, by... uh. I have no idea either, but I am sure he has a free market solution in mind...

Anyway, if you had voted for me for Governor as I asked you to (campaign slogan: "Dunkleberger – if you have to ask, you can't afford me"), I would have kept the tolls the same but given everyone a fresh baked toll house cookie to enjoy as you ventured into the land that time forgot, err, the Eastern shore.

Also, when, oh when will Gerstung ever take my advice and start offering gymnastics camp for cats?

And why, oh why doesn't the bike shop, oh wait, JOE'S LARGE FONT BIKE SHOP, offer bike seat reupholstering? The velour on my Schwing Sting Ray banana seat is looking about as fresh and inviting as the kiddie pool after the 4th of July parade.

Of course all these new businesses are GREAT, but still, please people, Eat Roberto's Pizza!

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Stronach Group, explained that their goal is to return racing in Maryland to prominence by changing the "racing experience." He pointed to Stronach's work at Gulfstream Park in Florida, where in addition to a casino they added a shopping center, movie multiplex and multiple restaurants and clubs to create an entertainment village. The facility operates 12 months a year and has horse racing during all but a few weeks.

This model assumes there will be one large, regional racing facility that will dominate the industry in Maryland. Stronach is conducting a market survey to determine whether Pimlico or Laurel will best suit their vision and hopes to begin reconstruction of the chosen track next year. The State has committed approximately \$260 million to the project,

which Mr. Ritvo estimated could cost up to \$1 billion, with most of the money coming from private investment.

Obvious hurdles make a 2016 start unlikely, but the process started with trial balloons about moving the Preakness to Laurel. There are a number of legal hurdles as well, including changes to laws at both the state and local levels.

Mount Washingtonians need to develop a consensus about the site's future:

- Do we want an "entertainment village" with stores, restaurants, movies and a race track? With Northern Parkway as the most likely entrance, how would this affect quality of life in Mount Washington?
- If racing goes away, the Park Heights Master Plan envisions an area with mid-priced housing, light industrial/medical

buildings and room for expansion of the Sinai Hospital campus.

- Should the area be developed simply as housing? This option would put new homes on the tax rolls and create a new "anchor community" for Park Heights.

The one thing that is nearly certain is that Pimlico will not continue to exist as it does today for much longer. Either the obsolete, deteriorating facility that we see today will be replaced by a much larger and nicer facility, or torn down and replaced by something else.

MWIA will continue to gather and share information as we get it and will rely on the community to reach an informed consensus on how we should try to influence the decision. Whatever happens, it will have a huge impact on our community.

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enjoy the excitement as well.

We are always looking for volunteers for the following:

- Tent and chair setter-uppers (starting at 8:00 a.m.)
- Watermelon Cutters (bring your favorite cutlery)
- Lemon Stick Makers (we provide supplies)
- Parade Route Road Blockers

(traffic controllers)

- Cupcake Donors (bring on the 4th!)
- Game Organizers (informal play)
- Prize Collectors (solicit donations)
- Cleaner-uppers (last job of the day)

Please email Elizabeth at elg.grove@gmail.com if you can fill in any of these coveted positions.

Mark your calendars now for the 4th of July Parade, and be sure to dress in the spirit!!

The 2015 Parade Committee:

- Caroline Tufts (emeritus)
- Joan Wisner-Carlson
- Missie Mack
- Elizabeth Grove
- Melina Roberts
- Ellen O'Brien
- Bev Cicarrone
- Melinda Frame
- Linda Conrad

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Community Calendar

July 19, August 1 and August 16

Luckman Park Cleanup

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Join the Friends of Luckman Park on the first Saturday (except for July 4th) and third Sunday of every month – weather permitting – for trash pickup, leaf raking, gardening, and other general park cleaning. Come for all or part; RSVP (to luckman.park@gmail.com) helpful but not necessary.

Wednesday mornings

Mt. Washington Community T'ai Chi Class

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Springwell Senior Living, 2211 W. Rogers Ave. Appropriate for all levels. Taught by Master Greg Hatza. Cost is \$70 per month. Visitors are welcome to observe or participate in one class. For more information contact Linda at 410-664-1554 or lindalitofsky@comcast.net.

Friday mornings

Mt. Washington Community Yoga Class

8:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

St. Andrew's Elderslie Church, 5601 Pimlico Rd. Appropriate for most levels (not a gentle, seniors, or therapeutic class). Bring a yoga mat if you have one (some are available to borrow) and a water bottle. Cost is \$8 (cash or check). For more information, contact Mira at 410-370-6764 or wellspringhealingarts@gmail.com.

Thursday July 2

Clayworks Exhibition Closing Reception

Clayworks, 5707 Smith Ave. 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Closing Reception and Networking Mingle Night. Free and open to the public. Join us to celebrate the final weekend of the Putting the Pieces Together exhibition. Beer, wine and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided. All are welcome.

Saturday July 4th

Annual Spirit of Mount Washington Parade

10:00 a.m.

Springwell Senior Residence, 2211 W. Rodgers Ave. Come celebrate, dance to live bands, and enjoy a magic show at the neighborhood's biggest and most popular event. Afterwards, enjoy a complimentary swim courtesy of the Mount Washington Swimming Club. Volunteers are wanted: contact Elizabeth (443-220-4284).

July 9

Author readings: Lisa Gornick & Mary Kay Zuravleff

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The Ivy Bookshop, 6080 Falls Rd. Meet the authors of "Louisa Meets Bear," and "Man Alive!", respectively. See www.theivybookshop.com for other author readings throughout the month.

August 8-9

Moonrise Festival at Pimlico Race Track

11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Saturday; 11:00 a.m.-

10:45 p.m. Sunday

This two-day music festival is scheduled to run from Saturday Aug. 8 through Sunday Aug. 19 at Pimlico Race Course. The event will feature more than 60 musical performers, as well as visual artists, a vendor village and a Ferris wheel. Two-day passes start at \$125 and can be purchased at www.moonrisefestival.com.

August 11

Mount Washington Blood Drive

12:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

1500 Sulgrave Avenue (at the end of Sulgrave, across the street from Studio 1612). Please come and contribute to a community blood drive, sponsored by Armstrong Dixon Business & Family Advisors. Mt. Washington Village incentives for those who donate. Email or call Katie Flohr at kflohr@armstrongdixon.com or 443-563-1111.